



# Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

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## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Labor & Housing, Parks & Recreation, and Environment & Health

*The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Margaret Cunzio, Colin Smith, Alessandra Restiano, Yolanda Valencia, James Silverberg, Elizabeth LoBello BOL REMOTE: Alfreda Williams, Damon Maher, Melanie Montalto WCC REMOTE: Brian Murphy, Stewart Glass, Scott Sullivan LAW REMOTE: Lynne Colavita CE REMOTE: Chris Steers BUDGET REMOTE: Gideon Grande PRC REMOTE: Kathy O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Ken Uhle PLANNING REMOTE: Norma Drummond, Anthony Zaino, Leo Gruenfeld*

**Present:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Walter

**Remote:** Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

## MINUTES APPROVAL

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2021-152](#) ENV RES-Convey Real Property-Jefferson St., Town of Mamaroneck

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the proposed conveyance of approximately 0.17 acres of real property in the Town of Mamaroneck to Calshire Tenants, Inc, its successors and/or assigns.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

Joint with B&A and L&H.

Guests: Lynne Colavita, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Chris Steers, Real Estate Director

*Senior Assistant County Attorney Lynn Colavita and Real Estate Director Chris Steers appeared before the committees to discuss Convey Real Property - Jefferson Street, Town of*

*Mamaroneck. This item was discussed earlier this year but held over by the Law Department for further negotiations of the sale price.*

*Ms. Colavita explained that originally this small property was acquired in the 1920's for use of a parkway, which never was used. The adjacent property is a Co-op and they are approached the County to purchase the property for use of a small playground and sitting area for resident. The County went through the protocols compliant with the law and offered it to the town they did not wish to purchase it for a dollar for parks purposes, and the Parks Board deemed it no longer useful for parks purposes.*

*Ms. Colavita discussed that before the committees is revised legislation to convey 0.17 acres of vacant land to Calshire Tenants, Inc. This conveyance would be a quitclaim deed for the consideration a reduced price of \$12,000. The Director of Real Estate advised that the property was appraised and given a market value of \$17,600, however subsequent to the appraisal the property sustained damage to several trees. It was noted that the reduced sale price was to cover the cost of the tree damage and removal.*

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Parker

2. [ACT-2021-162](#) **ACT-Convey Real Property-Jefferson St., Town of Mamaroneck**

AN ACT authorizing the conveyance of approximately 0.17 acres of real property in the Town of Mamaroneck, New York to Calshire Tenants, Inc., its successors and/or assigns.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

Joint with B&A and L&H.

Guests: Lynne Colavita, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Chris Steers, Real Estate Director

*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Parker

3. [ACT-2021-163](#) **BOND ACT-RGP14-Water Bottle Refill Stations**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP 14 - Water Bottle Refill Stations.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS &**

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**TRANSPORTATION, PARKS & RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH**

Joint with B&A, P&R, and E&H.

Guests: Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia - Department of Parks & Recreation

*Commissioner O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia and Ken Uhle appeared before the committees to discuss RGP14- Water Bottle Refill Stations. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$750,000 that will fund the design and installation of fast-fill, bottle fill fountains at various County Parks. First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia that this would project would replace many of the water fountains in the County Parks system. The purpose of this project is to help visitors go green, reduce liter all while providing a sanitary water option for the public. He said these station are freezer resistant and can be used through the winter months. Mr. Tartaglia discussed that a future project will be spread these stations throughout the County Parks and Trails but this project will replace the fountains only in areas that have existing water line. Mr. Tartaglia said that the bid this out and he will get a better price, but estimating around \$3000 to \$3500 per station. Legislator Walter asked if this project will also allow for water stations to be available indoors? Mr. Tartaglia said, they will look into indoor areas, this is still in the design phase, and they will look anywhere in a park indoor or outdoor to place a refill station.*

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Covill, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [2021-478](#) **ENV RES-RBR02-Bronx River Reservation-Scout Field**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment for Capital Project RBR02 - Bronx River Reservation - Scout Field.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and P&R.

Guests: Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner - Department of Planning; Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia -Department of Parks & Recreation  
*Assistant Commissioner Zaino of the Planning Department, Commissioner O'Connor & First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia from the Department of Parks & Recreation appeared before the committees to discuss RBR02-Bronx Rlver Reservation- Scout Field.*

*Commissioner O'Connor began the discussion that there is a lot of interest in Scout Field, and that the Department is still working with the Town of Eastchester. They have done a lot of work to the parks and have a good working relationship with the Town of Eastchester Parks Department. She explained that this projects is to change the scope of work, which Assistant Commissioner Zaino will discuss.*

*Mr. Zaino explained that this portion of the project will entail the paving of a currently dirt pathway and rehabilitation to masonry repair to the stairs that currently connect the park to Gramatan Avenue. He explained that they are just adding the funding for this additional work*

to the project. Mr. Zaino went through the funding and purpose of the current project before the committees.

Chair Tubiolo of the Committee on Parks & Recreation asked that this item be held over so further discussion can be held with the municipalities, committees and Administration. Legislator Woodson- Samuels and Tubiolo are requesting that they have a conversation with all the stakeholders to discuss what has been done and what is going to be done to the Field. Commissioner O'Connor noted the current IMA with the Town of Eastchester has expired and the County has issued a special use permit to the Town of Eastchester until the end of the year. Eastchester and Bronxville maintain the park as set forth in the terms of the IMA. Scout Field is a County Park and the County is responsible for the park.

Chairwoman Borgia of the Budget & Appropriations Committee and Chair Gashi of the Committee on Public Works & Transportation agreed to hold the item for further discussion with all the stakeholders.

This RESOLUTION - Environmental Resolution was tabled

5. [2021-479](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RBR02-Bronx River Reservation-Scout Field**

A BOND ACT (Amended) changing the scope of work authorized under ACT 142-2016 to include paving of an existing earth path, rehabilitation of existing pathways, masonry rehabilitation and associated work in connection with Capital Project RBR02 - Bronx River Reservation - Scout Field.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and P&R.

Guests: Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner - Department of Planning; Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia -Department of Parks & Recreation  
*Please refer to item #4.*

This ACT - Bond Act was tabled

6. [ACT-2021-164](#) **IMA(/Amended)-County's RiverWalk Trail-Tarrytown**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend Act No. 104-205 which authorized the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in connection with the construction of a portion of the County's RiverWalk Trail, in order to retroactively change the commencement date of the IMA from the date of execution, to June 15, 2015.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B&A and P&R.

Guests: Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner - Department of Planning  
*Assistant Commissioner Zaino of the Planning Department appeared before the committees to discuss IMA (Amended) - County's RiverWalk Trail - Tarrytown. This is an agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in connection with the construction of a portion of the County's RiverWalk Trail in order to retroactively change the commencement date of the IMA from the date of*

execution, to June 15, 2015. This is necessary to execute payment to the Village in the amount of \$470,000 for the cost of design. The RiverWalk is a 51.5 mile pathway paralleling the Hudson River in Westchester. When completed, it will link village center, historic sites, parks and river access points via a connection of trails, esplanades and boardwalks. The RiverWalk spans 14 municipalities.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Johnson

7. [ACT-2021-165](#) **CBA-BPL30-41-51 Maple St., Croton-on-Hudson**

AN ACT amending the 2021 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BPL30 - New Homes Land Acquisition II.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

Joint with B&A and L&H.

Guests: Commissioner Norma Drummond & Leo Gruenfeld, Housing Specialist - Department of Planning

*Please refer to item #6.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Johnson

8. [ACT-2021-166](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-41-51 Maple St., Croton-on-Hudson**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,800,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL30 - New Homes Land Acquisition II, 41-51 Maple Street, Croton-on-Hudson.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

Joint with B&A and L&H.

Guests: Commissioner Norma Drummond & Leo Gruenfeld, Housing Specialist - Department of Planning

*Please refer to item #6.*

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Johnson

9. [ACT-2021-167](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-41-51 Maple St., Croton-on-Hudson**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 2.4 acres of real property located at 41-51 Maple Street in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and to subsequently convey said property, as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary to furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating 29 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR & HOUSING**

Joint with B&A and L&H.

Guests: Commissioner Norma Drummond & Leo Gruenfeld, Housing Specialist - Department of Planning

*Please refer to item #6.*

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Johnson

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 11:58 AM.