

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: June 1, 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: Hon. L. Bronz, Hon. K. Jenkins; S. Gerry, B. Randolph (CEO); Comm'r. J. Mulligan, R. Doscher (WCDP); Comm'r. L. Salley (WCDOT); Comm'r. T. Lauro (WCDEF); N. Sullivan, M. Rasmussen, A. Bicking (Scenic Hudson); C. Schneider (Beczak Ctr.); M. Wallach (CCE) [list of other attendees is on file]

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

Item(s) Discussed: **Airport Noise Monitoring System Upgrade, Long Island Sound Environmental Benefit Projects; Carpenter's Pond Project; Kingsland Point Park Bathhouse Restoration**

Chair Abinanti commenced the meeting with a discussion of proposed legislation for capital project A0104, Environmental Monitoring System. Commissioner Salley described the legislation, which would approve entering grant agreements with FAA and NYSDOT to accept funds to upgrade software for the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS). The County share would include \$12,500 utilizing airport Special Revenue Funds. Following discussion, Chair Abinanti requested Commissioner Salley review and update the fiscal documentation for the project (capital project fact sheet, 1920 form) as needed to properly reflect the 2009 appropriation. Upon the motion of Leg. Nonna, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee approved the proposed legislation (all in favor).

The Committee next considered capital project SLI02, Environmental Benefit Projects (EBPs). Commissioner Lauro and Ms. Gerry described development of the proposed EBPs to comply with the recently entered consent order with NYSDEC. Commissioner Mulligan noted that the proposed projects were selected for their potential to remove nitrogen. In response to Chair Abinanti's query, Commissioner Lauro stated that pollutant computer modeling was initiated to quantify the nitrogen

inputs to the Long Island Sound. Chair Abinanti requested a future discussion with the Law Department to aid understanding of the proposed projects and cost allocation.

Commissioner Mulligan and Mr. Doscher described proposed legislation to amend an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) with and accept funding from New Rochelle associated with the restoration of Carpenter's Pond. Upon the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, the Committee approved the legislation (all in favor).

President Ned Sullivan and representatives of Scenic Hudson then described a proposal to restore the bathhouse at Kingsland Point Park and to create the Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center. Committee members and legislators discussed the technical and financial aspects of the proposal.

Upon the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Chair Abinanti, the Env't. & Energy Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting ended at approximately 5:05 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]