

## Westchester County Board of Legislators

### COMMITTEE ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND PARKS JOINT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

MINUTES: September 19, 2007  
11:00 AM

#### **committee ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND PARKS**

MEMBERS: Chair: K. Jenkins; Legislators: B. Burton, J. Myers, V. Pinto, S. Swanson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **CE:** B. Randolph; **PARKS:** J. Stout, J. Condon; **DPS:** J. Rodriguez; **LAW:** R. Cashman, J. Raimondi, L. Alesio, J. Pruyne; **PRESS:** K. Farn, NBCtv; Ken Valenti, Journal News; **GUESTS:** R. Beecher, B. Gindick, V. Powrie, D. Shecter, S. Schecter, M. Amelio-Skinner, J. Ruh, K. Savatori, V. Perl, R. Vanderbilt, J. Finn, M. Vemehe, J. DeCrescenzo, S. Klotzko, L. Salomone, L. Carr, H. Kahn, D. Kahn, J. Chartler; **BOL STAFF:** B. Bochow, S. Kirkpatrick, L. Goldstein

With a meeting quorum present, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

##### **PWTLP #366: Lead Agency Status for Environmental Review of Westchester County Airport Deicing Facility Improvement**

(Swanson, Pinto) move the proposed resolution declaring the Board of Legislators as lead agency for the environmental review of the Westchester County Airport Deicing Facility Improvement Project. Motion passed 4-0.

##### **PWTLP #365: Abolition of the Westchester County Public Employments Relations Board**

(Burton, Pinto) move the proposed act authorizing the abolition of the Westchester County Public Employments Relations Board (PERB). Motion passed 5-0.

## RIVER RIDGE EQUESTRIAN CENTER:

Commissioner of Parks Joseph Stout stated that River Ridge Equestrian Center is contracted with the County through a lease to provide boarding camp, trail rides, etc. for a twenty-year period. This agreement allows for private reinvestment to improve the facility. As of January 2007, the center would have two years to make capital improvements to the rink, trails, and other areas of the equestrian center.

There is also a current issue at the River Ridge Equestrian Center relates to several patrons who have pursued legal action against the management of River Ridge for supposed improper veterinarian care and negligent maintenance of facilities.

The following persons testified to their experiences at River Ridge Equestrian Center:

1. Roxanne Beecher, Boarder at River Ridge (lawyer for plaintiffs in legal action)
2. Jeffrey Chartler, Lawyer for River Ridge
3. Mary Anne Amilio-Skinner, Boarder at River Ridge
4. Jeannie Ruh, Assistant Manager River Ridge
5. Valerie Perl, Boarder at River Ridge (plaintiff in legal action)
6. John DeCrancenzo
7. Gary Klatzgo
8. Lou Salomone
9. Leslie Carr
10. Howard Kahn

(Pinto, Burton) move to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing present litigation in which the County is named as a defendant. Motion passed 5-0. Committee entered executive session at 12:41 p.m.

The committee exited executive session at 12:57 p.m.

On a motion by Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Pinto, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

**AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST**