

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY**

**DATE: MARCH 4, 2021**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: BEATY  
LEGGETT  
WILD  
CONOVER  
SMITH

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

RACHEL E. SEEBER CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRUNO  
BRAYMER  
CONOVER  
DICKINSON  
FRASIER  
GERAGHTY  
HOGAN  
MAGOWAN  
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
TIM BENWAY, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR  
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 4, 2021 meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

*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 of the Committee members in attendance participated via video or teleconference.*

Mr. Beaty called the meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee to order at 1:31 p.m.

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

Copies of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Braymer informed she was an advocate for the item she had requested to be brought to this Committee, informing the County was a leader in the area of environmental protection and more

specifically water quality protection. She informed the proposed Septic Inspection at Transfer Law was created from the work that Messrs. Conover and Strough had done in their Towns. She advised this proposal was first introduced in 2019, notifying the law was revised to remove the opt out provision which was the last sentence in the paragraph on page one, Section D. She indicated that additional water bodies would be included in the law, apprising she wanted to move this forward to full Board to schedule a Public Hearing for public comment.

Motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Wild to bring the matter to the floor for discussion.

Mr. Beaty informed there would be a brief recess. Recess was held from 1:38 p.m. until 1:42 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Conover explained while he was supportive of clean water, he felt the law required additional work; and should be extend County-wide. He explained he was concerned about the potential costs, and he was uncomfortable with the matter being discussed and approved by this Committee, as he believed it should be referred back to the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee where the matter was currently pending. He suggested the Towns that were effected by the law should speak to their Town Boards.

Following the discussion, a motion, was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to refer the discussion to the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, where the matter was currently pending.

Mr. Beaty inquired if there was any public comment and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously, Mr. Beaty adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist