

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 23, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN
LEGETT
MCDEVITT
GERACI
SMITH

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
DICKINSON

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
WILD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, THIRD ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
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 March 23, 2023 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>

In the absence of Committee Chair Braymer, Supervisor Magowan, as Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 11:29 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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.*

The meeting commenced with the Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment:

Chairman Geraghty spoke regarding a conservation easement Bill introduced by the New York State Assembly that would impact Adirondack Park, indicating he would provide more information at a future meeting following the APA Local Government meeting he would be attending.

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items being addressed:

1. Proposed solar Pilot agreement: AC Power - Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, apprised the Town of Queensbury was negotiating a Pilot project with AC Power, stating the County would propose to mirror the terms that the Town of Queensbury and AC Power finalize. He said he would provide more information once he received a draft.
2. April 1st letters to Supervisor's for 520 exemption removals - Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, provided a copy of a sample letter sent to Town Assessors for removed exemptions on property transfers and apprised not all Town Assessors remove the exemptions. She stated she wanted to make Committee members aware of the matter that she was unable to enforce and suggested they

speak to their assessors with regard to Real Property Tax Law 520 and following the law. Mr. Elmen indicated the law was not being followed by all towns which was resulting in a loss of revenue to both the towns and the County. He suggested the Supervisors speak to their assessors with regards to the adjustments and make a determination as to whether the statute was being followed.

Concluding the agenda review, Committee reviewed the following Referral/Pending Item:

1. Firefighters/Ambulance workers exemption, RPTL 466-a - A lengthy discussion ensued during which it was determined the financial impact was unknown and there was not enough information to move forward with the exemption. Ms. Delurey said she would attempt to obtain a list of who qualified for the exemption and calculate what the impact would be on the County.

Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Braymer and Mr. Dickinson absent*) Mr. Magowan adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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