

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BRIDGE / TUNNEL CROSSING

The following resolution was proposed by Mayor DeVita, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Nicklas:

WHEREAS, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo had committed five-million dollars for a feasibility study of a Long Island Sound bridge/tunnel crossing, and

WHEREAS, a similar study was done over forty years ago, and resulted in broad opposition to a Sound crossing bridge, from numerous entities, and

WHEREAS, additional studies done at that time clearly showed that such a crossing was impractical and would, in fact, generate extra traffic that would create additional amounts of air and water pollution as well as other negative consequences for Long Island and Westchester County residents, and

WHEREAS, then New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller ultimately concluded that such a crossing was not in the best interests of the state and its residents, and abandoned the proposal, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing will have significant negative impacts throughout Long Island and Westchester County, including causing irreparable harm to environmentally fragile, historic, and economically viable areas, and will place additional pressure on an already overcrowded region, increase congestion in areas that already suffer from too much congestion, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing would result in pollution of Cold Spring Harbor, Oyster Bay, Mill Neck Creek and surrounding waters, resulting in the decimation of its thriving shellfish industry, among other adverse effects, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing would disrupt and damage fragile ecosystems of Cold Spring Harbor and of the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge, which is under the protection of the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing goes directly against the national, state and local designations, including New York State's own Coastal Zone Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing will stress the state budget, and add another unjustified burden to all taxpayers, state-wide, and

WHEREAS, a bridge/tunnel crossing, and its requisite approach highways, would also result in the urbanization of beautiful suburban and semi-rural areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Laurel Hollow go on record in its complete and total opposition to any type of Sound crossing that would original from Cold Spring Harbor or Oyster Bay and surrounding areas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Cuomo, Assemblyman Lavine, Assemblyman Montesano and State Senator Marcellino be immediately notified of our absolute and determined opposition via a copy of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution also be sent to the Federal, Local and community officials identified as follows:

FEDERAL:

- Steven Israel, Member, United States House of Representatives
- Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senator
- Charles Schumer, United States Senator
- Gina McCarthy, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Administration
- Sally Jewell, Secretary, United States Department of the Interior
- Daniel M. Ashe, Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service

LOCAL:

- Edward Mangano, County Executive, Nassau County
- John Venditto, Supervisor, Town of Oyster Bay
- Steven Bellone, County Executive, Suffolk County

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

		Aye	Nay	Absent
	Mayor DeVita	X		
	Trustee Bartilucci			X
	Trustee Miritello	X		
	Trustee Nemshin	X		
	Trustee Nicklas	X		
	Trustee Novick	X		
	Trustee Tsafos			X