

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 274 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS STROUGH, CONOVER, WILD, DRISCOLL, MADAY, GERACI AND THOMAS

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT, AND THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE, A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF BARTON MINES' APPLICATION TO THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO MODIFY THEIR MINING PERMIT TO ALLOW THEM TO EXTEND BOTH RESIDUAL MINERALS STORAGE CAPACITY AND THE LIFE OF THEIR MINE TO APPROXIMATELY 75 YEARS

WHEREAS, Barton Mines has been responsibly mining garnet in the Central Adirondack region since 1878 in the Town of Johnsburg, and

WHEREAS, the capacity for storing residual minerals is limited to approximately eight (8) years of storage space and if the storage space runs out then Barton Mines will be unable to continue mining, and

WHEREAS, an application has been made to the Adirondack Park Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to modify the mining permit to allow Barton Mines to extend both their residual minerals storage capacity and the life of their mine to approximately seventy-five (75) years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator and the County Attorney to draft, and the Chair of the Board to Execute, a letter in support of modifying the mining permit made to the Adirondack Park Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to allow Barton Mines to extend both their residual minerals storage capacity and the life of their mine to approximate seventy-five (75) years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of the letter, along with this resolution, to the Adirondack Park Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, Senator Daniel G. Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, New York State Association of Counties and the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.