

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: September 14, 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane, K. Delgado; GUESTS: A. Neuman, S. Gerry, B. Randolph (CEO); T. Lauro, L. Vetrone, J. Arnett (WCDEF); G. D'Agrosa (WCDP); R. Cashman, K. Ramos (Law) [list of other attendees is on file]

Committee on Environment & Energy called to order at 4:55 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Refuse Disposal District No. 1; Long Island Sound Biological Nutrient Removal Project SLI03; NYSDOS Efficiency Program Grant Application**

Committee Chair Abinanti opened the meeting with discussion on proposed legislation to hold a public hearing on a proposed solid waste tipping fee for municipalities in county Refuse Disposal District No. 1 (RDD#1). Mr. Neuman provided an overview on the resolution and related legislation which would authorize intermunicipal agreements with RDD#1 member municipalities to dispose of solid waste and recyclables. The Committee discussed the structure of municipal payments, which would include both a user fee and a special ad valorem levy. Upon the motion of Leg. Maisano, seconded by Leg. Harckham, the Committee approved the legislation (all in favor).

The Committee next discussed proposed legislation that would accept a NYSDEC grant to accept \$1,470,000 to fund aeration tank modifications at Blind Brook WWTP, with a county share of \$450,000. Commissioner Lauro described the proposed project and legislation. Upon the motion of Leg. Nonna, seconded by Leg. Maisano, the Committee approved a public hearing resolution on the project, allowing further Committee review to occur after the hearing (all in favor).

Ms. Gerry then described legislation that would support an application to obtain a NYS Local Government Efficiency grant to fund scanning of septic system records. The grant would not exceed \$400,000, with a county share not to exceed \$40,000. Upon

the motion of Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee approved the legislation (all in favor).

Upon the motion of Leg. Maisano, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting ended at approximately 5:25 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]