



# Planning, Economic Development & Energy

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation, 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, Legislator Smith called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.*

*Others in attendance: BOL Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Yolanda Valencia, Anand Singh, Melanie Montalto BOL REMOTE Vedat Gashi, Alfreda Williams, MaryJane Shimsky, Kitley Covill. PLANNING REMOTE: Dave Kvinge*

**Present:** Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-468](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-1694-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY***

Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, Westchester County Planning Department

*Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning appeared before the joint committees to discuss the Flood Mitigation legislation for New Castle. This is a Bond Act and Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) that would authorize the County to issue \$350,000 in Bonds and to enter into an agreement with the Town of New Castle setting forth the terms of the IMA. The Bond Act would fund up to 50% of the cost associated with design, permitting and construction inspection involved with the decommissioning of the dam at Upper Minkel Pond in the Town.*

The project will include restoration of the area as a wetland floodplain. The project will reduce flood risk for downstream properties caused by failure of the dams as well as provide additional flood storage capacity for large storm events. This project is estimated to take 12 month. The IMA will lay out the responsibilities of the County and the Town in connection to the project. The County and the Town will each provide up to 50% of the total cost of the project as set forth in the terms of the IMA. The total cost of the project is \$550,000. The county will pay the Town \$275,000 plus additional County cost for staff hours and administration of the project totaling \$350,000. Mr. Kvinge stated that this is the decommissioning of the dam, it will remove the storage behind the dam but it will not completely remove the dam but leave some of the dam to act as additional flood storage by leaving the retention pond into a flood storage basin. The project is for the design of this work. Mr. Kvinge explained how this program works, and why it its beneficial for municipalities to apply for funding. Legislator Walter asked if the State and Federal Government can help aide and lower the cost even more. Mr. Kvinge stated yes, the Department will pursue grant opportunities to lower cost to the municipalities and the County. Chair Parker asked Mr. Kvinge if communication in the form of the questionnaire and application to the municipalities could happen more frequently? Mr. Kvinge will send an updated letter to all municipalities. On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Chair Parker, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Maher

2. [2021-469](#) **IMA-BPL26-1694-Flood Mitigation-New Castle**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of New Castle in connection with a flood mitigation project (Capital Project BPL26, Unique ID# 1694).

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, Westchester County Planning Department

*Please refer to item #1*

This ACT - IMAs was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators.due back on 10/4/2021

**Aye:** Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Maher

3. [2021-485](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-1692-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$270,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, Westchester County Planning Department

*Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning appeared before the joint committees to discuss the Flood Mitigation legislation for Yonkers. This is a Bond Act and Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) that would authorize the County to issue \$270,000 in Bonds and to enter into an agreement with the City of Yonkers setting forth the terms of the IMA. The Bond Act would fund up to 50% of the cost of a flood mitigation project consisting of the rehabilitation of the dam at the Grassy Sprain Reservoir in the City of Yonkers. The project will include restoration of the area as a wetland floodplain. The project will reduce flood risk for downstream properties, including areas downstream described as Flood Problem Area YON-1 in the stormwater reconnaissance plan for the Bronx River drainage basin. This project is estimated to take 12 month. The IMA will lay out the responsibilities of the County and the City in connection to the project. The County and the City will each provide up to 50% of the total cost of the project as set forth in the terms of the IMA. The total cost of the project is \$500,000. The county will pay the Town \$250,000 plus additional County cost for staff hours and administration of the project totaling \$270,000. Mr. Kvinge stated that this project is the completion of the rehabilitation of the Grassy Sprain Reservoir Dam. They have a few items left to complete. The focus of the project was to rehabilitate a relief valve on the dam, which is used as a pre-release valve to provide additional flood storage. This will allow them to control the valve electronically opposed to manually. Chairwoman Walter of the Environment & Health Committee asked if this project will be done in the Spring. Mr. Kvinge stated that the City is looking to finish this project as soon as possible.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

4. [2021-487](#) **IMA-BPL26-1692-Flood Mitigation-Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers in connection with a flood mitigation project (Capital Project BPL26, Unique ID# 1692).

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, Westchester County Planning Department

*Please refer to item #3*

This ACT - IMAs was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators due back on 10/4/2021

**Aye:** Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 2:05PM.

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