

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: APRIL 28, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
MAGOWAN
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 LEGGETT
DICKINSON

SUPERVISORS BRUNO
CONOVER
DRISCOLL
STROUGH
WILD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, THIRD ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LORI BARBER, ASSESSOR, TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE
BETH GILLES, DIRECTOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL
PLANNING BOARD
CHRISTINE HAYES, ASSESSOR, TOWN OF HORICON/TOWN OF BOLTON
DAVID O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN, LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL
PLANNING BOARD
DEANE REHM, RETIRED ASSESSOR
TERI ROSS, ASSESSOR, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY
DAVID WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 28, 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>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 10:46 a.m. She extended her appreciation to Mr. Magowan for chairing the meeting last month in her absence.

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

Copies of the Environmental Concerns and Real Property Tax Services agendas were distributed to the Committee members; *copies of the agenda are on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting commenced with the Discussion Items section of the Environmental Concerns agenda the following item was addressed:

1. Warren County and Queensbury Lakes - HABs: David Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park*

Commission, attended via Zoom and provided an update on harmful algae blooms on Lake George.

There being no further Environmental Concerns business to discuss, a review of the Real Property Tax Services Action/New Business Items portion of the agenda commenced in the following order:

2. To authorize a resolution requesting that Governor Kathy Hochul support legislation that will allow towns in Warren County the option to assess all newly constructed condominiums in a manner that reflects the most current market value.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Teri Ross, *Assessor, Town of Queensbury*, who spoke regarding the State mandate to assess condominiums.

Following discussion, motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the request as presented, with the addition of distribution to Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, inquired if the intent of the resolution was for support of a State statute or to approve a Home Rule modification resolution similar to the Town of Greenburgh advising if the intent was for a Home Rule, he recommended he be allowed to make modifications to the language. Upon further discussion, Messrs. Geraci and Magowan amended their motions on the floor to allow the County Attorney to modify the resolution to include verbiage for a Home Rule request. Privilege of the floor was extended to Deanne Rehm, *retired Assessor*, who advised the proposed resolution would only apply to new condominiums; however, she believed there should also be a resolution for existing condominiums to be assessed at market value and informed of her past experience with the issue in the Town of Bolton. Mr. Elmen advised two votes were necessary if the intent was to support a resolution for a call to action and a resolution to move a Home Rule request for Warren County and particular towns in Warren County. He noted he would need to research and prepare a draft for the Home Rule and bring it back to Committee next month. Following further discussion, Messrs. Geraci and Magowan withdrew their amended motions to return to the resolution as presented, with the addition of distribution to Assemblywoman Woerner. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion as amended was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Leggett and Dickinson absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

1. To authorize a new contract with Constructive Copy to provide bulk printing of Town and County tax maps in an amount not to exceed \$1,100 for a term commencing May 19, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Geraci to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Leggett and Dickinson absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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

1. Firefighters/Ambulance workers exemption, RPTL 466-a: Mr. Elmen apprised he would provide a presentation next month.

Ms. Braymer called for public comment but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Leggett and Dickinson absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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