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Board of Selectmen

RESOLUTION REGARDING AN EAST-WEST HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Weathersfield experienced significant upheaval and a permanent loss of private property during the 1950's, through the creation of the Army Corps of Engineers dam in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Interstate 91, through the Town of Weathersfield in the 1960's, was not only a second source of significant upheaval and permanent loss of private property, but also divided the Town into two (2) sections; and

WHEREAS, a new four (4) lane east-west highway through the Town of Weathersfield may reduce property values and adversely impact the unique Vermont quality of life in a wide band along its route; and

WHEREAS, the East-West Highway Study, published by the Vermont Agency of Transportation in January, 2001, considered three (3) possible routes for a new East-West highway, including one following the existing transmission power line right-of-way through Weathersfield, concluded that

“The cost of constructing a new east-west corridor is prohibitive from a consideration of costs, the impact to the State’s natural resources, and the degree to which it would serve as a solution. Solutions to east-west mobility in the corridor rest in wise land use planning, regulatory decision making, and judicious investments in the major highway and trail infrastructure already existing in the corridor, and to the State infrastructure to which they connect.”

and

WHEREAS, the members of the citizens’ advocacy group known as ‘Residents for a Rural Weathersfield’ have publicly stated their opposition to the construction of a new east-west highway in the Town of Weathersfield and requested that this Board state their position on this issue,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Weathersfield hereby state their opposition to the creation and construction of a new east-west highway corridor within the Town of Weathersfield.

Dated at Town of Weathersfield, Windsor County, State of Vermont, this second day of April, 2001.

C. Petersen Cole, Chairperson

Patricia W. Daniels, Vice-Chairperson

David T. Fuller, Board Clerk

Randy S. Brown, Selectperson