

Westchester County Charter Revision Commission  
Local Government—County Government Relationship Focus Group  
March 29, 2012

In attendance: Chair: Vincenza Restiano, Vice-Chair David Menken, Anne McAndrews, Jane Morganstern, matt Thomas Florence McCue, Randy Sellier, Dr, Ronald Volino, Gary Zuckerman, Paul Meissner.

Guests – CRC Chairman Richard Wishnie, Lester Steinman.

Absent: Julia Killian, Raymond Belair, Derickson Lawrence, Bert Sellier

The entire meeting was turned over to our guest speaker who presented to the group her Dissertation Defense meeting that had taken place on November 22, 2011:

***Investigation on Shared and Consolidation of Services in Westchester County School Districts and Municipalities to Reduce the Property Tax Burden***

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She stated the problem: NY has the highest local taxes in America and Westchester ranks first with the nation's highest property tax at the estimated median of \$9,945.

She proceeded to explain how she conducted her investigation on shared and consolidated services in Westchester County. The shared and consolidated services would be between school districts and municipalities...the goal was to reduce the property tax burden.

She proceeded to present the research questions.

Defined the terms: Shared Services and Consolidation of Services.

The population defined; methodology explained.

Findings discussed. It seems that more people were interested in shared services than a consolidation of services.

The group had questions after her presentation and we decided that we would continue our discussion at the next meeting to see how we should proceed based on her findings from her study.