

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH
BROCK
BRAYMER
GIRARD
SOKOL
MCDEVITT
GERAGHTY
LEGGETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS MACDONALD
SEEBER
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: MONTESI

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 27, 2017 meeting of the Legislative & Rules 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/legislative/>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to order at 11:43 a.m.

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

Copies of the agenda packet were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Strough advised Action Item No. 1 pertained to a review of draft revisions to the Warren County Travel Policy, as provided by the County Attorney, pursuant to direction given by the Committee at their last meeting.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brock, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to the Travel Policy and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the draft revisions to the Warren County Travel Policy is on file with the minutes for reference.*

Moving on to the Referrals/Pending Item portion of the agenda, Mr. Strough stated the first item listed pertained to a resolution submitted by Town of Queensbury Resident, Robert Schulz, "Declaring that it would be a Conflict of Interest for Certain Individuals Regulated by the New York State Constitution to be a Delegate at a New York State Constitution Convention". Mr. Strough pointed out that Mr. Schulz was not in attendance; he also apprised he had spoken with Mr. Schulz and offered him 20 minutes to make a presentation in relation to his request, but Mr. Schulz had indicated that was not enough time.

A brief discussion ensued during which the Committee determined a maximum of 20 minutes would be afforded to Mr. Schulz if he desired to make his presentation at a future meeting.

Mr. Strough advised the second Referral/Pending Item was with regard to a referral from the Health, Human & Social Services Committee requesting a resolution to be drafted urging the State to provide

financial assistance to the County for the cost of rabies treatment. He noted Pat Auer, Director of Public Health/Patient Services, had requested that action on this item be delayed until further information was received on the matter. He noted that no new information was available and therefore this item would remain pending.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. Strough offered privilege of the floor to anyone wishing to address the Committee.

Travis Whitehead, Town of Queensbury Resident, addressed the Committee, questioning whether rules actually mattered to the Committee. He pointed out prior Resolution No. 341 of 2014, Approving the Revised Local Tourism and Convention Development Agreement Municipal Accounting Form, which was not being used by all municipalities as directed. He voiced his concern that the Town of Queensbury had not submitted the designated form in 2015 or 2016, but still received occupancy tax distributions and he expressed frustration that the rules the Board was taking time to create were not being enforced. Mr. Geraghty responded that he would follow up on this issue with the County Attorney's Office to ensure this policy was enforced and to direct the towns not using the designated form to do so.

A discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Leggett, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

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