

Environment & Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Monday, February 8, 2021

12:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with Committee on Planning, Economic Development & Energy.

With a quorum present, Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in attendance: Y. Valencia (remote) A. Singh, Legislator Smith, Santosh Nandabalan (remote), Hannah Adler (remote).

Present: Legislator Walter, Legislator Borgia and Legislator Boykin

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests:

Santosh Nandabalan, Food and Water Watch

Hannah Adler, Sunrise Westchester

[RES-2021-23](#) RESO - OPPOSING FRACKING-RELATED DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER DANSKAMMER ENERGY SITE

A RESOLUTION opposing the proposed Danskammer project, based upon information received about the project, concerns that surrounding towns and areas will be harmed by the project, and the overall economic benefits to Westchester County and adjacent counties of pursuing battery storage and other alternatives for the proposed plant.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

Chairwoman Walter opened the meeting and briefly discussed the importance of this discussion. Legislator Parker felt strongly about the Damskammer plant and feels their will be repercussions for our energy future, with health and air quality concerns. Chair Walter expressed concerns and wants to make sure the environment is protected. Legislator Parker appreciates the work being done on behalf of the advocates. She introduced Mr. Nandabaln, an organizer with Food and Water Watch. He is a member of fourteen thousand, whose mission is to advocate for clean water and climate. He mentioned that 27 municipalities have opposed fracking. Hannah Adler is a senior at Rye High School and is the Co-President of the Environment Club, she is a member with Sunrise Westchester and has partnered with Food and Water Watch.

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Board adjourned at 12:34 PM.