

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: October 1, 2007

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Kaplowitz, LaMotte, Maisano, Myers, and Rogowsky.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: Hon. Mary Beth Murphy; Hon. G. Oros; Commissioner Mulligan, D. Kvinge [WCDP]; B. Wilkens [AFPB]; T. Gardiner [Law]; R. Stuart; S. Slater; R. Rankel; T. DeChiaro; [list of other attendees on file].

Meeting called to order at 3:42 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: E&E Item No. 131 – **2007 Applications to Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1**

The Committee first considered re-appointment of the following members to the county Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB): Don Homer, Peter Kamenstein, Thomas Cogger, Michael Dignelli, Barbara Wilkens and Annie Farrell. On the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. LaMotte, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to recommend to Chairman Ryan the reappointment of all six members.

The Committee next considered the 2007 applications to the county agricultural district. Planning Commissioner Mulligan and Mr. Kvinge provided an overview of the application process.

On the motion of Leg. LaMotte, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to receive and file application No. 2007-01 (5-0, Rogowsky out).

On the motion of Leg. LaMotte, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-02 into the district (6-0).

On the motion of Leg. LaMotte, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-03 into the district (6-0).

On the motion of Leg. Maisano, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to receive and file application No. 2007-04 (6-0).

On the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. LaMotte, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-05 into the district (5-0; Maisano out).

On the motion of Leg. LaMotte, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-08 into the district (5-0; Maisano out).

On the motion of Leg. LaMotte, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-09 into the district (5-0; Maisano out).

The Committee then considered application No. 2007-10, the Meadows Farm Stand. The Committee discussed the application with the parties present and concluded that the application could be approved with the qualification that, in advance of the Board meeting on Oct. 9, the applicant submit further data showing the origin of products sold at the farm stand. On the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. LaMotte, the Committee unanimously voted in favor to approve inclusion of application No. 2007-10 into the district with the above-noted qualification (5-0; Maisano out).

The Committee next considered application No. 2007-06, Sunhill Farms. The Committee discussed the application with the applicant, the applicant's attorney, Somers Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy, Ms. Wilkens, and Mr. Kvinge. The Committee reserved action on the application, pending further consideration and discussion.

Because of the lengthy preceding discussions, consideration of application no. 2007-07 was postponed until a future Committee meeting date.

On the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. LaMotte, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting (all in favor). The meeting adjourned at approx. 4:55 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]