

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: February 2, 2009

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Nonna, Oros, Rogowsky

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: B. Randolph, S. Gerry (CEO); G. D'Agrosa (WCDP); A. Krautter (Sprainbrook); S. McKay (Scotts); L. Wilson (NYAFEC); J. Lee (Cornell Coop. Ext.); A. Dillen (Earthjustice) [list of other attendees is on file]

Meeting called to order at 3:40 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Lawn Fertilizer Application and Sale Regulation**

The committee discussed proposed legislation to regulate the application and sale of lawn fertilizers. The committee received input from landscapers, fertilizer manufacturers and distributors, nursery owners, and Administration representatives. After lengthy discussion, Leg. Nonna noted the following issues appear to require further resolution: 1) should the legislation apply to inorganic or organic lawn fertilizers, or both; 2) what should be the dates for a seasonal prohibition on lawn fertilizers; 3) what should be the content and requirements of a pamphlet that must be distributed by professionals; 4) how should the required training for lawn care professionals be coordinated/conducted; 5) whether or not further monitoring or enforcement provisions are desired. Chair Abinanti adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:10 pm.
[audio recording of the meeting is on file]