

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS TURNER
GERACI
BEAN
GILLIGAN
STRAINER

OTHERS PRESENT:

KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DIAMOND
ETU

SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
STROUGH
WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARA BRUGGER, PRINCIPLE PLANNER
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
JAKE DUNKLEY, SENIOR DISTRICT TECHNICIAN, WARREN COUNTY SOIL &
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JIM LIEBERUM, DISTRICT MANAGER, WARREN COUNTY SOIL & WATER
DISTRICT
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GRETCHEN STEFFAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SARATOGA-WARREN-
WASHINGTON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 2, 2025 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 links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHriR9I3WSk>

Ms. Turner called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 10:57 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Ms. Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Diamond and Etu 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; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor was offered for public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak

The meeting commenced with a review of the Discussion Items portion of the Real Property Tax Services agenda which consisted of the following:

1. Real Property Tax Services - County Owned Parcel in Queensbury #279.-1-26, this is an old landfill

parcel that cannot be sold at the tax foreclosure auction. Making exempt and consideration of what to do with the back taxes. Kristen MacEwan, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, provided an overview of the property and answered questions posed by the Committee. During the discussion it was noted the Queensbury Town Assessor had lowered the value of the parcel to zero; however, a decision on what to do with the back taxes needed to be made. It was also noted the property was being considered for a solar farm. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee for the Real Property Tax Services Director to research whether this property was eligible for the Brownfields grant and provide an update at the next Committee meeting.

2. Environmental Concerns- Water Quality Monitoring Program. Jim Lieberum, *District Manager, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District*, provided an overview of the Volunteer Lake Sampling Program that his Organization developed in partnership with several local Lake Associations and SUNY Adirondack and answered questions posed by the Committee members. During the discussion Mr Lieberum noted they were hoping to secure \$10,000 in support for the program from the County in 2026 for expansion purposes; however, he noted, should the County decide not to participate his organization would continue to administer the program in its current format. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee advised Mr. Lieberum to develop a formal proposal for funding to include as an action item on the agenda at a future meeting.

Privilege of the floor was called for public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Diamond and Etu absent*), Ms. Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board