

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS PATCHETT
ETU
STRAINER
BEATY
NILES
CROCITTO

KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
MONICA STARK, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DIAMOND

SUPERVISORS BRUNO
GILLIGAN
STROUGH
TURNER
WILD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
LISA ADAMSON, REPRESENTING NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION
DIANE COLLINS, REPRESENTING NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 23, 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=-TihCe9gS-8&t=31s>

Mr. Patchett called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 10:46 a.m.

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

Lisa Adamson, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, thanked the Committee for allowing herself and Diana Collins, both of whom were members of North Country Earth Action, as well as Christopher Hoy, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, to address the Committee regarding their climate concerns including New York State's transition to affordable, renewable energy and she proceeded to provide an overview of the projects they were working on.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Real Property Tax

Services agenda which consisted of a request to authorize abandonment and conveyance of a portion of Old State Route 8, which is no longer used, to Traveltown Inc. and merging the property into Tax Map Parcel No. 87.20-1-4 already owned by Traveltown, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Etu and seconded by Mr. Strainer to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Patchett called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17, 2026 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Proceeding with the agenda review, Committee reviewed the Discussion Items portion of the Real Property Tax Services agenda with an overview of the following:

1. Deletion of outstanding taxes on County-Owned property - Kristen MacEwan, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, provided an overview of the listing of County-owned properties included in the agenda packet and answered questions posed by the Committee members. During the discussion it was noted the property located in the Town of Johnsbury had been remediated and there was an agreement with the Town of Johnsbury to purchase it which had not been executed. With regard to the Mullens property on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury, Ms. MacEwan apprised this parcel had also been remediated and was included in a prior foreclosure auction, but the bid was rejected. She stated if both of these properties were sold they could determine the total amount of outstanding taxes that needed to be deleted on them. At the conclusion of the discussion it was determined that this item would return to Committee next month as an action item.

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

Next, Ms. MacEwan provided a brief update on the tax foreclosure process which currently included 108 properties, noting the deadline for property owners to either pay off the outstanding taxes due or enter into an installment agreement was July 31st. She encouraged any Committee member who would like information regarding the properties included in the foreclosure in their town to contact her.

Proceeding, Ms. MacEwan advised the County Property Review Working Group held their first meeting on June 11th and she would be working with the Superintendent of Public Works to determine which surplus County-owned properties could potentially be sold. She stated once this was determined the Working Group would convene in July to discuss what the next steps should be. Mr. Beaty asked how many surplus properties there were and Ms. MacEwan replied there was around fourteen.

In conclusion, a discussion ensued regarding State legislation that limited the property taxes set on co-op and condominium owners to a maximum up to half the value of them. Following the discussion it was determined a letter in support of changing the evaluation to 100% would be distributed to the State legislators.

Mr. Patchett once again offered privilege of the floor 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. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*), Mr. Patchett adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board