

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 13-256

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO EXTEND MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE TO AREA MUNICIPALITIES FOR CELL PHONE SERVICE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET, AND CABLE TELEVISION

WHEREAS, a modern telecommunications infrastructure network is necessary for communities to thrive and prosper into the Twenty First Century; and

WHEREAS, it is almost inconceivable that in New Jersey, the most developed state in the nation, there are still communities that do not have access to cell phone service, high-speed internet and cable television; and

WHEREAS, several of those communities are members of the Cumberland Development Corporation (CDC), including Shiloh Borough, Hopewell Township, Lawrence Township, and Maurice River Township;

WHEREAS, the lack of those basic services places those communities and their residents at a great disadvantage for public safety, economic prosperity, and social welfare; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities host or are located near high-security facilities serving state and national needs such as state and federal prisons and nuclear power plants which could require immediate communication to the local population for public emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities are rural, and even rural activities such as agriculture, agri-tourism, eco-tourism, resource extraction and commercial fishing need modern telecommunications infrastructure to remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, the lack of modern telecommunications infrastructure depresses property values and reduces opportunities for residential, business, industrial and educational activities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield supports efforts to extend modern telecommunications infrastructure to its neighboring municipalities for cell phone service, high-speed internet, and cable television.

Moved By: John Daddario

Seconded By: Scott Smith

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
John T. O'Neill, Sr.
Bruce T. Peterson
Scott Smith

| <u>In Favor</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held October 3, 2013.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk