

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: BROCK
BRAYMER
MERLINO
STROUGH
DICKINSON
MCDEVITT
LEGGETT
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

CATHERINE ATHERDEN, THINK BEYOND PLASTIC BYOBAG
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS FRASIER
MACDONALD
SEEBER
SOKOL
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: VANSELOW

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/environmental/>

Mr. Brock called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extent to Catherine Atherden, Think Beyond Plastic BYOBAG, who provided background on her efforts to combat the use of disposable plastic bags. She informed she was part of a Tri County NY Transition Initiative and the Chairman of Grassroots Think Beyond Plastic. She explained how her efforts focused on the environment and social issues and the many ways the Initiative worked to achieve their goal. She informed there was a film titled "Fierce Green Fire" that spoke to the issue of the impact plastic bags had on human and animal health, the environment and the use of fossil fuels. She encouraged all to watch the film. She indicated there was a Think Beyond Plastic BYOBAG petition with over one-thousand signatures, *a copy of which is on file with the minutes*. She apprised California and Hawaii had become plastic bag free. She reported ten New York Municipalities had banned plastic bags and retailers in New York City had a fee of \$.05 fee per plastic bag. She notified plastic bags were created forty years ago and were the number one consumer product in the world. She indicated locally Hanneford, Price Chopper, Aldi, Price Rite and Target had made efforts to reduce the number of plastic bags used by consumers. Following the presentation the Committee watched a trailer of the movie Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?

Conservation ensued following which a motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to refer the matter to the Legislative and Rules Committee for further discussion and consideration of a local law drafted by the Tri County NY Transition Initiative.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, Director of Real Property Tax Services, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes*.

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request to approve the List of Chargebacks and Refunds of Taxes. She informed there was a correction to the original agenda and she notified the Town of Queensbury was removed from the list due to the fact that they would handle their own refund.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Ms. Delurey informed the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda included discussion of changes to procedures for the Last Chance Meeting. Ms. Braymer noted the reason for procedure changes was to stop individuals from continually attending the Last Chance Meeting to request extension agreements.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve changes to the Last Chance Meeting procedures and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. Brock adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist