

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

**DATE: MARCH 24, 2026**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS PATCHETT	KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
ETU	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
STRAINER	JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
NILES	RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
CROCITTO	SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
DIAMOND	SUPERVISORS BRUNO

GILLIGAN

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

STROUGH

SUPERVISOR BEATY

WILD

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR

ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER

BETH GILLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE  
REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIANE COLLINS, REPRESENTING NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION:

LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 24, 2026 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://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>*

*Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnLIG0KIIDc>*

Mr. Patchett called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 11:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Etu, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty 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:

Diane Collins, *Representing North County Earth Action*, spoke regarding her hope that she and her colleagues could collaborate with the Committee in a volunteer capacity to encourage acceleration of renewable energy options in the region. She apprised this would be similar to how the Zero Waste Warren County Group, which she was a member of, had worked with the Public Works Committee on revitalizing the Warren County waste system resulting in a more economical approach for the towns to dispose of their waste and recyclables and the initiation of the Warren County composting project.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Real Property Tax Services agenda which consisted of the following request:

1. Request to authorize an online auction format for the annual tax foreclosure auction in an effort to

improve accessibility and participation.

Ms. MacEwan provided an overview of the request, indicating she had included a cost comparison with the agenda between the in-person and online foreclosure auction, as well as an overview of the online auction process. She apprised the online auction would not only expand the potential for selling all of the foreclosed properties included in the auction, but also address the safety concerns associated with the in-person auction. It was also noted less than ten Counties in the State were still utilizing in-person auctions.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Crocitto to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Patchett called the question and the motion failed to obtain the majority vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) to approve the request as presented, with Messrs. Patchett, Strainer, Crocitto and Diamond voting in opposition.

Privilege of the floor was called for public comment:

Mr. Etu proposed bringing forth a resolution request next month to create a working group consisting of five members, two of which would be Supervisors, to assess surplus County property to determine whether any of it could be sold to generate revenue and hopefully get the properties back on the tax rolls. Mr. Patchett polled the Committee members to inquire whether anyone had an objection to this being brought back before the Committee as a request next month and no one objected. A discussion ensued during which John Taflan, *County Administrator*, advised he would discuss with the Clerk of the Board to determine the appropriate Committee for this matter to be discussed at, as he believed it may fall under the oversight of the Public Works or County Facilities Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*), Mr. Patchett adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board