Parks & Environment Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Wednesday, May 29, 2024

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

matters to be discussed at a given meeting.

1. 2024-308 Home Rule Request-S4879A/A5092A - Parkland Resolution

Forwarding a New York State Home Rule Request Resolution requesting the enactment of Senate Bill No.S4879A/Assembly Bill No. A5092A, "An ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing an exemption from requirements for the alienation of parkland for renewable energy generating projects in the County of Westchester."

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

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- II. OTHER BUSINESS
- III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

HOME RULE REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. -2024

RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators approves the making of a Home Rule Request in the following format:

To the Legislature:

Pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Westchester requests the enactment of Assembly Bill No. A10226A/Senate Bill No. S9547A entitled "AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing an exemption from requirements for the alienation of parkland for renewable energy generating projects in the county of Westchester."

A necessity exists for the enactment of this legislation because the local government does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law.

Dated: May 29, 2024 White Plains, New York

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The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 14, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Levenberg, Burdick) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing an exemption from requirements for the alienation of parkland for renewable energy generating projects in the county of West-

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a 1 2 new section 52-0908 to read as follows:

3 § 52-0908. Restriction on alienation exemption in Westchester county; renewable energy generating projects.

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Notwithstanding section 52-0907 of this title, real property acquired, 6 developed, improved, restored or rehabilitated by the county of Westchester pursuant to subdivision four of section 52-0901 of this title with funds made available pursuant to this title may be sold or disposed of or used for other than public park purposes without the express 10 authority of an act of the legislature, and when such sale or disposal 11 occurs it:

- 1. applies only to the sale or disposal or rights to airspace directly 13 above such real property; and
- 2. is for the construction, installation and/or operation of a solar 15 energy project not to exceed two megawatts of generating capacity and 16 which is located above real property that was established and used for 17 vehicle parking prior to the effective date of this section.
- § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to alien-18 19 ations of parkland for renewable energy generating projects in the coun-20 ty of Westchester occurring on or after such date.

EXPLANATION -- Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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