

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL**

DATE: APRIL 12, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors VanNess  
Bentley  
Haskell  
Barody  
Geraghty  
Girard

Absent:

Supervisor Belden

Others Present:

Marvin Lemery, Fire Prevention & Building  
Code Enforcement Administrator  
William Thomas, Chairman  
Joan Sady, Clerk  
Supervisor Stec  
See Sign-In Sheet for list of guests  
Carlene A. Ramsey, Sr. Legislative Office  
Specialist

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Mr. VanNess called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Marvin Lemery, Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement Administrator, distributed an Agenda packet to each of the Committee members and a copy is on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Mr. VanNess acknowledged that Mr. Lemery had recently returned from an extended vacation, as he welcomed him back.

Mr. Lemery began his report with Agenda Item I, Building Codes and he directed attention to the monthly activity reports included in the Agenda packet. He explained the packet included the reports for January, February and March, with March 2006 being the busiest month ever. The first three months of 2006, he noted, was 14% ahead of last year=s permits issued and 46% ahead of last year=s revenue. He attributed the revenue increase to the number of single family homes being built, as well as the two new hotels going up in Lake George.

In response to Mr. Haskell=s questions, Mr. Lemery observed the Code Enforcement Officers on staff were working hard to keep up with the increased activity, and the increased travel time involved. He pointed out the normal work day of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. was often times turning into 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

In addition, Mr. Lemery reminded the Committee that he was gathering information for either the lease or purchase of vehicles, as a possible alternative to mileage reimbursement. He said he expected the information to be ready for the next meeting. The funds were in the 2006 Budget for the current activity, although, he noted, he would be looking to the Committee for direction down the road. He also

mentioned the increased work load may require additional personnel, since the staff level has remained the same for the past 22 years.

Mr. Barody entered the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Haskell suggested the Committee might request additional time for the next month=s meeting, in anticipation of the vehicles and personnel requests.

Continuing with Agenda review at Item II, Fire Prevention & Control, Mr. Lemery directed attention to the 2006 Fire Training Schedule included with the Agenda packet. He pointed out the courses were being taught at various locations throughout the County, from April through September, in response to class requests from the various fire chiefs.

Mr. Haskell said he would like the course listing to also indicate the number of class sessions and hours per session, to better illustrate the training time involved.

Mr. Lemery responded with one example being the Fire Officer 1 course. He noted this was to start April 13<sup>th</sup>, for 8 evening sessions, at 3 hours each night (24 hours total).

Mr. Bentley entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Responding to Mr. Geraghty=s question, Mr. Lemery apprized the 3 instructors currently use a laptop computer and power point projector to aid their instruction. Since the Department only owns 2 projectors and 1 laptop, he observed that 2 instructors currently use their own laptop computers. He surmised the 3<sup>rd</sup> projector must be borrowed from some other entity.

Mr. Geraghty said he felt the County should provide the proper tools for the instructors to teach the classes.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Lemery agreed to obtain quotes for the purchase of one more projector and 2 more laptop computers, for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Stec entered the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Lemery returned to the Agenda review at Item II B, Training Center Update. He acknowledged upon his return from vacation, he learned that a number of residents had voiced their concerns with the proposed training center. The Warren and Washington County Training Center Committees had recently held a joint meeting to discuss other building sights, as alternatives to the grounds at Adirondack Community College (ACC). He stated, his personal opinion was the ACC site was the most viable location, and most of the members of the Training Center Committees shared that opinion.

In the event the site at the College will not work out for the Training Center, Mr. Lemery urged the Committee to move forward quickly, in securing a location. To that end, he reported, he was continuing to work with the County Attorney's Office on the specifications for the RFP (request for proposal) with regards to engineering and design of the facility. Once the engineer/architect could determine the Training Center's requirements, he said, the County would be better able to answer the residents' questions on the appearance, etc.

Responding to Mr. Barody's questions on alternate sites locations, Mr. Lemery stated the Training Center Committee members had discussed the Industrial Park, County owned property near the former Ciba Geigy plant, and Washington County property in the Second Sewer District.

Mr. VanNess reported he had investigated the former Ciba Geigy property and learned it included approximately 15 acres. He noted the Perkins Recycling facility used 6.2 acres of the 15 acres and the County's South-end DPW (Department of Public Works) garage used another 1.2 acres. He said that left approximately 7 acres not in use at this time. However, he pointed out most of the property was a Brown Field site and the deeds were being reviewed for use restrictions.

Mr. Haskell said he was in support of the search for alternative sites for the Training Center. However, he said, he felt it was important to have an architect and engineer on board to design the facility which would allow this Committee to provide the general public with more accurate information.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Bentley to restate the Committee's desire to move forward with the RFP for design and engineering services for the Emergency Services Training Center.

Mr. VanNess acknowledged the volunteer chairman of the Training Center Committee, Chip Mellon, was in attendance today.

Mr. Wm. Thomas entered the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Mr. VanNess further stated it was his understanding it would be a minimum of 8-12 months before a ground breaking could occur, even if a final decision could be made today.

Mr. Bentley observed the Town of Lake Placid had a similar structure, which looks like a home and blends in with the surrounding buildings. He also noted the structure was close by to a number of businesses and private residences just down the street.

Mr. Barody clarified all of the discussion on building design was with regards to the practice (training) facility. He said he understood all of the associated class rooms would still be on the College=s campus.

Mr. VanNess noted the County Attorney, Paul Dusek, had assured him that, regardless of the location, the buildings and Fire Science Curriculum could be annexed to the College.

Mr. Lemery explained the Training Center would need to have some classroom space available at the site, where some of the current outreach programs could be taught (i.e. Fire Fighter I). Specifically, he said, the classrooms would be designed for approximately 30 students, rather than a large public assembly. The facility, he noted, would also need to have what was known as a Adirty room@ where Aturn-out gear@ would be restored and prepared for the next use. As for the curriculum classes, he mentioned, those would be taught at ACC, as well as any paramedic programs, etc. In summary, he said he anticipated the facility would include a simple classroom, simple Adirty room,@ a two-story tech bay, and a 3-, 4-, or 5-story tower.

Mr. VanNess explained for the guests in attendance, the term Adirty room@ was a label used in reference to the area that Areal@ firefighters would use to attend to the gear actually used to fight a real, live fire.

Mr. Lemery suggested that the Committee members could take a couple of day trips to see the Lake Placid facility and the Fulton County facility, to review different types of construction styles.

Mr. VanNess invited Chip Mellon to address the Committee. Mr. Mellon explained that one of the Training Center Committee members was in the process of contacting the manufacturers of the various facilities. He noted some of the sights were 3 to 4 hours away and he would be glad to share the list of facilities with the County=s Fire Prevention and Control Committee.

Mr. VanNess observed there was an open motion on the floor. He called the question and motion was carried unanimously to restate the Committee=s desire to move forward with the RFP for design and engineering services for the Emergency Services Training Center.

Mr. Haskell suggested the ACC Board of Trustees should also be invited to attend the facility tours. He said he would like to visit the Lake Placid facility since it was located in the Adirondack Park.

Mr. Bentley concurred with Mr. Haskell. Mr. Bentley said he was confident Athe Adirondack Park Agency certainly would not have ignored the facility=s construction.@

Mr. Girard pointed out that he was relatively new to the Committee since he had just been elected as a Supervisor in November of 2005. He queried whether or not Mr. Lemery could provide a brief history of how the Training Center had evolved to its current level of planning. From what he could gather from the newspaper articles, etc., he observed that no one was particularly opposed to the training center facility. Although, he observed, the location of the facility was certainly key to the project.

Mr. Lemery addressed the Committee and explained the history as follows:

- 1974 *the County authorized a study for a fire training center to be built in Warrensburg at the former County Home property, at the cost of \$35,000 only to find out the property was in a 100 year flood plain and the project was dropped.*
- Early 1980's *a group of fire chiefs met with the County to discuss a fire training center, where different sites were discussed, but never acted upon.*
- Late 80's-early 90's *looked at once again, with a number of fire chiefs and committees in both Counties went out in search of possible sites for a combined facility.*
- Early 1990's *those possible sites were reviewed, and narrowed down to the top three sites: 1)South Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department property on Dix Avenue in Queensbury; 2) a site on Pruyn=s Island in the City of Glens Falls; and 3) ACC campus on Bay Road in Queensbury.*
- Mid to late -90's *the 2 Counties= Committees met with the President of the College (Dr. Harmon) and the Board of Trustees, for a very basic presentation, to determine if the College would have any property available, in the event that funding and facility approval could be secured. The President and Board of Trustees gave their conceptual approval at that time.*
- Late 2001 *Fire Advisory Boards in both Warren and Washington Counties started talking again about the need for a local training facility. In the wake of the World Trade Center disaster in September of 2001, the Federal Government encouraged training on hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction and provided funding for equipment, etc.*
- 2003 *Warren County Fire Prevention & Control Committee began looking at the training center once again. Both Warren and Washington Counties formed (re-activated) their respective training center committees and the ACC campus was the number one choice for both Counties. He pointed out the campus would not require a lot of infrastructure construction (power, natural gas, parking, water, etc.). In addition, he said, the College had informally indicated the administration and maintenance of the facility would be there, as well.*

*2004-2005 the Counties= Committees learned the College had submitted a 5-year plan to the State Education Department which contained the planned use of the College properties and its expansion programs. Such 5-year plan included a site for the County Emergency Services Training Center.*

*Mr. Lemery explained that during all of the conversations with both the past President, Dr. Harmon, and the current President, (Dr. Bishop), the College consistently spoke of its intention to develop a curriculum for an Associates Degree in Fire Science or Fire Management. Mr. Lemery acknowledged the College had not yet formally committed to the new program. However, he said he understood the College had certainly been considering the program. He further stated some of the current College staff had prior experience in teaching these types of programs and some of the current administrators had previously worked at community colleges that offered these programs.*

*Given all of the interest from the College=s perspective, Mr. Lemery stated that both Warren and Washington Counties agreed to pursue additional studies and conversations with the College, to locate the facility on the campus.*

*Mid-2005 Both Counties authorized a shared services grant to be submitted to secure funding for the planning and construction drawings of the Emergency Services Training Center.*

*Jan 2006 The application was completed and submitted; the Counties= Committees met with the College again and received conceptual approval from the Board of Trustees to locate this facility on the College campus.*

*Mr. Lemery reiterated that both Counties were most receptive to the campus location since the College indicated it would provide the administrative services for the facility, including the maintenance costs. Even though he expected some of the costs would be shared by the two Counties, he stated, the campus location meant neither County=s budget would need to include line items for staff, maintenance, or administration.*

*Mr. Lemery said he hoped his report had answered Mr. Girard=s question regarding the history behind the Emergency Services Training Center. Mr. Lemery urged the Committee to continue moving forward. He acknowledged the Committee had passed a motion to continue with the RFP for engineering and architectural drawings. He also stated that alternative sites would be further investigated. He further stated, to the best of his knowledge, the College= Board of Trustees were still in favor of placing the facility on its campus.*

*Mr. VanNess remarked that in the past few weeks, the Training Center had received some Ablack eyes@ that he felt should not have happened. He reported he had*

recently met with some of the Queensbury residents who had voiced their concerns. He said he felt some were legitimate concerns, while others concerns were not legitimate. For instance, he said, their concern over poisonous gases being emitted into the air was not legitimate. He noted the State would never allow the trainee firefighters to be placed in that type of situation.

Mr. VanNess acknowledged that the lands surrounding the ACC campus had seen a fair amount of construction and development in the past few years, with more planned for the near future. In the event that the campus location was deemed not to be the best location, he was confident the Emergency Services Training Center would be built somewhere else. He declared that not one of the Warren and Washington Counties= various committee members wanted to lose the Emergency Services Training Center. He said he felt, if it had to be moved, then it would be moved. However, he also said he felt, it was important to hire an architect to determine what type of buildings the facility would need.

Mr. Girard said his original point had been that the County appeared to have planned the facility would be hosted by the community of Queensbury. Since there were three Supervisors from the Town of Queensbury present at today=s meeting, he said he would appreciate more input from the Queensbury Supervisors.

Mr. Girard stated everything he had heard thus far was very positive and functional, yet the host community had not really been part of the process up until now. To move this forward, he noted, a location would need to be secured that would, hopefully, satisfy everyone in the host community. He explained, it was in 1985, that he first spoke with Mr. Lemery about the training center and discovered the location was the biggest difficulty. Only now, in 2006, he said, he could begin to understand why the location had been so difficult to pin down.

Mr. VanNess, as a Queensbury Town Supervisor, said the facts on all of the possible locations were still being examined. He reiterated the alternate properties included Ciba Geigy, South Queensbury Fire Department, Washington County Sewer District Number 2, and property near the airport (that Warren County had just acquired). He said he could not yet determine which site he felt would be the most ideal.

Mr. Stec, Supervisor for the Town of Queensbury, thanked Mr. Girard for his question regarding the history behind the training center. Otherwise, he said he felt certain that at a future Town Board meeting, Asomeone would have an out of context statement that they had never considered any other alternatives, and only now were they looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> option.@ He also thanked Mr. Lemery for the thorough report.

Mr. Stec further stated that when he first became Town Supervisor, in 2004, he looked at the expenses for the fire companies. Shortly thereafter, he said, the Town began to consolidate the South Queensbury Fire Department into the Bay Ridge and Queensbury Central Fire Departments. He explained the contract was not renewed with the South Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company and its protection

areas were melded into two other Departments. As a result, he said he proposed a resolution to the Warren County Board of Supervisors (which was unanimously passed) declaring its support for locating a training center at the South Queensbury location. He stressed he felt it was important to point this out since a lot of people seemed to be convinced the campus was the only site ever considered. He said he felt the record was clear to the contrary, and that he lead the charge to try to put it at South Queensbury because he saw some issues there and he thought this was a way to solve two problems at once.@

Mr. Stec declared, that regardless of where the training center was located, there would undoubtedly be neighbors with concerns to be addressed. He said he felt it was important to enter into the next phase of the project. He supported the Committee's efforts to bring in an architect to design a facility that would blend with its surroundings. Otherwise, he said he felt, the facility would need to be built in the middle of nowhere and run miles of water, sewer, gas, and electrical lines through the woods. He commented that such a remote location was just not going to happen. He urged the Committee to obtain the design and be prepared to answer exactly what the emissions were going to be; what were the state regulations; how tall would the structure need to be; and what type of outward appearance it would have. In addition, he urged the Committee to locate similar training centers that have been in use for a number of years, to demonstrate the future visual impact on the surrounding area.

Mr. VanNess observed that the aesthetics of the building were very important and he expressed his concerns that the specifics on the buildings were just not known as of yet.

Mr. Stec noted that one question he was sure someone would ask was AWhy not just go to Montour Falls, or Saratoga County for the training, or why not consolidate with other Counties?@

Mr. VanNess pointed out that most of the trainees were volunteers who were not reimbursed for their gas consumption. Mr. Lemery noted the career firefighters do travel to Montour Falls for their 229 hours of training, which was a 5-hour trip, one way. As for Saratoga County, he stated, it was not the County's facility and so the requests for training time were at the whim of the Saratoga County Fire Coordinator as to when the facility could be used. He said the travel time from Queensbury to either the Saratoga County center, or Lake Placid, also required volunteers' travel time, and mileage expenses.

Mr. Stec acknowledged the Town of Queensbury community was rapidly growing, not just in population, but in the need for services. He noted the Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department's call volume had grown to a point where it rivaled the City of Glens Falls Fire Department's call volume for its career firefighters. In addition, he stated the training requirements had changed quite a bit over the years and he was concerned the volunteer base may become overtaxed with all of the

training demands. If that becomes a reality, he said he was concerned the Town of Queensbury would need to change to some type of paid firefighter services.

Mr. Stec said he understood the City of Glens Falls Fire Department=s budget was approximately \$1.8 Million, which was within \$20,000 or \$30,000 of Queensbury=s 5 volunteer firefighter contracts. He stated that if the payroll component was added to Queensbury=s budget, the fire district tax would be doubled.

Mr. Stec pointed out he had asked his various questions today so that everyone in attendance had a clear picture of all of the factors behind the training center=s concept. He urged the Committee to be mindful of the neighbors (of any location), who would deserve nothing less than every possible effort to ensure the facility blended with its surrounding area.

Mr. Lemery observed the Town of Queensbury, in its 5 departments, had approximately 400 firefighters, and the remainder of the County had roughly 600 firefighters, with nearly 1,100 in Washington County. He noted, every new firefighter was required to take the Firefighter I training course of 89 hours of class time and a total of 150 hours to complete. He said he was convinced a local training center would help in the recruitment of active volunteer firefighters. If the center was part of the college curriculum, he said he felt there would be more interest in the career firefighter service.

Mr. Bentley said he felt it was important to note the Lake Placid training center had a trout stream just 100 yards downhill from the center. He pointed out the Adirondack Park Agency would never allow any pollution to be discharged into any trout stream.

Mr. Lemery stressed the training center would strictly be a clean burn facility, and not class A materials.

Mr. Haskell said he understood Committee Chairman VanNess had met with some residents from Waverly Place and he felt the residents should be invited to the anticipated facility tours. Mr. VanNess explained the invitation had already been extended to the Homeowners= Association. Mr. Haskell pointed out the neighbors adjacent to the new Correctional Facility were initially very upset with the proposal, when rumors appeared to be running rampant. However, once the correct information became known, he said, the majority of the concerns were laid to rest.

Mr. Stec left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. VanNess clarified the meeting with the residents had been held to clear up some of the mis-information. He acknowledged that Deputy Coordinator, Brian LaFlure, Committee Chairman Chip Mellon, Glens Falls Fire Chief Coty, Queensbury Central Fire Chief DuPrey and Queensbury Councilman Sanford were all in attendance at today=s meeting.

Mr. VanNess declared that public comment at a Committee meeting was not a normally part of the Agenda. However, in recognition of the level of public concern, he said he wanted to invite a couple of the guests to voice their concerns or ask their questions.

Richard Besthoff, a resident of Waverly Place, greeted the Committee and he said that everyone he had spoken to had all agreed the training center was very important. He said he understood the training center had been discussed since the 1970s. He noted the planning seemed to have included the water, sewer, gas, etc., and *everything else necessary for the facility itself*. However, he said he had not yet heard *any discussions about the community surrounding the proposed facility*. He queried whether or not the Committee was aware how tight the surrounding community would be, with all of the construction planned for the near future.

Mr. Besthoff urged the Committee to give more consideration to the people and community, rather than focusing on getting the College=s okay. In addition, he stated the term HAZMAT, or hazardous materials, was a source of concern for him as well. He said he needed to know what kind of hazardous materials that referred to. He also noted his Association was told there would be fire trucks running back and forth on the weekends; people practicing how to drive. He said he felt this was absurd. He queried who would monitor these individuals to make sure the Town of Queensbury=s standards would be maintained. He said he felt the Committee needed to look for another site, and not place it at this college.

Mr. Haskell said he felt by inviting the residents to join the tours of various facilities, the Committee had demonstrated its desire to consider the residents= concerns. As for the driver training, he mentioned, he took his fire truck training in the Village of Lake George during the summer time. In view of all of the tourists in Lake George, he said he felt, the training did not create a hazardous situation.

Mr. VanNess said he felt it was important to respond to Mr. Besthoff=s concerns with hazardous materials. Mr. VanNess stated he felt it was Aa ridiculous theory for anyone to suggest the County would expose its firefighters to any type of HAZMAT, what so ever.@ He declared that no one would be placed in a chemically laden building, no matter where the building was located. The only time a firefighter would be exposed to any type of live HAZMAT, he commented, would be when society put them in that situation, where they had to rescue an individual from a hazardous situation. The only way the firefighter can learn how to do that, he stated, was to practice with mock HAZMAT.

Mr. Besthoff said he understood that to be true, now. He mentioned that when the facts were first presented to the Waverly residents, no one understood the term HAZMAT, or exactly what type of training would be conducted.

Mr. Haskell explained the HAZMAT training had been conducted in the middle of Crandall Park, Glens Falls, during the summer of 2005. He noted the news

reporters were there and the public seemed to find the practice drill very interesting.

Next, privilege of the floor was extended to Kathleen Sonnabend, who acknowledged there had been a number of comments made today about mis-information. She said she wanted to point out she had never used any of the emotive words like toxic stew, etc. However, she said, the residents were concerned about mis-information because it appeared to be coming from the public officials.

Ms. Sonnabend reported she had attended the ACC Board of Trustees meeting, held April 11, 2006, although the fire school did not come up at the meeting. At the close of the meeting, she mentioned she had a brief discussion with Mimi Fitzgerald, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Bishop, the College President. During her conversation, Ms. Sonnabend said both Mrs. Fitzgerald and Dr. Bishop had indicated neither of them understood the training center would be located at ACC; that they were only trying to be a good partner in allowing their land to be used; this would not cost ACC anything; and it was not their initiative.

Ms. Sonnabend further reported, during her conversation with Mrs. Fitzgerald, she also learned Mrs. Fitzgerald was aware that a presentation had been made to the Board of Trustees, in mid-January, yet Mrs. Fitzgerald had been in Florida and was not able to attend the presentation. Ms. Sonnabend further indicated Mrs. Fitzgerald had stated the facility would be a 3-story building and knew nothing of a 5-story proposal.

Ms. Sonnabend explained she had obtained a copy of the power point presentation (given at the January Trustees Meeting), which clearly stated a 5-story tower. Consequently, Ms. Sonnabend said the residents feel they were being manipulated. She stressed she was concerned the head of the Board of Trustees did not appear to understand a 5-story tower was even a possibility.

Mr. VanNess said he felt the ACC Board of Trustees was a group of professionals who were responsible for their own lines of communications. He said he could not account for the apparent confusion amongst the Trustees.

Ms. Sonnabend reiterated the President of the College and the head of the Board of Trustees did not feel this project was going forward at ACC. Further, she said the head of the Trustees understanding of the project did not match what was illustrated in the power point demonstration. She said she understood Mrs. Fitzgerald did not attend the presentation, and her support had been based upon her understanding of a 3-story building. Mrs. Sonnabend pointed out she was only repeating what had been directly told to her, that it was not hearsay. Therefore, she said when the Committee spoke of mis-information, she felt there was a lot of mis-information floating around.

Mr. Lemery commented that he had known Mimi Fitzgerald for a very long time and he explained that Mrs. Fitzgerald had chaired the Trustees= meeting, held in January, when the presentation was made. Mr. Lemery further reported, that after the meeting, he spoke personally with Mrs. Fitzgerald and Dr. Bishop. He said he felt this type of conversation was not something he felt should be discussed in a Committee format. Mr. Lemery stated he felt all of the residents concerns had been addressed and the County was taking all of the right steps to locate the appropriate spot for the facility.

Mrs. Sonnabend pointed out the residents were urging the County to consider the former Ciba Geigy property, which was an industrial location, with all of the infrastructure that would be needed. She also stated the neighbors were already aware of the industrial zoning. As for the ACC campus, she commented, there was already a very large residential neighborhood with further growth planned and approved by the Town. She said she felt the college campus was one of the worst possible locations in the Town.

Mrs. Sonnabend acknowledged the meeting with Mr. VanNess did allay a number of the residents= concerns, such as the car fires. Since a simulator would be used, she stated she now understood burning tires were not a legitimate concern. However, she said the residents still had serious concerns.

Mr. VanNess stated he was confident the various concerns would be further relieved as the educational process continued. He repeated the invitation (to the residents) to attend any and all of the facility tours. He stated it was an open ended invitation to anyone who was interested.

Mr. Haskell stated the Committee would not have any actual information to distribute until after the RFP was issued and an architect had prepared the plans.

Mrs. Sonnabend said she appreciated the invitation to accompany the Supervisors on the facility tours. However, she said she did not understand how an architect could produce a good set of drawings without having a geographic location. She commented she was concerned the County had already applied for grant funds that referred to the ACC location; and now the architect would base the drawings on the ACC location as well. She repeated the residents= main concern was the training center belonged in an industrial location.

Mrs. Sonnabend pointed out that at Mr. VanNess=s meeting with the residents, Mr. VanNess had pledged that he would Atell the Committee ACC was off the table.@

Mr. VanNess remarked his statement at the meeting had been that he Awould not personally support the burn portion of the center at ACC.@ He continued to say he had no authority Ato tell these gentlemen you can=t put it there, I can tell them what I=m going to do, but I can=t sit here and tell Mr. Bentley from Horicon, Mr.

Haskell from Thurman and Mr. Girard from Glens Falls that they are going to vote no to it.@

Mrs. Sonnabend acknowledged that she may have mis-understood Mr. VanNess=s position.

Mr. VanNess said he felt the public comment of the Committee meeting had come to a conclusion.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Waverly Place residents for their attendance at the meeting. He said he felt it would be a long process but he urged them to keep talking with the Committee and to keep working with the County. He said he was personally interested in hearing what each of the 5 Queensbury Town Supervisors thought about the project, with 3 of them being present today (Messrs. VanNess, Barody and Stec). In addition, he said he understood the grant application could be moved from one site to another. However, he declared that ACC had pledged its support for the project, wherever it was located. He reiterated the County=s desire to keep the residents involved in the project.

Mr. Stec extended his appreciation to Mr. Wm. Thomas for recognizing that Queensbury was represented at today=s meeting, by 3 of the 5 town supervisors. He expressed his dismay with a comment having been made by a Aneophyte councilman@ (prior to this meeting) that the Town had no representation at Warren County. He said he appreciated the Chairman of the Board pointing out that Queensbury had 5 representatives with (40% of the weighted vote) and Queensbury was well represented at the County.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. VanNess adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlene A. Ramsey, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist