



# Parks & Recreation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Monday, October 4, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation

*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 Borgia called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Margaret Cunzio, Kitley Covill, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Yolanda Valencia, Dayana Gomez, Beth LoBello, Jill Axelrod  
BOL Remote: MaryJane Shimsky, Nancy Barr, Christopher Johnson, Alfreda Williams, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels and Melanie Montalto  
PLANNING Remote: Norma Drummond, Leo Gruenfeld  
PARKS Remote: Peter Tartaglia  
DPW/T: Robert Abbamont*

**Present:** Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

**Remote:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

July 12, 2021 at 10 AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Walter, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

September 20, 2021 at 10 AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Walter, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### [ACT-2021-180](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-RMUS6-Muscoot Building Restoration

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,300,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RMUS6 - Muscoot Building Restoration.

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

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Joint with B& A and PW&T

Guests: First Deputy Peter Tartaglia - Department of Parks & Recreation

*First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia from the Department of Parks & Recreation and Robert Abbamont from the Department of Public Works appeared before the joint committees to discuss RSMU6- Muscoot Building Restoration. This is an amended Bond Act in the amount of \$3,650,000 which includes \$350,000 in previously authorized Bonds to fund construction and construction management associated with the restoration of the Main House at Muscoot Farm in the Town of Somers. The work on this portion of the project will include interior, exterior and structural repairs to the Main House, including electrical and plumbing. Design is underway and is anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021 and construction will take 12 months.*

*First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed that this park is heavily used and they are working to move forward the backlog of capital projects in the Department. This is one of those projects. They are requesting \$3.3 million for this projects. Chairwoman Borgia asked about the appropriated amount, she noted that back in 2012 the money appropriated was \$3.3 million and is that the correct amount. Mr. Abbamont responded that they are very diligent in the amount of work that they have to do, and the current budget for the construction comes in and around \$2.7/\$2.8 million including construction management. We are carrying contingency in case we are over but based on the current drawings, which are 90%, and the estimate taken from that, we are still within these budget numbers. Legislator Shimsky asked regarding the financing, what makes this project different from others? Mr. Abbamont replied the work is not unique, its a large house, but it is not major construction work. Mr. Tartaglia also added that this project was ready and they wanted to repair that house before it is damaged any further. They will be coming back with 3 additional capital projects for this site.*

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Walter, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

**Remote:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**[ACT-2021-181](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-RKP02-Kingsland Point Park Bulkhead Replace.**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of SIX MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$6,415,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RKP02 - Kingsland Point Park Bulkhead Replacement.

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

Joint with B& A and PW&T

Guests: First Deputy Peter Tartaglia - Department of Parks & Recreation

*First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia from the Department of Parks & Recreation and Robert Abbamont, from the Department of Public Works appeared before the joint committees to discuss RKP02-*

*Kingsland Point Park Bulkhead Replacement. This is an amended Bond Act in the amount of \$6,785,000 which includes \$370,000 in a previously authorized bond to finance bulkhead and shoreline stabilization improvements at the County's Kingsland Point Park located in Tarrytown. Work will include repairs and replacement to the bulkhead, shoreline stabilization, rehabilitation of the seawall structure and walkway along the shoreline. This project is necessary in order to maintain Park patrons' safety, protect the Park land mass and prevent erosion. Design is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021 and construction is anticipated to take 15 months. Work will be completed by consultants. First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed that this project is another one that the Department is trying to move forward. The project was first presented in 2013. They are requesting \$6.25 million. This project is scheduled to be completed in 15 to 18 months due to the nature of being in the Hudson River and when you can or cannot be in the water. Chairwoman Borgia discussed what would be the usefully life considering the frequency and severity of the storms in Westchester. Mr. Abbamont stated that these bulkheads should last about 25 years if maintained properly. Legislator Maher asked regarding the recent storm, was the MTA line in that particular area effected? Mr. Tartaglia he would look into it and send the information. Legislator Barr asked about the design, in light of the recent storm, have we taken in consideration the frequency and severity of the storms when in the design phase. Mr. Abbamont noted that this is the seawall not inland, and it is the Hudson River. Mr. Tartaglia said that the design has taken into account the FEMA regulations that came out after Super Storm Sandy. Legislator Maher asked if the local environmentalist have been contacted and made aware of this project? Mr. Abbamont said they did involve all the necessary State agencies and costal management and the Village.*

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Walter, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Boykin, Legislator Maher and Committee Vice-Chair Walter

**Remote:** Committee Chair Tubiolo, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was adjourned at 11:34 AM.