

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JULY 20, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
BRAYMER
SMITH
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR SHEPLER

SUPERVISORS BEATY

FRASIER
GERAGHTY
HOGAN
LEGGETT
MAGOWAN
STROUGH

MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
KATHY MUNCIL, FORT WILLIAM HENRY
MARK BEHAN, BEHAN COMMUNICATIONS INC.
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT & CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 20, 2021 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://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 10:50 a.m.

Copies of the Real Property Tax Services agenda were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, 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.

The agenda review commenced with a review of the Discussion Items, which included the following:

- 1) Mosher's Garage Johnsbury parcel 133.8-1-27.
- 2) Auction parcels update.
- 3) Mullen's property Queensbury parcel 302.8-1-2.

During the discussion on the Mullen's property, Mr. Strough distributed a proposed resolution entitled, "*Approving a One Year Postponing of the Public Sale of Lot No. 302.8-1-2, 275 Bay Road (AKA Mullen Site) for the Purpose of Investigating the Site's Viability as a Pedestrian/Bicycle Parking Facility*" which he proceeded to read aloud; a copy of the proposed resolution is on file with the meeting minutes.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Mullen's property during which the Committee considered the merits of holding an auction for the sale of this parcel to return it to the tax rolls as compared to retaining and using it as a parking lot for the Bike Trail.

A motion was made by Ms. Braymer to hold a separate online public auction for the parcel to determine if there was public interest in purchasing it. There was no second to the motion; however, it was noted that in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order a second was not necessary when a motion was made in a Committee setting. Mr. Dickinson called the question and the motion failed with Supervisors Dickinson, McDevitt and Smith voting in opposition and only Ms. Braymer voting in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt to accept the proposal presented by Mr. Strough; there was no second to the motion. Mr. Dickinson called the question and the motion failed with Mr. Dickinson and Ms. Braymer voting in opposition and Mr. McDevitt and Ms. Smith voting in favor.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to authorize a public auction of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 302.8-1-2 with a minimum starting bid of \$68,700, while allowing the Town of Queensbury to pursue a study on the property's viability as a pedestrian/bicycle parking facility, at no cost to Warren County, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 20th Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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