

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 246 OF 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Belden, Bentley, Merlino, Champagne, Monroe, McCoy, Conover, Wood and Taylor

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC
AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE, MANAGE AND LEASE OR
OWN THOSE PORTIONS OF THE RAIL LINE CURRENTLY
OWNED BY WARREN COUNTY AND TOWN OF CORINTH**

WHEREAS, Warren County owns approximately forty (40) miles of rail line running from North Creek in the Town of Johnsbury to the Town of Corinth in Saratoga County, together with certain real property and improvements under and adjacent to said rail, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corinth has acquired certain rail line and property in the Town of Corinth which is connected to the Warren County rail line, and

WHEREAS, the County and Town have reached a tentative agreement with a private company for the operation of passenger and freight trains over said rail line and it is anticipated that such agreement will greatly increase use of the rail line and significantly enhance economic development, and

WHEREAS, such use brings with it concerns of liability as well as a need for coordinated oversight and management, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Warren is of the opinion that the rail property should be owned, leased, managed and/or overseen by a Public Authority, and

WHEREAS, a Public Authority would require a State Legislative enactment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State Legislature enact a Public Authority to take over the oversight and management of the rail line together with a lease or transfer of ownership of real property constituting the rail line, as the parties may agree, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Senator Elizabeth Little and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.