

MINUTES
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair: Burton. Members: Myers, Nonna, Testa. Staff: Vita.

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Schwartz - Ag Farmland Board; Rent Guidelines Board
Candidates: Genevieve Roche; Goody Sculky.

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Lisa Schwartz: Is a resident of Bedford Hills, New York and has been recommended to serve on the Agricultural Farmland Board. as Agricultural Consultant, replacing Annie Farrell, who has retired. She is the founder and Proprietor, Farmer and cheese maker of Rainbeau Ridge Farm in Bedford Hills, where she directs the management and care of a broad range of animals and produce. At the time of this interview, she was waiting the delivery of baby goats.

She has been farming for quite some time and was previously a Management Consultant, and is the Author of "Over the Rainbeau: Living the Dream of Sustainable Farming". The property is 15 acres, a former dairy farm, dates back to the 1920's; and everything is home grown, 3 acres of livestock, education classes for children, plus livestock and fresh produce and sells to several outside markets.

The members were impressed with her experience, knowledge and noted that she will be an asset to this Board.

The appointment is hereby approved on the motion of Legislator Nonna, seconded by Legislator Testa. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried 4-0.

RENT GUIDELINES BOARD:

Genevieve Harris Roche: Is a resident of Hastings-on-the-Hudson and has been recommended by County Legislator Tom Abinanti to fill the vacant Tenant Member seat on the RGB. She will be filling the unexpired term of Jay Shapiro.

Ms. Roche, an Attorney, has over 25 years of experience in litigation and regulatory experience and has spent numerous pro-bono time, advocating on behalf of tenant associations in New York City and Westchester County.

Submitted by: Emilia Vita

Approved: 6/21/10

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RENT GUIDELINES BOARD (Cont'd.)

Ms. Roche is one of the leaders of an active tenants association in a rent-stabilized building in NYC and helped strategize a share of the legal briefing work on several DHCR matters, in which the tenants were successful, and afterwards became more involved.

The members were impressed with her knowledge and experience working with tenant's association and feels she will be an asset to this Board.

The Committee agreed to appoint and recommend Ms. Roche as the Tenant member of the RGB, is hereby approved on the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Testa. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried 4-0.

Goody Sculky: Is a resident of Port Chester, New York and has been recommended by County Legislator Rogowsky to serve on the RGB. Mr. Sculky has been looking to serve on this Board for a long, long time. He lives in a Co-Op on King Street for 55 years, and he was the previous owner of several homes in Florida and Port Chester.

Mr. Sculky is well-known to all committee members and would proved to be another asset to this Board, but the members **decided to hold** off in making another decision until ALL other candidates have been interviewed by this committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.