

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES: March 1, 2010

MEMBERS: Chair: Harckham; Legislators: Abinanti, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Rogowsky.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane, M. McGovern; K. Delgado (CEO); Dep. Mayor M. Berard (Pleasantville); Councilman N. Bianco (Yorktown); S. Miller, M. Amato, G. Cziernewski, H. Grant, A. Drury (Con Edison); L. Crandall (Scarsdale CAC); M. Gilliland, M. Baum (GEF Lorax working group) [list of other attendees on file]

Committee on Environment called to order at 1:10 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Electric Transmission Line Vegetation Management**

Chair Harckham opened the meeting with a review of a proposed resolution on transmission line vegetation management. He identified several revisions to the resolution. Upon the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. Maisano, the Committee approved the amended resolution (all in favor).

Chair Harckham invited Sandra Miller, Con Edison public affairs director in Westchester County, to describe response efforts to the weekend snow storm. Ms. Miller stated 50,200 customers lost power during the storm, mostly in the northwestern and central area of the county. She noted over 350 crews have responded, including out of state crews. Committee members discussed the response effort and suggested related activities, such as improved distribution (street) line tree management, communicating outage problems, use of smart-grid technologies, and prioritizing building response (multi-family buildings). Meeting attendees also provided input.

Chair Harckham postponed discussion of committee topics to a future committee meeting. Upon the motion of Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting ended at approximately 1:40 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]