

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
MERLINO
STROUGH
DICKINSON
MCDEVITT
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS BROCK
LEGGETT
VANSELOW

MACDONALD
MONTESI
SEEBER
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
LOUISE GAVA, PROJECT LEADER, COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION
REPRESENTING CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:
ROBYN REYNOLDS, SENIOR PLANNER
JILL FALCHI, SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER
MIKE WILD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 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/>

In the absence of Committee Chair Brock, Supervisor Braymer, as Vice Chair, called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Delurey mentioned she included an e-mail from Cornell Cooperative Extension with information about the Woolly Adelgid Workshop that would be hosted on December 16, 2017 if any Supervisors would like to attend. *A copy of the e-mail is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Environmental Testing Reserve (A.893), to Budget Code A.1355 470, Real Property Contracts, to pay for the County portion of the DEC clean up on Town of Johnsbury Tax Map Parcel No. 133.8-1-27.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Dickinson entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and Mr. Thomas entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

- 2) To authorize the refund of taxes per court order for Town of Warrensburg Tax Map Parcel Nos. 210.1-1-15.1, 210.15-1-1, 210.15-1-5, 210.15-1-30, and 210.1-1-15.1.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Environmental Concerns portion of the meeting, Ms. Braymer introduced Louis Gava, *Project Leader, Community Choice Aggregation*, as well as Robyn Reynolds, *Senior Planner, Capital District Regional Planning Commission*, and Jill Falchi, *Sustainability Planner, Capital District Regional Planning Commission*.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ms. Gava, who gave a powerpoint presentation regarding Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA) and provided literature on MEGA; *copies of the powerpoint presentation and the literature distributed are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Chairman Conover entered the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to electricity and natural gas charges as well as suppliers.

Mr. MacDonald entered the meeting at 9:29 a.m. and Mr. Beaty entered the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Continuing with Item 2, Ms. Braymer apprised she had been in contact with Stephen Acquario, *Executive Director, NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties)*, in regards to the plastic bag legislation; she said Mr. Acquario had apprised he was advocating for local laws and would be submitting a report about the efforts of such.

Mr. Montesi entered the meeting at 9:53 a.m. and Ms. Seeber entered the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Ms. Braymer presented a document entitled "Proposal for an Amendment to the Warren County Law" which she had modeled after legislation from Suffolk County which suggested a fee of five cents per plastic bag to start August 1, 2018.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to the proposal, following which a motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously for Ms. Braymer to revise the proposal to suggest a ban on plastic bags, without a fee for use, for review at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Strough suggested a conversation in the future in regards to regional salvage treatment of discarded food.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board