

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 23

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD

Whereas, the Colebrookdale Railroad, a rail line extending a distance of 8.6 miles from milepost 0.0 at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to milepost 8.6 at Boyertown, Pennsylvania, dates from the mid-nineteenth century and is an under-utilized historic resource; and

Whereas, the Colebrookdale Railroad's history and construction reflects the culture and heritage of Pottstown, Boyertown, and Southeastern Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the Colebrookdale Railroad possesses natural and architectural beauty unsurpassed by any railroad in the northeastern United States; and

Whereas, the re-use of the Colebrookdale Railroad as a passenger operation will catalyze heritage and recreational tourism activity and other development in Pottstown and Boyertown and will take advantage of a tourism opportunity gap; and

Whereas, passenger operation of the Colebrookdale Railroad will create jobs in Pottstown and Boyertown both directly and indirectly; and

Whereas, the Colebrookdale Railroad offers an unparalleled educational opportunity to tell the story of the early American ironmaking, milling, lumber, and transportation industries central to the growth of the nation, a story of which the Colebrookdale Railroad and our region is a part.

We therefore pledge our support to the creation of a dedicated tourist railroad on the Colebrookdale Railroad for the benefit and enjoyment of citizens, visitors, students and the business communities of our region.

We support the efforts of the project proponents to secure funding to facilitate tourist passenger service and will, in the future, aid in efforts to that end to the extent determined by our governing board to be necessary and prudent.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED by the Pottstown Borough Council in a public meeting this 12th day of December, A.D. 2011.

BY: Stephen M. Torney
PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Virginia L. Takach
SECRETARY

APPROVED this 12th day of
DECEMBER, A.D. 2011.

Bonnie Heath
MAYOR