

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: March 31, 2008

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Rogowsky

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: B. Randolph (CEO); C. Burkart, A. Vietro (Budget); R. Butler, K. Roseman (WCDPW); J. Mulligan, C. Maxwell (WCDP); R. Funicello, P. Chemka (WCDOT); S. Leifer (Sierra Club) [list of other attendees on file]

Meeting called to order at 3:50 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Update on Status of Projects: Airport Deicing Facility, Crane Road Bridge, Chappaqua Crossing**

Chair Abinanti commenced the meeting with a discussion on the environmental review of the county airport deicing facilities improvements. Chair Abinanti noted that the Board of Legislators (BOL) is the lead agency for this review, but, because BOL had not received any update or consultation since scoping commenced, it was unclear how this review was proceeding. Mr. Funicello stated that WCDOT is utilizing typical procedures in conducting its review. He expected a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) to be available sometime in June, with a public hearing in the fall. Leg. Myers noted that the DEIS was expected in the first quarter. Ms. Chemka stated that WCDOT had initiated a review of its stormwater management facilities (e.g., detention basins), which caused the DEIS to be delayed by a few months.

Leg. Rogowsky expressed that it was desirable for the review process to be formalized, such that BOL is notified of the review tasks being completed. Chair Abinanti requested from Commissioner Mulligan a description of the SEQR review process for a lead agency. He also requested a memo from WCDOT that described the comments received during scoping and any necessary modification to the scope document. Ms. Leifer stated that the existing detention basins currently do not meet code standards. Ms. Chemka replied that stormwater needs to be more thoroughly analyzed and will be addressed.

Commissioner Butler and Mr. Roseman provided a description of the environmental review process for the Crane Road Bridge replacement.

Commissioner Mulligan described the proposed Chappaqua Crossing development. As the Westchester County Board of Legislators does not have an active role in review of this proposal, the Committee voted to receive and file this item (Motion by Leg. Kaplowitz, Second by Leg. Maisano, all in favor). The Committee also briefly discussed the remediation of Davids Island.

Chair Abinanti adjourned the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]