

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2015 - 346 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SEEKING SENATOR JOSEPH PENNACCHIO'S SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL S3223

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2015 Senator Bob Smith did introduce a bill in the State Senate which has been numbered S3223 and which strives to establish appraisal methods for the taxation of watershed lands; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is most appreciative of Senator Bob Smith's efforts to provide equity for watershed and reservoir host communities such as West Milford; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is located in the 26th Legislative District and represented by Senator Joseph Pennacchio; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is the host community to the Newark Watershed and the reservoirs which provide water to millions of residents throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, currently watershed lands are assessed in a manner that places a significant tax burden on West Milford residents; and

WHEREAS, communities that serve as hosts to watershed and reservoir lands incur costs, serve as stewards and provide an invaluable resource to the entire State which goes unrecognized every time an individual turns on a faucet, flushes a toilet, runs a load of laundry, bathes a child or simply takes a morning shower; and

WHEREAS, if those lands were assessed in a manner similar to that used to determine the value of other lands, the value would be higher, economic revenues would be considered and the tax burden would be fairly distributed in watershed and reservoir host communities; and

WHEREAS, S3223 is a piece of legislation that is tremendously important to all watershed communities, West Milford in particular; and

WHEREAS, Senator Joseph Pennacchio has advocated for local issues in the State Senate throughout his tenure and the residents of West Milford appreciate that representation; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to the legislative process that S3223 receive support and sponsorship in the New Jersey State Senate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that this resolution shall serve as a formal request to Senator Joseph Pennacchio asking him to lend his support to S3223, become a sponsor of this legislation and advocate for its adoption in the New Jersey State Senate.

Adopted: November 11, 2015

Adopted this 11th day of November, 2015
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk