

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

MINUTES: February 1, 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; K. Delgado (CEO); Comm’r. J. Hsu, R. Abbamont (WCDPW); R. Funicello (WCDOT); N. Drummond, D. DeLong (WCDP); I. Jenkins, K. Waluschka (WCDSS) [list of other attendees is on file]

Committee on Energy called to order at 3:10 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: Update on Energy Programs/Assistance

Chair Rogowsky opened the meeting with a discussion of energy incentives and assistance available to the County. Commissioner Hsu described the projects for which Westchester County has received \$4.5 million under Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding pursuant to the ARRA “Stimulus” Act. The committee discussed aspects of several projects, including the county building management system (BMS) upgrade. Leg. Kaplowitz noted that the Administration should provide update on cost/benefit crossover for capital projects (e.g., NYPA) to assist in developing county policy. Leg. Abinanti noted his interest in evaluating solar photovoltaic system installations on county facilities.

The Committee next discussed the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) with WCDSS representatives. Eligibility for the HEAP program can be automatic or ‘supplemental’. Leg. Rogowsky inquired whether further outreach to eligible individuals is worthwhile. Upon discussion, a brief, simple outreach appeared worthwhile to communicate benefits.

The Committee then reviewed the weatherization assistance program (WAP) with WCDP representatives. The energy efficiency audit program from the EECBG allocation will likely not be administrated by WCDP.

Upon the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Leg. Abinanti, the Committee approved the meeting minutes of January 19, 2010 (all in favor). Upon the motion of

Leg. Myers, seconded by Leg. Abinanti, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor).

The meeting ended at approximately 4:30 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]