

# Parks & Recreation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair (Interim): Symra Brandon

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**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Damon Maher will be participating remotely from 73 Market Street, 2nd Floor Lobby, Yonkers, New York 10710

Joint with Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation  
*With a quorum present, Interim Chair Brandon called the meeting to order at 10:18 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: GUESTS (Remote): Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia and Rob Lopane, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Planning Dept.: Ass't Commissioner David Kvinge and Principal Planner Suzette Lopane BOL: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Pierce BOL (Remote) Lisa Hochman and Flora White Committee Coordinators: Beth LoBello, James Silverberg and Jill Axelrod*

**Present:** Committee Chair Brandon, Legislator Barr, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Committee Chair Tubiolo

**Absent:** Committee Vice-Chair Parker

**Remote:** Legislator Maher

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### ***October 17, 2023 at 11 AM Minutes***

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **1. [RES-2023-127](#) ENV RES-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse

impact on the environment from Capital Project RKD02 - Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Tartaglia and Mr. Lopane discussed the item. Mr. Tartaglia said that the Capital Budget Amendment will increase the County's share for this project by \$2.2 million for additional work determined to be necessary during the design process, including a larger size building, addition of solar panels, and additional storm water retention features. He said the Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$7.8 million, will finance the cost of additional design, construction and construction management in connection with the construction of a new maintenance building and outdoor storage area at Kensico Dam Plaza. Chair Pierce asked for an estimate of the actual construction costs for the building construction and solar panels. Mr. Lopane said he would provide that. Chair Pierce also noted that we should show the savings to the operating budget from using solar panels on the impact statement, and for all of these types of projects going forward. Mr. Tartaglia said he will mention that to the Budget and Finance Departments.*

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

2. **[ACT-2023-223](#) CBA-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RKD02 Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

3. **[ACT-2023-224](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

A BOND ACT (Amended) in the total amount of SEVEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$7,850,000) DOLLARS, which includes ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000) DOLLARS in previously authorized bonds, authorizing the issuance of bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RKD02 - Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Refer to item #2.*

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

4. [ACT-2023-225](#) **BOND ACT-BPL35-Design-Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL 35 - Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning); Planning Dept.: Asst. Commissioner David Kvinge

*Mr. Lopane explained that the design bond act, in the amount of \$1.2 million, will finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates and related feasibility studies and analysis necessary for the construction of improvements to Hilltop Hanover, including advancing the master plan to provide feasibility analysis and conceptual layout and design of buildings and infrastructure in accordance with the master plan recommendations, and fund design of needed electrical upgrades, architectural and cultural resources analysis and documentation. The construction bond act, in the amount of \$800,000, will finance the cost of building and site rehabilitation work at Hilltop Hanover.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

5. [ACT-2023-226](#) **BOND ACT-BPL35-Construction-Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$800,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL 35 - Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning); Planning Dept.: Asst. Commissioner David Kvinge

*Mr. Tartaglia and Mr. Lopane discussed that this bond act would finance the cost of building and site rehabilitation work at Hilltop Hanover ("Construction Bond Act").*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

6. [ACT-2023-227](#) **BOND ACT-BLA1A-Parkland & Historical Preservation Program**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000)

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DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLA1A - Parkland and Historical Preservation Program.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia; Planning Dept.: Ass't. Commissioner David Kvinge and Principal Planner Suzette Lopane

*Mr. Lopane discussed that the a component of the Hudson River Walk Improvements to the Park will include surface and site furniture replacements, landscaping and drainage improvements. This project is being funded through the Westchester Legacy Program.*

On motion of Committee Chair Brandon, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

7. [ACT-2023-228](#) **BOND ACT-RWW03-Willson's Woods Site Work**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RWW03 - Willson's Woods Site Work.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Tartaglia discussed that the Bond Act will finance the cost of preparation of surveys , preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning parking lot improvements and expansion, repaving of park access drive and pathways, maintenance building and yard improvements and expansion, site lighting and other associated site work and landscaping.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

8. [ACT-2023-229](#) **BOND ACT-RSW03-Saxon Woods Pool Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RSW03 - Saxon Woods Pool Rehabilitation.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Lopane said this will finance design for the rehabilitation of the entire pool facility, including a new bathhouse, reconfiguration of the main pool, replacement of a small aquatic playground, new filter system, security lighting, cameras and wifi, concrete pool deck replacement and drainage system, and construction of an intermediate aquatic playground.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

9. [RES-2023-129](#) **ENV RES-RGP11-Salt Shed Facilities**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that the proposed action from Capital Project RGP11 - Salt Shed Facilities will not have any significant impact on the environment.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION**

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Tartaglia said this Bond Act will finance the cost of construction and construction management of salt storage facilities at Croton Point, Lasdon and Sprain Ridge Parks. He said there has been a pressing need to purchase and store salt using shed structures in strategic locations within the County Park system. The Parks Department plows and uses salt to safely remove snow and ice from County facilities in order to keep them safe in the winter months. He noted that this will help save on the cost of purchasing salt, since we can buy larger quantities for lower prices, and store them for longer periods of time. Chair Pierce noted that the impact statement should indicate that.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

10. [ACT-2023-230](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RGP11-Salt Shed Facilities**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,800,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP11 - Salt Shed Facilities.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Refer to item # 9.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

11. [ACT-2023-231](#) **BOND ACT-RGC19-Saxon Woods Golf Course Maintenance Facility**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGC19 - Saxon Woods Golf Course Maintenance Facility.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Lopane said this will finance the cost of planning the construction of a new maintenance facility at Saxon Woods Golf Course, including a new building, storage of materials area, demolition of a portion of the existing maintenance building, parking lot reconstruction and reconfiguration, landscaping, and other related site work.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

12. [ACT-2023-232](#) **BOND ACT-RBM05-Blue Mountain Sportsmen Center Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,600,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RBM05 - Blue Mountain Sportsmen Center Rehabilitation II.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Lopane said that Blue Mountain Sportsman Center is the only public shooting range facility in the County, and has been in continuous operation for over 60 years. Due to the facility's age and the large usage volume, it has become necessary to properly remove and dispose of lead debris from the existing bullet trap system of the shooting ranges. He also said that the project will include replenishing the existing granular ballistic rubber system, replacing the existing ballistic rubber panels and conducting limited repairs to the shooting range structures.*

*Legislator Williams Johnson asked what the disposal facility does with the lead that is reclaimed from the site. Mr. Tartaglia said he will find out and advise the committee. Legislator Williams Johnson also asked what is required by the public to use the shooting ranges. First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia said he will confirm this and advise the committee.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Brandon, Legislator Barr, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Committee Chair Tubiolo

**Absent:** Committee Vice-Chair Parker

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Maher

13. [RES-2023-130](#) **ENV RES-RLAS6-Lasdon Infrastructure-Site Work**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant impact on the environment from Capital Project RLAS6 - Lasdon Infrastructure/Site Work.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Mr. Lopane said this will finance the cost of construction and construction management for infrastructure and site work improvements at Lasdon Park, including a new septic system, resurfacing of existing pavements and creating new pathways throughout the arboretum. He noted that several plantings, roadways and paths have not been renovated since prior to the County's acquisition of the property in 1986, while others sustained significant damage from severe storms over the last few years and are in need of rehabilitation.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

14. [ACT-2023-233](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RLAS6-Lasdon Infrastructure-Site Work**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$3,515,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RLAS6 - Lasdon Infrastructure/Site Work II.

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

Guests: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane Program Coordinator (Capital Planning)

*Refer to item #13.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was adjourned

at 12:38 PM. The motion carried unanimously.