



Town of Cobleskill

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May 27, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Gail P. Thorpe, Supervisor of Contract Administration
Contracts Office
One Broadway Center
Schenectady, NY 12301-7500

RE: A resolution in support of locating and building a casino withing
the Town of Cobleskill at Howe Caverns

Dear Ms. Thorpe,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the above referenced resolution, stating
the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill supports the issuance of a
commercial gaming license at the seconded most visited natural attraction
in the State of New York, a true destination, Howe Caves Development
LLC, Howe Caverns, 255 Discovery Drive, Howes Cave, NY located in
the Town of Cobleskill.

If there are any question please contact me.

Sincerely,

Tina Ward Shuart, RMC MMC
Cobleskill's Town Clerk

enc.

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**TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCATING AND BUILDING
A CASINO WITHIN THE TOWN OF COBLESKILL AT HOWE CAVERNS**

OFFERED BY: Council Rubin, who moved its adoption.

SECONDED BY: Council Montario

WHEREAS, the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013 (Chapters 174 and 175 of the Laws of 2013)(hereinafter “the Gaming Act”) was enacted on July 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013 New York voters passed the public referendum amending the State Constitution authorizing casino gaming in New York State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Gaming Act, four (4) casinos are to be sited in three (3) regions of the State; and

WHEREAS, one of the regions is the Capital District, which includes Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act creates the New York Gaming Facility Location Board to review and evaluate the applications submitted to make selections of who is eligible to apply for a commercial gaming license in New York State; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of filing, each applicant must illustrate to the New York Gaming Facility Location Board’s satisfaction that local and community support has been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act was enacted to assist in job growth and increase school tax and property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget projects that a casino located in the Town of Cobleskill will generate substantial revenue annually in local government aid in the Town of Cobleskill; and

WHEREAS, the County of Schoharie Board of Supervisors approved Resolution #39 of 2014 supporting locating a gaming casino in Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cobleskill voters did, in the November 2013 election, cast a majority of votes in favor of amending the State Constitution to allow casino gaming; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cobleskill held a public hearing to determine whether or not the community at large was in support of a casino at Howe Caverns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill realizes that in order for a county to be considered as a potential site for the construction of said casino, the town should identify its willingness and desire to have a casino built and operated within its borders; and

WHEREAS, Howe Caverns is the seconded most visited natural attraction in the State of New York offering a tour of a natural cave with an underground boat ride, and above ground Zip Lines, Rope Course, Rock Climbing, Ogo Ball Course and Pavilion; **A TRUE DESTINATION**, and

WHEREAS, Howe Caverns has been an important historic landmark and employer for Schoharie County. The Cobleskill Town Board believes the development of a casino at the Howe Caverns site will further tourism to the area and result in an increase in jobs to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill is in favor of improving our local economy, and said casino will be economically transformational for a region that suffered Hurricanes Irene and Lee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill believes that there is sufficient support in favor of a casino being built within the Town of Cobleskill,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in furtherance of the above goals, the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill hereby agrees to support the application for a Casino Gaming License to the New York Gaming Facility Location Board by Howe Caves Development LLC for the casino project at Howe Caverns, 255 Discovery Drive, Howes Cave, NY at premises within the Town of Cobleskill.

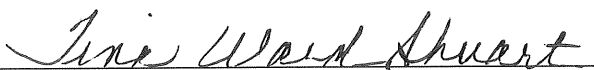
Roll Call:

Supervisor McAllister	Yes
Councilman Kelley	Yes
Councilman Mallery	Sent for the record his support and approval of resolution
Councilman Montario	Yes
Councilman Rubin	Yes

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

That the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the said resolution as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cobleskill on May 27, 2014 duly held; and further that such resolutions, motions and minutes are fully recorded in the Town of Cobleskill's Town Clerks Office.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of May, 2014.


Tina Ward Shuart, Town Clerk/Collector