

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: May 3, 2010

MEMBERS: Chair: Harckham; Legislators: Kaplowitz, Myers, Rogowsky, Testa.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane, W. Wild, C. Giliberti; GUESTS: L. Simpson, N. Orville (Blue Springs); S. Glass (COWPUSA).

Committee on Environment called to order at 3:15 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: Municipal Energy Assistance

Chair Harckham opened the meeting with a discussion on municipal energy assistance and welcomed guests from Blue Springs Energy (BSE) . Leg. Rogowsky then introduced Mr. Simpson and Ms. Orville of BSE and described his previous meetings with them. Mr. Simpson provided an overview on the services that Blue Springs Energy provides. Existing BSE clients include Greenburgh, Dobbs Ferry, and Rockland, Oswego, Broome and Monroe Counties, and BSE has assisted local governments in obtaining \$5 million of competitive awards. BSE primarily performs two functions: i) provide technical analysis to support energy-related grant applications, and ii) provide public outreach and education on energy-related incentives and assistance through web-site design and periodic newsletters. The Committee reviewed the "Green Monroe" website, which BSE helped prepare for Monroe County.

Mr. Simpson provided a typical services contract that BSE uses with their municipal clients. He described BSE's present services to Ontario and Oswego counties as an energy consultant to inventory greenhouse gases, identify energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities and potential funding sources, and to create goals (plan) for the counties to reduce greenhouse gases.

Upon the motion of Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee approved the Energy Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2010 and March 22, 2010, and Environment Committee meeting minutes of April 12, 2010 (all in favor). Upon the motion of Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Chair Harckham, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting ended at approximately 4:00 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]