



# Environment & Health

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation and Planning, Economic Development & Energy.

*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 Walter called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.*

*Others in Attendance: Y. Valencia, A. Restiano, A. Singh, Legislator Smith and David Kvinge*

*Remote: Legislators Shimsky, Tubiolo, Williams, Woodson-Samulels, Maher Cunzio*

**Present:** Committee Chair Walter and Legislator Boykin

**Remote:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 10:00 AM

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-171](#) **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:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM  
Director of Environmental Planning  
Westchester County Department of Planning

*Mr. Kvinge introduced himself and discussed this item. The Bond Act, in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars, would fund up to 50% of the costs associated with design, permitting and construction inspection associated with decommissioning of the dam at Upper Minkel Pond in the Town, including restoration of the area as a wetland floodplain. The project will reduce flood risk for downstream properties associated with the potential failure of the dam as well as provide additional flood storage capacity for large storm events. The project will take approximately twelve (12) months to complete. The IMA, will set forth the responsibilities of the County and the Town in connection with the project. In accordance with the IMA, the County and the Town will each provide up to fifty (50%) percent of the total cost of the project which is Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000.00) Dollars. The County will pay to the Town, on a reimbursement basis, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$275,000.00) Dollars which is to include additional County costs for staff hours and administration of the project. Legislator Borgia encourages municipalities to apply for funding. Mr. Kvinge will send an updated letter to all municipalities.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**Away:** Legislator Boykin

**WO Prejudice:****2. [ACT-2021-172](#) 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:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM  
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*See item 1 for discussion.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, the above item was

signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**Away:** Legislator Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

3. [ACT-2021-175](#) **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:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM  
Director of Environmental Planning  
Westchester County Department of Planning

*Mr. Kvinge explained that the Bond Act, in the amount of \$270,000, would finance the County's up to 50% share of the cost of a flood mitigation project consisting of the rehabilitation of the dam at the Grassy Sprain Reservoir in the City which is expected to reduce flood risk for downstream properties, including areas downstream described as Flood Problem Area YON-1 in the storm water reconnaissance plan for the Bronx River drainage basin. The project will take approximately twelve months to complete. The IMA, will set forth the responsibilities of the County and the City in connection with the project. In accordance with the IMA, the County and the City will each provide up to fifty (50%) percent of the total cost of the project which is anticipated to be \$500,000. The County will pay to the City, on a reimbursement basis, an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Note that the bonding request is \$270,000 to include additional County costs for staff hours and administration of the project.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**Away:** Legislator Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

4. [ACT-2021-176](#) **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:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM  
Director of Environmental Planning  
Westchester County Department of Planning

*See item 3 for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**Away:** Legislator Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

1. [2021-484](#) **HON. CATHERINE PARKER - Removal of Parcel from Westchester County Sewer District - 6 Clinton Lane, Harrison**

Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of Harrison, Village of Harrison, requesting a parcel of property located at 6 Clinton Lane, be removed from the Westchester County Sewer District.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH**

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

**Away:** Legislator Boykin

**WO Prejudice:**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Covill, the Committee adjourned at 2:05 PM.