

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: **AUGUST 25, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS PATCHETT
 ETU
 STRAINER
 NILES
 CROCITTO

KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISORS BRUNO

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS BEATY
 DIAMOND

WILD
REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:
SARAH BRUGGER, PRINCIPAL PLANNER
ASHLEY LEEMANS, JUNIOR PLANNER
MATTHEW SMITH, JUNIOR PLANNER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTOPHER HOY, NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION
TERI ROSS, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY ASSESSOR
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 25, 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://warrencountyny.gov/gov/mma>

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

Copies of the Real Property Tax Services agenda were distributed; copies of the agenda are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Patchett called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Beaty and Diamond absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were extended to the following:

Matthew Smith, *Junior Planner*, spoke on behalf of the Climate Smart Task Force with regard to an opportunity to hold an energy literacy workshop for Warren County homeowners interested in learning about programs to offset costs of in-home energy upgrades.

Christopher Hoy, *North Country Earth Action*, spoke regarding his request for the Committee's consideration of battery energy storage systems. Mr. Etu expressed interest in learning more about battery energy storage systems, and Mr. Patchett advised the item could be included on next month's agenda for discussion.

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

1. Condo law - A draft Home Rule specific to Warren County was included in the agenda packet. Kristen MacEwan, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, and Teri Ross, *Assessor, Town of Queensbury*, spoke with regard to the effects of the current unfair condominium and co-op State legislation. Ms. Ross provided background on a previous attempt Warren County made with a Home Rule in 2023 which passed in the Assembly and Senate, but the Governor declined it stating it would be bad for low income housing.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Mr. Wild inquired whether a multi-year roll out rather than a full assessment would be a benefit. Ms. Ross replied in the negative, stating that would make it confusing. She added that if the Governor had signed the same amendment for the Town of Greenburgh she did not see any reason that the Governor would not approve the amendment for Warren County. The consensus of the Committee was to include the item on next month's agenda for action.

2. Real Property Working Committee update - Ms. MacEwan advised a meeting would be held on September 2nd to continue discussion on cleaning up and/or selling excess County land and any properties anticipated for sale would be discussed with the Committee.
3. Tax Foreclosure update - Ms. MacEwan informed there were 22 parcels on the list and the available parcels would be posted on the website mid to late September. She said the auction registration would start at 8:00 a.m. on October 17th with the auction starting at 10:00 a.m.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, 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. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Beaty and Diamond absent*), Mr. Patchett adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist