

# Parks & Environment

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: David Kvinge, Hugh Greechan, Gayle Katzman, Hernane De Almeida, Rob Abbamont, Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Rob Lopane, David DeLuca, Nick Hyson, Lindsay Jackson, Diane Vanadia ; BOL: Jewel Williams Johnson, Shanae Williams, Catherine Parker, Dayana Gomez, Lisa Hochman, Warren Watson, Santiago Caceras, James Silverberg*

**Present:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-31](#) ACT-Acquiring a Permanent Easement from the State of New York

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to accept an easement from the State of New York in order to facilitate the County's construction and on-going maintenance of a living shoreline and reef in, under and along the Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Playland Park.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT***

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

*The living shoreline project will begin in Spring 2024 and will address erosion issues at a portion of the beachfront in Playland, near the wildlife sanctuary. They will be building a living shoreline, including in-shore and on-shore interventions such as a dune system, reef balls and additional wave breaks that will reduce the velocity of the waves and capture sediment. The*

ecosystem in this area will improve within a year of having started. The remaining step to fulfill is accepting an easement as New York waters are controlled by the Department of State. As part of the construction, they will be creating a viewing area and a photography post to document the change throughout the coming years. There is a \$500 administration fee going to New York State and there will be educational components in the area, including signage explaining the projects and a kiosk. There is a requirement to monitor the project for five years to ensure that there is a contribution for a healthy ecosystem. They are working with Soil & Water and are exploring different monitoring protocols. The Department of Environmental Conservation is not requiring a specific consultant but are requiring a specific protocol methodology.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

2. [RES-2024-13](#) **ENV RES-RGI04-Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant impact on the environment from Capital Project RGI04 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman - Public Works and Transportation Department

Principal & Director of Business Development David DeLuca, PE, DBIA - Hardesty and Hanover, LLC

*The current historical 100-year old bridge needs to be completely reconstructed as it has worn out components. The funding amendment of \$5.175 million was previously authorized for the design portion, while the remainder of the \$58 million will go towards construction, construction management and a temporary moveable bridge. The moveable bridge will allow two ways of traffic along with having a walking or biking area on the sides as well, while the old bridge can stay open while they replace the machinery, without any traffic. One of the final steps remaining for this project is to accept the easement from New York State which encompasses the project area. After its reparations, the draw bridge will have a span of about 50 years.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

3. [ACT-2024-28](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RGI04-Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of FIFTY-TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$52,825,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RG104 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor  
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
Program Coordinator Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman - Public Works and Transportation Department

Principal & Director of Business Development David DeLuca, PE, DBIA - Hardesty and Hanover, LLC

*Please refer to item #2.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

4. [ACT-2024-29](#) **ACT-Acquiring Temporary Easement from the City of New Rochelle-RGI04**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to accept all necessary property rights from the City of New Rochelle in connection with the County's rehabilitation of the Glen Island Bridge.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A and PWT.  
Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
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*Please refer to item #2.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 11:37 AM.