



# Public Works & Transportation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, May 17, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation

*With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM.*

*Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.*

*A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Damon Maher, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Elizabeth LoBello, Jason Chervokas BOL Remote: Colin Smith, Alfreda Williams, Margaret Cunzio, Jose Alvarado BUDGET Remote: Larry Soule, Gideon Grande LAW: John Nonna CORRECTIONS Remote: Karl Vollmer, Bill Fallon SENIORS SERVICES Remote: Sandra Brown, Agnes Nowak PARKS Remote: Kathy O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia DPW Remote: Ken Uhle*

**Present:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill and Legislator Boykin

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**Remote:** Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2021-113](#) ENV RES-RHW01-Hillside Woods Restoration

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from Capital Project RHW01 - Hillside Woods Restoration.

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

*Joint with B&A and P&R.*

*Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia- Department of Parks & Recreation; Ken Uhle, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning-Park Facilities) - Department of Public Works & Transportation*

*Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia from the Department of Parks & Recreation and Ken Uhle, Program Coordinator from the Department of Public Works and Transportation appeared before the joint committees to discuss 2021-301 - ENV RES-RHW01-Hillside Woods Restoration, 2021-302 – BOND ACT – RHW01- Hillside Woods Restoration, and 2021-303 – IMA-Urban Forestry Management Project RHW01 – Hastings-on-Hudson. The Bond Act, is in the amount of \$100,000 to finance the funding for the Capital Project. The Act would authorize the County to enter into an IMA with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the "Village) for purpose of implementing capital project RHW01 - Hillside Woods Restoration.*

*First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed how the County of Westchester and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson entered into an agreement in 1993 to purchase an undivided interest in Hillside Woods, an approximate 52 acre woodland in the Village, for the purpose of establishing the Hillside Woods and Park. The Village agreed full responsibility for the administration of the Park. Since then there has been an overpopulation of deer and invasive plants, the Park is in a severely deteriorated condition. Both the Village and the County are now seeking to undertake an Urban Forestry Management Project to restore and regenerate the Park. This Project request will consist of plant and tree removal, tree and shrub replanting and installation of deer fencing.*

*The IMA would authorize the County to enter into an agreement with the Village. In accordance to the IMA, the Village will implement the work to complete the project, and the County will pay the Village \$100,000 for the work.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Tubiolo

## 2. [ACT-2021-87](#) **BOND ACT-RHW01-Hillside Woods Restoration**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RHW01 - Hillside Woods Restoration.

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

*Joint with B&A and P&R.*

*Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia- Department of Parks & Recreation; Ken Uhle, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning-Park Facilities) - Department of Public Works & Transportation*

*Please refer to item #1.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Tubiolo

3. [ACT-2021-88](#) **IMA-Urban Forestry Mngmt. Proj.-RHW01-Hastings-on-Hudson**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in connection with an Urban Forestry Management Project (Capital Project RHW01).

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

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*Guests: Commissioner Kathy O'Connor, First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia- Department of Parks & Recreation; Ken Uhle, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning-Park Facilities) - Department of Public Works & Transportation*

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**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Tubiolo

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 12:33 PM.