

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
HOGAN
BEATY
MERLINO
SIMPSON
STROUGH

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BRAYMER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
LORI BARBER, ASSESSOR, TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRUNO
MAGOWAN
SEEBER
WILD
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
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 November 24, 2020 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://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/environmental/>

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 committee members participated by video or teleconference, aside from Supervisors Merlino and Simpson, who were physically present.

In the absence of Committee Chair Braymer, Supervisor Dickinson, as Vice-Chair, called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 1:23 p.m.

Copies of the Real Property Tax Services and Environmental Concerns meeting agendas were distributed to those present; those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Commencing review of the Real Property Tax Services agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, who addressed the Information for Discussion/Review section of the agenda, she provided an update on the Mullen's property located on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury, stating the deed had been recorded on October 27th and a notice to proceed had been sent to the contracting company on November 16th for a start date of November 25th and a mandatory completion date of December 25th.

Mr. Merlino entered the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Next, Ms. Delurey apprised Ms. Braymer had requested she inquire if the Committee would be interested in sending a letter in support of an Executive Order to suspend the requirement to renew the senior citizens age and disability exemption for one year by local option. She said she felt a member of the Warren County Assessors Association could better speak on behalf of her about the matter and she introduced Lori Barber, *Assessor, Town of Lake George*, who explained a letter of support would enable

seniors to avoid renewing in person and allow renewal by phone.

A motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to authorize a letter in support of an Executive Order to suspend the requirement to renew the senior citizens age and disability exemption for one year and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting.

Moving on to the Environmental Concerns agenda, the Committee entertained a request to re-appoint the Climate Smart Coordinator, as well as the members of the Warren County Climate Smart Task Force, for a one-year term.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the Items for Discussion portion of the agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, who provided a brief overview of the 2019 Energy Benchmarking Report included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Belden then apprised a grant application had been submitted in cooperation with Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in October for County promotion of recycling and he gave a brief description of what the program would entail.

Before concluding the meeting, Mr. Dickinson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Beaty, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

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