

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

**MINUTES: March 26, 2007**

MEMBERS: Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Kaplowitz, LaMotte, Rogowsky, Maisano and Myers.

IN ATTENDANCE: CEO: S. Gerry, B. Randolph LAW: M. Nicolas-Brewster, M. Gleeson, L. Pizer  
DEP'T.: G. D'Agrosa, Watermaster (WCDP); A. Lenney (Budget) STAFF: C.  
Crane, T. Bernard.  
[List of other meeting attendees is on file.]

Meeting called to order at 3:27 pm.

Item(s) Discussed:

- E&E No. 88 – Septage Collectors Re-licensing: A proposed local law to amend existing law regarding the licensing of persons engaged in the business of evacuating, removing, collecting, or transporting septage as septage collectors.
- E&E No. 63 – Well-Water Systems Testing: A proposed Local Law to add a new Chapter 707 of the Laws of Westchester County to require the testing of private well-water systems upon the sale of property and for leased properties within the County of Westchester.
- E&E No. 64 – Filing of On-site Sewage System Operation: Proposed Local Law amending the Laws of Westchester County to require purchasers or transferees of real property served by a separate sewage disposal system to file a notice of an on-site sewage system operation and maintenance requirements form.

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Chair Abinanti commenced the meeting with consideration of item E&E No. 88, a proposed legislation to restructure the licensing of septage haulers within the county. Ms. Gerry described the intent and provisions of the legislation, explaining that the proposal will remove redundancy in the present licensing scheme and generate data on septic system servicing that may be useful in identifying areas with failing septic systems. Committee members then inquired and discussed how septage is presently disposed in the county and several provisions of the legislation.

Chair Abinanti recognized members of the septage hauler community who described possible impacts of the proposal, including reporting requirements, contrast with requirements in other jurisdictions (e.g., in Connecticut), inspection requirements, and the proposed training program. Discussion also compared this legislation with the proposed legislation requiring septic system notification upon sale or transfer of a property having a septic system (E&E No. 64).

The Committee then considered the wells testing and septic notification legislations, respectively, E&E No. 63 and No. 64. Chair Abinanti recognized representatives from the Westchester County Board of Realtors, and the ensuing discussion evaluated obligations required by the legislations and compared these legislations with other laws (e.g., carbon monoxide detector, lead paint disclosure).

On the motion of Legislator LaMotte, seconded by Legislator Myers, the Committee entered Executive Session (all in favor). The Committee entered Executive Session at 5:20 pm.