

# Parks & Environment BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

**11:30 AM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint with HP**

## CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: David Kvinge, Matt Castro; BOL: Shanae Williams, David Imamura, Jewel Williams Johnson, Lisa Hochman, James Silverberg, Ethan Samuel, Warren Watson*

**Present:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2024-182](#) **PH - Proposed Inclusion of Additional Parcels to the WC Ag. Dist. No. 1**

A Public Hearing on the proposed inclusion of additional parcels of land within Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1. Public Hearing set for December 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING &***

**PLANNING**

Guest: Planning Department

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

*Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge, and Principal Environmental Planner Matthew Castro went over the Annual Inclusion of land into the Westchester Agricultural District. The legislation includes a letter of recommendation from the County Agriculture Protection Board with respect to state required Annual Inclusion of land within the County Agricultural District. It was discussed that the main benefit of the farms joining the Westchester Agricultural District is they are protected from unreasonable Local Laws and Ordinances. Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge discussed that the County Agriculture Protection Board will most likely not have an annual workshop this year but will do more outreach activities. There are 130 farms in Westchester including those listed in this current legislation. There are resources that include grants for farmers from a variety of sources, in which the guests have said they try and push that information out to the farmers.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

2. **[RES-2024-189](#) ENV RES - Proposed Inclusion of Additional Parcels into the WC Ag. Dist. No. 1**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no adverse impact on the environment from the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING & PLANNING**

Guest: Planning Department

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

3. **[RES-2024-190](#) RES - Proposed Inclusion of Additional Parcels to the WC Ag. Dist. No. 1**

A RESOLUTION approving the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING & PLANNING**

Guest: Planning Department  
Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge  
*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the Committee adjourned at 12:26 PM. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr