

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
DICKINSON
HOGAN
BEATY
SIMPSON
STROUGH

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR MERLINO

SUPERVISORS BRUNO

DRISCOLL

LEGGETT

MAGOWAN

SEEBER

CATHY PEDLER, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY, ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB
KATE KURERA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES NY
NEIL BRESLIN, MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE
DAVID GORDON, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR FOR SENATOR JEN METZGAR
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
DON LEHMAN, *DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS*
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 22, 2020 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:

<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/environmental/>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All committee members participated by video or teleconference, aside from Supervisors Simpson, who was physically present.

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 12:52 p.m.

Copies of the Real Property Tax Services and Environmental Concerns meeting agendas were distributed to those present; those participating remotely accessed the agendas via the Warren County website. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

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

Commencing review of the Environmental Concerns agenda, Ms. Braymer stated Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, would add the septic inspection at transfer law matter to the agenda for the October 14th Water Quality Committee meeting. Mr. Belden apprised the meeting would be held by Zoom rather than in Warrensburg at the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Office, as the meetings had previously been held, and the log-in credentials would be shared by Don Lehman, *Director of Public*

Affairs.

Proceeding to the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Cathy Pedler, *Director of Advocacy, Adirondack Mountain Club*, who explained the Green Amendment included in the agenda packet stood for clean air, clean water and a healthy environment for New York State residents and she explained the Green Amendment would add a bill of rights to the New York State Constitution.

Ms. Braymer extended privilege of the floor to Neil Breslin, *Member of the New York State Senate*, who stated he represented Albany and was a co-sponsor of the Green Amendment; he then proceeded to speak in regards to the importance of the issue.

Privilege of the floor was extended to David Gordon, *Legislative Director for Jen Metzger, Member of the New York State Senate*, who stated Senator Metzger represented the Hudson Valley, which included Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Delaware Counties, and she was also a co-sponsor for the Green Amendment. Mr. Gordon also spoke to the importance of the amendment.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to authorize a resolution in support of a "Green Amendment" to the New York State Constitution for "clean air and water and a healthful environment" and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 14th Board meeting.

Concluding the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, who addressed the sole item on the Real Property Tax Services agenda, consisting of a review of the Department's 2021 Budget request, and she answered questions posed by the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

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