



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Tuesday, September 19, 2023

2:30 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Parks & Recreation, Health, and Environment, Energy & Climate committees.

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Ste 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: David Imamura, Jewel Williams Johnson, James Nolan, and Damon Maher; Legislator Symra Brandon (Remote); Marcello Figueroa; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Beth LoBello, Shatika Parker, and Dayana Gomez; Law Dept.: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Shawna MacLeod; County Executive's Office: Peter McCartt and Ellen Hendrickx

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-185](#) ACT-Lead-Free Parks Act

Joint with Parks & Recreation and Health committees.

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod; Dept. of Health: Chris Ericson, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Health; Dept. of Parks: First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia; Dept. of Labs & Research: Rob Hilbrandt, Division Head, Environmental Chemistry Laboratory; County Executive's Office: Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation & Sustainability

Ms. MacLeod said this law will institute a process for monitoring and remediating

drinking-water quality in the County's public parks, to ensure that drinking water remains potable. Legislator Williams Johnson asked why there is a three-year time line to get this up and running. Mr. Tartaglia said he thinks it could be done in one year.

With a motion by Legislator Barr seconded by Legislator Pierce, the committee approved the change of the language in Section 6 of the legislation from "completing the first round of testing in County Parks over a period of up to three years to the effective date of this act" to "up to one year."

Legislator Barr suggested posting signs in the bathrooms indicating that the water there has not been tested for drinking. Mr. Tartaglia said he would look into that. Mr. Ericson noted that the water in the bathroom sinks does meet state standards for potable water, but has not been tested for the extra thing we are putting in with this law. Chair Pierce suggested posting signs at drinking stations stating that "For added protection, this water has been tested for lead." Mr. Tartaglia said the Parks Department will work with the Health Department on the appropriate language.

This ACT was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators

2. [ACT-2023-186](#) **ACT-Renewable Energy Database Act**

Joint with Environment, Energy & Climate committee.

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod; County Executive's Office: Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation & Sustainability

Mr. McCartt and Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz discussed the item. They advised that the Act will help municipalities within the County develop renewable energy projects by establishing a database to promote the siting of renewable energy systems on municipal property. The County-hosted database would allow municipalities to publish information on a public-facing website, including their renewable energy goals, to help position renewable energy systems on municipal property. The database would be actively managed and updated regularly by the Director of the County's Office of Energy Conservation and Sustainability.

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II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT