

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: JOINT MEETING - INVASIVE SPECIES SUB-COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE & RULES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

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**INVASIVE SPECIES SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON  
CONOVER  
MASON  
FRASIER  
LOEB

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS STRAINER  
TAYLOR  
WESTCOTT  
WALT LENDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE GEORGE  
ASSOCIATION  
DAVE WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE GEORGE  
PARK COMMISSION  
JIM GREY, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
ZANDY GABRIELS, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
TONY HALL, *LAKE GEORGE MIRROR*  
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**INVASIVE SPECIES SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR BENTLEY

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MONROE  
THOMAS  
GIRARD  
WOOD

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR SOKOL

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Mr. Dickinson called the Invasive Species Sub-Committee meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Monroe called the Legislative & Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Copies of the agenda packet were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Dickinson stated the newly formed Invasive Species Sub-Committee had five goals, as follows:

- ▶ to participate in educating and informing the public about the threat of aquatic invasive species;
- ▶ to coordinate with and support all of the task forces (The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC); The Lake George Association (LGA); The Fund for Lake George; and The Darien Institute) involved with the efforts towards the eradication and prevention of invasive species;
- ▶ to monitor the existing aquatic invasive species and search for and detect early, any additional aquatic invasive species which could become a threat;
- ▶ to eradicate and/or control the existing aquatic invasive species;
- ▶ to prevent any new aquatic invasive species from being introduced into bodies of water in Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 Legislative & Rules Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Monroe advised he had requested a joint meeting of the Invasive Species Sub-Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee because he felt there were actions the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors could take which would be faster than those efforts put forth by organizations such as the LGPC. He suggested the Invasive Species Sub-Committee commence by discussing alternative solutions, followed by discussion from the Legislative & Rules Committee as to the best way to assist.

Paul Dusek, County Administrator, advised that Local Law No. 9 of 2011, "A Local Law in Relation to Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in Warren County" had been a first step taken by the Warren County Board of Supervisors. He said there had been some discussion about the possibility of enacting further laws by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) but no actions had been taken thus far. He stated the Invasive Species Sub-Committee had been formed in order to move forward and consider an additional local law which would require mandatory boat inspections and/or washes for boats launched in Warren County. Mr. Monroe noted Local Law No. 9 of 2011 pertained mostly to invasive species which were visible; however, he added, many invasive species were microscopic in the earlier stages of life.

Mr. Dickinson stated that he had invited people to be in attendance at this meeting in order to better inform the Committee of the issue. He asked Dave Wick, Executive Director of the LGPC, to address the Committee.

Mr. Wick apprised the Asian Clam population in Lake George was currently around 35 acres and thanks to Warren County's financial contribution towards the eradication efforts, four additional smaller areas had been treated to eradication levels. He noted that eradication levels involved treating the area so that the coverage extended beyond the area which had been deemed to be covered by the Asian Clams. He commented there were four larger sites in Lake George which were infested with Asian Clams but they did not currently have the financial ability to treat those areas. He said they had been able to contain the north and south portion of many of the sites in order to stop the spread of the Asian Clam. As an example, Mr. Wick pointed out that the Village of Lake George had 22 acres of infested area, of which they had been able to treat only 4 to 5 acres. He advised the LGPC had been able to increase their quality control initiatives and the level of effort put forth towards the eradication efforts (mat coverage and the amount of weight placed on the mats). He added a portion of the funding had been used towards science in order to ensure the current efforts were the best available.

Mr. Wick reported that a meeting had been scheduled at the LGA which would be a day long session on the Asian Clam issue. He added the discussions would include the science available for eradication and the funding possibilities. Mr. Monroe announced that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) had proposed modifications to the General Permit for Invasive Species Control which the Legislative & Rules Committee could take a position on. He asked Mr. Wick's opinion and noted there was some concern the General Permit was limited to three acres of treatment. He explained the concept of the General Permit was to allow expedited response with any delays from the APA. Mr. Wick informed that Chairman Stec had drafted a letter to the APA with regards to the General Permit requesting the limitation of less than three acres of contiguous coverage and the limitation of two consecutive years of treatment followed by one untreated year be eliminated. He added that Supervisor Conover and Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, had drafted similar letters, as well.

Mr. Wick explained that the APA had a General Permit for Invasive Species Control within Adirondack Park for which the APA had proposed modifications to expand the coverage area to three acres. He

noted this General Permit for Invasive Species Control was for all invasive species and not just for the Asian Clam. Although the proposed modifications were an improvement, he continued, the LGPC did not want the eradication efforts to be hampered by limited coverage areas. He mentioned the current limitations which were of issue were as follows:

- ▶ the limitation of less than three acres of contiguous coverage;
- ▶ the limitation of two consecutive years of treatment followed by one untreated year; and
- ▶ the limitation which requires 200 feet of untreated area between each three acres of contiguous coverage.

Mr. Wick stated the APA would allow the LGPC to enter into the Individual Permit process in order to receive authorization to treat the needed coverage areas; however, he added, the process was time consuming and not suitable for emergency response. He said the LGPC did not see a need for the limitations listed for the General Permit for Invasive Species Control but if they remained in place, the APA should include an exemption for the Asian Clam. Another suggestion, he continued, would be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the APA and the LGPC to allow the LGPC to put forth the eradication efforts they deem necessary to control the spread and eradicate the Asian Clam within the Adirondack Park; however, he added, there was no provision for the APA to authorize their permit jurisdiction to the LGPC to allow the MOU. He noted the LGPC was concentrating efforts with the APA on an exemption for the Asian Clam.

Mr. Monroe opined the Legislative & Rules Committee should take a position on the General Permit for Invasive Species Control, as it impacted Lake George as well as other bodies of water in Warren County. Mr. Wick stated the APA's concern was that excessive treatments could negatively impact the wetlands but if the Asian Clams were not eradicated there would no longer be wetlands to protect. He said the LGPC looked at the eradication of the Asian Clam as a wetland protection project. He noted Lake Tahoe was also dealing with an invasive species problem and had similar characteristics to Lake George as far as water quality conditions.

Mr. Dickinson asked Mr. Wick to respond to comments made by a representative of the NYS DEC to *The Post Star* regarding mandatory boat washes. Mr. Wick apprised the LGPC had held a meeting recently with representatives from the NYS DEC to discuss the invasive species prevention efforts for Lake George and he clarified the NYS DEC was supportive of those efforts. Mr. Wick explained the NYS DEC had some questions concerning logistics of the boat washes, funding and the impact to transient boaters. He said the NYS DEC had an obligation to provide free public access to the lakes through their boat launches. He noted discussions on the logistics of boat inspections/washes were held, as well as discussions of the LGPC's legislative authority to take the current actions. He stated the NYS DEC would review draft documentation which was submitted and would provide feedback to the LGPC. He added the hope was to receive the full support of the NYS DEC.

Mr. Wick apprised the LGPC had not yet voted on the possibility of enacting mandatory boat inspections and/or washes. He noted the Governor's Office had been diverted by the effects of Hurricane Sandy and were just beginning to discuss this issue again. He said any new Park Commission Regulations would require the approval of the Governor and in order to forward a draft regulation to Albany it was required to be financially whole, meaning the LGPC had the ability to generate the funds necessary to enforce the regulation. He advised there were discussions pertaining to a fee for transient boaters and the current program envisioned a \$40 annual inspection fee and an increase in the cost of boat registrations from \$37.50 to \$75. Mr. Wick explained that before the Office of Regulatory Review would even consider the proposal, the source of funding needed to be determined. He said a combination of the \$40 annual inspection fee and the increase

in boat registrations would generate the necessary \$700,000 per year needed to enact mandatory boat inspections and/or washes. He added approval was needed from the Governor's Office and the law would then need to pass legislation.

Regarding the comments made to *The Post Star* by a representative of the NYS DEC, Mr. Wick noted the representative had admitted they were not an invasive species expert. He pointed out the article quoted the representative as saying visual inspections were 85% effective and boat washes were 90% effective. He advised those figures were incorrect because visual inspections were between 20% and 65% effective and boat washes were in excess of 90% effective.

Mr. Dickinson asked if mandatory boat washes had been discussed in the meeting between the LGPC and the NYS DEC and Mr. Wick replied that had been the topic of discussion for the majority of the meeting. Mr. Dickinson asked the anticipated timeline to get the necessary funding in place and Mr. Wick replied the statutory time frames would not allow for the funding to be in place by 2013 and if the source of funding were to be the annual inspection fees and the increase in boat registration fees then it would take some time to pass the necessary legislation. Mr. Dickinson questioned the plan of action until the proposed plan took effect and Mr. Wick replied the LGPC was looking into alternative plans for 2013. He said their current plan was to enhance the LGA's Boat Steward Program with additional funding and resources and to hopefully provide additional wash units for voluntary boat washes.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dickinson asked the amount of funding available to enhance the LGA's Boat Steward Program and Mr. Wick replied \$35,000 which had been received from the Environmental Protection Fund in 2012. Mr. Wick said he was unsure if there would be additional funding available from the Environmental Protection Fund for 2013. He reported the LGPC had received \$100,000 in 2012 but \$65,000 was expended towards milfoil control efforts. He stated if the same level of funding was received from the Environmental Protection Fund for 2013, he anticipated funding the same two programs at the 2012 funding levels. Walt Lender, Executive Director of the LGA, reported the LGA had expended approximately \$50,000 in 2012 on the Boat Steward Program and they could double their coverage with twice the funding.

Mr. Dickinson pointed out there was discussion about an Asian Clam infestation on Shepard Park Beach and Mr. Wick responded the Beach had been completely covered in mats in order to control the Asian Clams. Mr. Wick added he had advised Mayor Blais that it would be necessary to relocate the Polar Plunge Event for this year's Winter Carnival. He said although this would have a negative impact on the Winter Carnival, it would positively impact the level of public awareness to the Asian Clam issue. Mr. Dickinson asked if the Asian Clam presence was on the beach or near the beach area and Mr. Wick replied the LGPC had matted up onto the beach for logistical reasons. Mr. Wick added the Asian Clams had migrated just south of McDonald Pier which was outside of the APA permit coverage area and it had been difficult to obtain the necessary extension to the permit.

Mr. Wick informed the LGPC's Marine Patrol inspected each treated area on a weekly basis and they hoped to prove the 12 acres treated in 2012 had resulted in a 100% clam kill. He informed of a \$100,000 proposal submitted to the Lake Champlain Basin Program and said he was hopeful of the receipt of funding to study the reproduction rates of the Asian Clam, as well as transport rates and settling rates.

Mr. Monroe inquired about any Federal funding initiatives and he noted Lake Tahoe had been successful in securing Federal funding. Mr. Wick responded there were influential State Senators who had endorsed the funding initiatives for Lake Tahoe. He said Mr. Lender had participated in discussions concerning the issue of Federal funding and thus far the success had been minimal. Mr. Wick stated the LGPC and the LGA welcomed the County's assistance in the pursuit of Federal funding.

Mr. Lender informed interactions with Federal representatives had mostly pertained to familiarizing them with the issue and on-lake tours to inform them of the existing projects. He commented there was a limited amount of Federal funding available for invasive species control and the Federal representatives he had met with had suggested they initiate the agency process, which he noted was a very long process. He explained the funding received through the Lake Champlain Basin Program was in essence Federal funding. Mr. Wick informed of a discussion with the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2, who was attempting to earmark \$50,000 towards the purchase of two boat washing units.

Mr. Lender distributed copies of two handouts to the Committee members: Summary of Lake George Lake Steward Key Findings from 2008-2012 and Lake George Lake Steward Program Season Report 2012; *copies of same are on file with the minutes*. He informed that the LGA had been managing the Lake George Lake Steward Program since 2008 and he pointed out the Lake Stewards were paid employees and not volunteers. He advised the Program model was a Regional one and they worked with counterparts in the Lake Champlain Region and elsewhere in the Adirondacks. He reported the Lake Stewards attended a week long training session every Spring where they learned how to identify invasive species, interact with the public and the process for inspecting boats.

Mr. Lender pointed out the Program was voluntary on the behalf of the boater who was given the option of a boat inspection. Mr. Monroe commented if the Boat Stewards were dealing with an uncooperative boater, there was a local law in effect and the Sheriff's Office could be contacted. Mr. Lender responded there had been only a few instances where the LGPC Marine Patrol was called because most boaters were very cooperative. Mr. Monroe asked if the local law was beneficial to the Program and Mr. Lender replied affirmatively and added that better signage was now available which allowed the Boat Stewards to point out that the introduction of invasive species was now illegal in Warren County. Mr. Monroe noted there were no local laws pertaining to invasive species in Essex or Washington County. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Lender informed the Boat Steward Program was not an enforcement program, it was an education, outreach and data collection program. He said the Boat Stewards were trained to inspect the exterior of boats and trailers for invasive species which were visible to the naked eye. He added the LGPC was attempting to stop the spread of invasive species which were still in the microscopic life stages. He stated the Boat Stewards asked boaters if their boats had been cleaned, drained and dried. He noted the Boat Stewards did not have the authority to inspect the interior of the boats and could not force boaters to wash their boats, but they could suggest the need.

Mr. Lender reported the Boat Steward Program had inspected approximately 7,000 boats in 2012 and had removed approximately 130 samples of invasive species. The Stewards, he continued, had asked each boater which lakes they had been to in the last two weeks. He noted a boat which had been out of the water for more than two weeks was less likely to have any live invasive species attached. Mr. Lender said the data collected had shown many boats were coming from lakes with known invasive species. He informed that in 2012, two new invasive species, not previously

identified in Lake George, were found on boats which were inspected by the Boat Steward Program. He said the two new species were quagga mussels and spiny water fleas.

Mr. Lender stated once the LGPC put their new program into effect, the LGA would either alter or discontinue the Lake Steward Program depending on the need; however, he added, the plan for 2013 was to continue the Lake Steward Program as it currently existed. A discussion ensued pertaining to various invasive species, specifically quagga mussels.

Mr. Mason distributed copies of a handout to the Committee members which contained his desired goals for the Invasive Species Sub-Committee and sample wording for a proposed resolution; *a copy of the handout is on file with the minutes*. Mr. Mason suggested it was important to include a line item in the budget for invasive species control. He added the Committee needed to investigate the possibility of an additional local law regarding inspection, cleaning and sanitation. He noted the possibility of placing the responsibility for enforcement into the hands of private enterprise (marinas) as opposed to funding the program at a cost of \$700,000 annually.

Mr. Mason said it was a fact that invasive species were spread from water body to water body and they would eventually spread to the bodies of water in Warren County. He stated it was far less expensive to prevent the spread of invasive species than to eradicate them afterwards. He opined the bodies of water were the "life-blood" of the Region, both economically and spiritually. Mr. Mason read the draft wording for a proposed resolution, as follows:

*Be it resolved, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors is committed to and will put out every effort to effect the following:*

- 1. We will stop the spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the water bodies of Warren County; and*
- 2. We will attempt to identify and eradicate every infestation of aquatic invasive species as quickly as possible.*

Mr. Mason acknowledged that acquiring funding towards eradication efforts was difficult and if the Committee and Board of Supervisors could agree on a resolution, letters could be sent to Assembly Members, Senators, the Governor, etc. to garner support and possible funding. He stated the longer they waited the more expensive it would be to eradicate the existing invasive species.

Mr. Conover stated that he liked the spirit of Mr. Mason's proposal, as it would build on the concept of Resolution No. 618 of 2012, Supporting the Initiative of the Lake George Park Commission to Implement Mandatory Boat Inspections on Lake George. Mr. Girard said there was a cost associated with the invasive species problem no matter which course of action was taken. He gave the example of prohibiting boating to stop the spread and acknowledged there would be an economic impact from that action. He stated the funding and the time needed to eradicate the existing invasive species were not available and the threat of transient boaters bringing new invasive species into the County's bodies of water was ongoing. He acknowledged prohibiting boating would have a significant economic impact; however, he added, the economic impact of losing the battle against invasive species would be greater. He stated if the County continued to allocate funding towards the eradication efforts and there was a point at which it looked as if the battle was lost, then he would no longer be in favor of contributing further funding. Based on reports pertaining to the number of acres of Asian Clams each year, he continued, it seemed the problem continued to grow.

Mr. Dickinson stated he was in favor of the proposed resolution although he said he would like to entertain a requirement for mandatory boat washes. He recommended the resolution also include a moratorium on all boat launching until mandatory boat washes were in place. Mr. Geraghty asked

how the Asian Clams moved from one area of Lake George to another location and Mr. Wick replied the Asian Clams attached themselves to anchors and boat lines. Mr. Wick explained the Asian Clams resided in the bottom layer of sediment and as anchors were retracted, the Clams were attached. The boaters then dropped anchor in another location, he continued, which allowed the Asian Clams to travel with them and spread further. Mr. Geraghty asked if areas of the lake where an Asian Clam population was known to exist were made to be off limits. Mr. Wick replied there were areas where dropping anchor was prohibited due to a known infestation. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to Asian Clam movement within the lake.

Mr. Geraghty commented it seemed the Lake George Lake Steward Program was working as far as stopping new invasive species from entering the lake but he suggested more stringent measures were needed to prevent further spreading of the existing invasive species within the lake. Mr. Wick responded they were trying to stop the spread but there were some challenges such as the busiest marina on Lake George being an infected area. Mr. Conover commented the invasive species were aggressive and could attach to almost any part of the boats. Unlike milfoil, he added, there were not just one or two affected locations. He further added the newer invasive species were even more aggressive and could move in the water current or on fishing line. He informed the spiny water flea had moved from the north end of the lake to the south end in a matter of months. Mr. Mason opined Warren County would need to continue funding invasive species control even after the Asian Clam was eradicated. He reiterated a line item would need to be added to the budget for invasive species control. He stated the Asian Clam was discovered in Lake Tahoe in 2002 and today the spread was out of control.

Mr. Dickinson reiterated his suggestion that mandatory boat washes and a moratorium on boat launching be added to the proposed resolution. Pertaining to the moratorium, Mr. Mason said he would like to keep the resolution flexible. He added he would prefer his motion be for a resolution as written.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Loeb to authorize a resolution to state that Warren County was committed to and would put forth every effort to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in the bodies of water throughout Warren County.

Mr. Loeb said he liked the spirit of the proposed resolution but action would be needed. He added it was up to the Board of Supervisors to take action to protect the lakes. He stated he would like to see the implementation of aggressive mandatory boat inspections and he recommended billboards be placed on Interstate 87 and other major entryways into the County which stated "Warren County Lakes, no inspection, no launch". Mr. Dickinson mentioned it was important to act now and proceed with an enforceable local law and find the necessary financing. He stated mandatory boat washes were necessary in order to keep additional invasive species out of Warren County lakes. He opined the mandatory boat washes would not be a major inconvenience nor would they be cost prohibitive.

Mr. Dickinson opined all boat launches should be prohibited until mandatory boat washes were put into place. Mr. Monroe commented a moratorium on boat launches in Warren County would have no effect on invasive species control as the boaters could still launch in Essex or Washington County. Mr. Dickinson countered that once the resolution was adopted the Board of Supervisors could request similar resolutions from Essex and Washington County.

Mr. Girard asked if a boat was out of the water for a two week period, did that mean it was free from organisms and Mr. Lender replied it depended on the organism and the time of year. Mr. Lender added in order for the boat to be considered a minimal threat, the boat needed to be completely dry

for two weeks. Mr. Girard stated he was in search of a 100% effective action or he would agree with Mr. Dickinson that a moratorium be placed on boat launches.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Mason amended his motion and Mr. Loeb amended his second to the motion to state that Warren County was committed to and would put forth every effort to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in the bodies of water throughout Warren County and to require mandatory boat washes prior to launching.

Mr. Conover noted mandatory boat washes would require the Lake Steward Program to be increased which would require additional funding. Mr. Dickinson countered if boat washing were a requirement it would decrease the burden on the Lake Steward Program. Mr. Taylor voiced his concern that moving forward would remove the pressure from the State to take care of the problem. He opined the experts had stated completely washing boats of all organisms was impossible. He suggested mandatory boat washes include the flushing of the cooling systems. Mr. Lender responded the exterior of the boats were cleaned with heated water and the bilge, the cooling system and ballast tanks could also be cleaned as part of the boat washes. Mr. Taylor commented that including a line item in the budget would require a source of funding to be identified. Mr. Dickinson opined the adoption of a resolution would not remove the burden from the State. He said Lake George was owned by the State and he intended to continue to pressure them to assist in this problem. He suggested the proposal to include a line item in the budget be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Westcott stated the County needed to think of this issue as a marketing project with a plan to target certain State Departments for financing. He said it was important to determine the amount of funding necessary to implement the plan of action. He stated he liked Mr. Loeb's suggestion for the placement of billboard advertisements and he would recommend an entire marketing plan including the sale of merchandise in order to raise funds and educate the public. Mr. Mason said it was important to keep the funding as a separate issue. He added the concept of his proposed resolution was as a call to action to the State and Federal representatives to become involved in the efforts. He advised his suggestion for the line item in the budget was for ongoing management of the invasive species problem.

Mr. Monroe asked if the proposed resolution was for just Lake George or all bodies of water in Warren County and he added if the intention was another local law, the first step was to authorize the County Attorney to draft same. Mr. Dickinson responded the resolution would pertain to all bodies of water in Warren County and would require mandatory boat washes prior to launching. Mr. Wick commented four out of five boats passed the boat inspection and did not require a boat wash. He recommended mandatory boat inspections and boat washes if deemed necessary during the inspections. Mr. Dickinson inquired about the effectiveness of the boat inspections in detecting invasive species. Mr. Wick replied the inspection program was comprehensive and the Colorado Manual, which was 54 pages in length, was used as a basis for training the inspectors. He explained the boat inspections included a visual inspection of the exterior of the boats, a visual inspection of equipment such as anchors and boat lines and questions pertaining to recent launching locations and the length of time the boat had been clean and dry.

Mr. Wick stated it would be virtually impossible to wash every boat prior to launch. Mr. Dickinson voiced his concern that the current Boat Steward Program was not capable of enforcing mandatory boat inspections. Pertaining to just Lake George, Mr. Wick advised the resources were available to protect the lake by implementing mandatory boat inspections. Mr. Monroe asked if the mandatory

boat inspections would only pertain to launching and not to exiting the lakes and Mr. Wick responded the boat inspections would be for both entering and exiting the lakes but boat washes were not offered upon exiting. He explained the concept was cleaned, drained and dry on the way in and drained and clean on the way out. He further explained boats exiting the lakes were required to pull the plug and drain the bilge and visual inspection ensured there were no invasive species attached to the exterior of the boats.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mason amended his motion and Mr. Loeb amended his second to the motion to authorize a resolution to state that Warren County was committed to and would put forth every effort to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in the bodies of water throughout Warren County; to require a mandatory boat inspection prior to launch of all trailered boats in all publicly accessed bodies of water within Warren County and mandatory decontamination if deemed necessary following the boat inspection; requesting similar resolutions of support from Essex and Washington Counties and financial support from all neighboring counties, towns, New York State and the Federal Government; and requesting the County Attorney to draft a local law requiring mandatory boat inspections prior to launch of all trailered boats in all publicly accessed bodies of water within Warren County and mandatory decontamination if deemed necessary following the boat inspections, for further review by the Committee. Mr. Dickinson called the question and the motion was carried unanimously and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21, 2012 Board meeting.

Mr. Conover suggested the Chairmen of the Invasive Species Sub-Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee draft a letter to the APA regarding the modifications being suggested for the General Permit for Invasive Species Control as discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Monroe advised his intention to request a resolution pertaining to same from the Legislative & Rules Committee.

Mr. Dickinson thanked Mr. Lender and Mr. Wick for attending the meeting to better inform the Committee members. He invited them to attend any future meetings of the Invasive Species Sub-Committee.

Continuing with the Legislative & Rules portion of the meeting, Mr. Monroe requested a resolution to request the APA to modify the General Permit for Invasive Species Control regulations by eliminating the limitation of less than three acres of contiguous coverage; the limitation of two consecutive years of treatment followed by one untreated year; and the limitation which required 200 feet of untreated area between each three acres of contiguous coverage, as outlined by the Lake George Park Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to authorize the resolution as outlined above. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21, 2012 Board meeting.*

Mr. Monroe advised the resolution previously approved by the Invasive Species Sub-Committee, should also be approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize a resolution to state that Warren County was committed to and would put forth every effort to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in the bodies of water throughout Warren County; to require a mandatory boat inspection prior to launch of all trailered boats in all publicly accessed bodies of water within Warren County and mandatory decontamination if deemed necessary following the boat inspection; requesting similar resolutions of support from Essex and Washington Counties and financial support from all neighboring counties, towns, New York State and the Federal Government;

and requesting the County Attorney to draft a local law requiring mandatory boat inspections prior to launch of all trailered boats in all publicly accessed bodies of water within Warren County and mandatory decontamination if deemed necessary following the boat inspections, for further review by the Committee. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21, 2012 Board meeting.*

Regarding agenda item no. 2 under new business, Mr. Monroe said Mr. Dusek had requested an amendment to the Rules of the Board for 2013 to allow any Supervisor to request a Proclamation.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously amend the Rules of the Board for 2013 to allow any Supervisor to request a Proclamation. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the December 21, 2012 Board meeting.*

Mr. Monroe suggested all of the items on the pending items list for the Legislative & Rules Committee be carried over until the next meeting, with the exception of pending item no. 4. Regarding that pending item, Mr. Monroe suggested the meeting be scheduled with Essex and Washington Counties, as opposed to merely forwarding the resolution, in order to inform them of Warren County's intent to pass a local law pertaining to mandatory boat inspections as approved at this meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Invasive Species Sub-Committee, on motion made by Mr. Loeb and seconded by Mr. Mason, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. Thomas, Mr. Monroe adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist