



Re: Waldron Cemetery - Just Say NO! to the Champlain Hudson Power Express- reply all and tell the Governor, Sec of State, DEC Commissioner what you think !

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Dear All,

Besides vehemently opposing running the CHPE through Waldron Cemetery, which has been respectfully and lovingly maintained by the townspeople of Stony Point, we also oppose any destruction to the town of Stony Point to facilitate the CHPE project.

The project itself can be questioned on many fronts, particularly on it's impact on the NY State communities through which it passes without conferring benefit. Indeed we believe it is detrimental to the interests of many of those communities, bypassing development of local infrastructure and the creation of jobs for NY State residents.

But we are outraged that this 800 mile long project finds it necessary to come onto land for a short run through Stony Point and North Rockland for dubious reasons considering the amount of infrastructure already in, and planned for, the Haverstraw bay. The interested parties (other than North Rockland) have shaken hands and come to financial agreements to serve their particular interests. The fact that the alternative is to the detriment of our beautiful Stony Point river front and North Rockland overall does not seem to have been considered of consequence.

We are river front homeowners and clearly have a personal interest. But I don't think those of us whose homes may be directly threatened by this project will be the only losers if Stony Point's river front becomes an "infrastructure corridor" to serve this and like projects which I understand are already piling up behind this one. The Riverfront is Stony Point's and Rockland County's crown jewel. I believe every resident of Rockland County will lose something valuable and irretrievable if CHPE carves a passage along our waterfront.

North Rockland should not be the path of least resistance when powerful commercial and private interests want to literally railroad their way to economic gain. Nor should an extensive number of local residents be living in fear of losing their homes to serve this questionable detour of the CHPE power line.

We are squarely on the "SAY NO" side to the Champlain Hudson Powerline Express".

Sincerely,

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Supervisor Finn,

I called Brian Yates from the NY State Historic Preservation Office, to follow up on the e-mails that I had sent him regarding the Waldron Cemetery, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 in Grassy Point NY. I wanted to repeat Stony Point's concerns about the destruction that the proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPEI) would bring to the Waldron Cemetery. In my prior conversation with Brian, he stated that the Cemetery would be protected under NYS law, which he stated again today in my conversation with him.

To show the age of the Cemetery, I had sent him,

Reverend David E. Cole D.D. published by JB Beers & Co.1884 – "History of Rockland County -Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men",

a. *pages 174 through 175*

b. *on December 15, 1804 – John Winant, was laid to rest*

"Waldron Cemetery, Grassy Point, Rockland County, NY " by W.P. Horton, published 1932- copy supplied by Buffalo and Erie County Public Library.

a. *Pages 1 through 4*

Revolutionary War Soldiers of Rockland County, N.Y. Shatemuc Chapter, - 1-149-N.Y. Daughters of the American Revolution, Spring Valley, NY Chapter 1687, organized 1925. Pg.12, pg.29, pg.51, pg.94, pg.140

Newest documentation available is

Daniel Tomkins "Will" May 23, 1870. With map showing Cemetery property.

As you can see in Mr. Horton's final paragraph he states that he was told that when the RR was built they covered over quite a few graves with no record of what was plowed under. We know that today graves exist less than 3 ft from the railroad track.

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It is claimed that when the West Shore Railroad was laid through Stony Point and Grassy Point some fifty years ago, the Company covered over quite a few of the graves in this cemetery, and made no record of those covered.

In our discussion today it was mentioned that the Cemetery had already been disturbed for Utility installations. I again expressed that the Stony Point residents do not want the CHPEI to plow through the Waldron Cemetery, and that the alternatives were just as ugly, either Eminent Domain of John St. a residential neighborhood or the Ba Mar Trailer park.

The Cemetery probably was disturbed when O&R built their sub-station. Do we now address this with O&R?

Or should we simply say because it has happened before, it shouldn't matter now! Who is CHPEI that they have no respect, regard or honor for our dead. These are the very people who fought and died for our rights as a Nation.

Brian is correct of course the Cemetery has been disturbed, however as I have discovered being right does not always make the decision the "CORRECT" one.

I also understand that the New York State Historic Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and the New York State Palisades Interstate Park Commission have signed the Joint Proposal for the Champlain Hudson Power Express, and by doing so the CHPEI is cleared to vertically drill (apparently 15ft deep) under the Stony Point Battlefield. That is their decision.

The residents of Stony Point do not want the Waldron Cemetery and those resting there disturbed.

I would ask you Mr. Supervisor and each person on this e-mail to hit **"reply all"** and

Just Say NO! to the Champlain Hudson Power Express.

Tell **Governor Cuomo**, **Cesar Perales** the Secretary of State, **Joe Martens**- the Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, **Willie Janeway**, DEC Region 3 Director, **Michelle Phillips**- Administrative Law CHPEI, **Kevin Casutto**- Administrative Law Judge for CHPEI – and finally to **Gary A. Brown**, Chairman of the Public Service Commission- that the CHPEI is not a good project.

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brilling - Secretary,

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