

# *Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages*

*PO Box 83, Hadley, NY 12835*

## **Resolution # 4 of 2018**

### **Resolution Requesting Suspension of Demolition of the Gooley Club Camp on Third Lake of the Essex Chain Pending Further Review**

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Whereas, its operation has made a major contribution to the economic and social fabric of the surrounding towns for over 150 years;

Whereas, after careful review of all available documentation, State and Federal authorities have deemed it of significant historic importance and in 2018 have placed the Camp on both the New York State and the National Historic Registers;

Whereas, the State acquisition of the former Finch lands and establishment of the Essex Chain Complex has not resulted in any measurable economic benefit for the surrounding communities as was promised by the State and acquisition advocates;

Whereas, visitation to the Chain has dropped dramatically over the past three years and state designated campsites are virtually unused, an alternative plan should be devised to help mitigate the loss of local jobs and economic activity resulting from the exit of the forest products industry and the imminent end of the 20 sporting clubs whose patronage and expenditures helped support local businesses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages calls on Governor Cuomo and the DEC Commissioner to place a hold on the planned demolition of the Gooley Camp on Third Lake; and it is further

Resolved, that the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages requests the formation of a committee of stakeholders to include representatives of local governments, preservation and environmental organizations and state sporting groups to review possible alternate uses for the historic camp that could serve as an attraction intended to bring tourists to the complex, be it as a ranger substation, an interpretive/educational center or as the necessary link between Indian Lake and Newcomb for the proposed "Hamlet to Hut" program; and it is further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Deputy Secretary for the Environment Venetia Lannon, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Jim Tedisco, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Kathy Marchione, Senator David Valesky, Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Mark Butler, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, DEC Region 6 Director, Judy Drabicki, the twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, and the Adirondack Park Agency.

Motion: Ron Moore (North Hudson).

Second: Arthur Wright (Hadley).

Unanimous.

MINERVA  
Mr. Stephen McNally

NORTH HUDSON  
Mr. Ronald Moore

INDIAN LAKE  
Mr. Brian Wells

NEWCOMB  
Mr. Robin DeLoria



LONG LAKE  
Mr. Clark Seaman

5 Towns UPPER HUDSON  
RECREATION HUB

**In Support of Resolution # 4 of 2018**  
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by the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board

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