

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: July 28, 2008

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

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane, J. Sold, T. O'Connell, W. Cadley; GUESTS: B. Randolph (CEO)

Environment & Energy Committee meeting called to order at 3:30 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Vehicle Idling Legislation; Green Buildings Legislation**

Chair Abinanti commenced the meeting with a review of the proposed vehicle idling legislation. Chair provided a County Attorney opinion on the legislation with several suggested revisions. The revised proposal now includes a definition for electric vehicles, reference to Sanitary Code enforcement penalties, and a severability clause. Leg. Nonna stated that the legislation should include an exemption for cold temperatures. After discussion, committee members agreed to an exemption from the legislation at or below freezing temperatures (32 degrees Fahrenheit, 0 degrees Celsius). Upon the motion of Leg. Maisano, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, the Committee approved the revised anti-idling legislation for all purposes (all in favor).

The Committee then discussed legislations to require green building standards for county-owned facilities, introduced earlier in the year by the County Executive and Leg. Abinanti. The Committee reviewed a table prepared by committee staff comparing green building legislation in various jurisdictions. Leg. Maisano suggested that the County proceed slowly in enacting standards and also review cost/benefit analyses for any standards. Leg. Harckham suggested that the legislation also apply to other buildings that benefit from county support, such as IDA projects. Leg. Rogowsky noted that the County mostly performs renovations and seldom constructs new buildings. Leg. Maisano asked for input on the legislation from other professionals.

Upon the motion of Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Abinanti, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting concluded at approximately 4:45 pm.

[An audio recording of this meeting is on file]