

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: March 25, 2008

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

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: S. Gerry, B. Randolph (CEO); M. Gleeson (Law); T. Lauro, J. Arnett (WCDEF), R. Zipf (Ref. Dist. Adv. Bd.); R. Troutman, J. Kahan (Riverkeeper; via telephone) [list of other attendees on file]

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: E&E Item No. 3 – **Proposed Local Law to Establish Reimbursement Program for Certain Septic System Owners in Sewer Districts**

Committee Chair Abinanti opened the meeting with a discussion of the scoping update of the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor environmental review, presently coordinated by New York State Department of Transportation. The committee spoke by telephone with Riverkeeper representatives (Ms. Troutman, Ms. Kahan) regarding a draft comments letter on the environmental review procedure for the project. Committee members and Riverkeeper representatives considered aspects of the procedure that differ from conventional environmental review under NEPA or SEQRA. Chair Abinanti concluded discussion by noting that, if interested, committee members or other legislators could sign the letter for submittal to NYSDOT.

Chair Abinanti then initiated discussion of a proposed local law to establish a reimbursement program for owners of septic systems within county sewer districts. The committee last considered the legislation at its March 19 meeting. The proposed amendments would provide availability of reimbursement for up to two septic system pumpouts and one system inspection within a six year cycle. The proposed legislation includes a sunset after six years.

The committee first reviewed changes made to the legislation based on suggestions at the March 19 meeting. The committee also reviewed a table of estimated program expenses provided by WCDEF (included analysis by C. Crane).

After consideration of the legislation, Leg. Nonna moved the legislation for public hearing only, which was seconded by Leg. Myers. The committee approved the motion (6-0).

Upon the motion of Legislator Nonna, seconded by Legislator Myers, the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]