

Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Willams Johnson and Symra Brandon; Legislator Damon Maher (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, and Beth LoBello, Parks Dept. (Remote): Peter Tartaglia and Rob Lopane; Planning Dept. (Remote): David Kvinge and Suzette Lopane; WCC: Robert Cirillo (Remote)

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2023-432](#) **BOND ACT-CC104-Campus Infrastructure**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

Guests: WCC: Robert Cirillo, Director of Physical Plant

Mr. Cirillo said this bond act will finance the extension of the natural gas main on the campus, from the Student Center gas main connection, to the buildings along Knollwood Road. Chair Pierce asked what other options were looked at, i.e., geothermal or heat pumps. Mr. Cirillo said these are older buildings, and it was not cost efficient to use alternatives. He said he will check the Master Plan to see what alternatives were explored, and let her know. Chair Pierce emphasized that every project that comes before the committee should look toward getting away from natural gas and oil.

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

Aye: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Committee Chair Pierce

2. [2023-360](#) **ENV RES-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

First Deputy Commissioner 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Committee Chair Pierce

3. [2023-361](#) **CBA-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

See discussion of Item #2 above.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Committee Chair Pierce

4. [2023-362](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RKD02-Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

See discussion of Item #2 above.

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

Aye: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Committee Chair Pierce

5. [2023-365](#) **BOND ACT-BPL35-Design-Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

6. [2023-366](#) **BOND ACT-BPL35-Construction-Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

See discussion of Item #5 above.

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 unanimously.

7. [2023-371](#) **BOND ACT-BLA1A-2187-Parkland & Historical Preservation Program**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge, and Principal Planner Suzette Lopane

Mr. Lopane said this will fund design associated with the rehabilitation of Habirshaw County Park in Yonkers, a component of Hudson RiverWalk. He said that improvements will include surface and site furniture replacements, landscaping and drainage improvements. He noted that this project is being funded through the Westchester Legacy Program, a County initiative to acquire, protect and enhance open space land in the County.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

8. [2023-402](#) **BOND ACT-RWW03-Willson's Woods Site Work**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

Mr. Lopane said this will finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates 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. He noted that the facility has increased in popularity, partly due to the opening of new playgrounds, picnic areas and the newly renovated wave pool, which requires additional parking. Expansion of parking in conjunction with the redesign of the park access drive and pathways will help reduce vehicular congestion while improving pedestrian safety throughout the park. He also said the existing maintenance garage is insufficient to meet demand and more work space and secured covered storage for vehicles and equipment is needed.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

9. [2023-403](#) **BOND ACT-RSW03-Saxon Woods Pool Rehabilitation**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

10. [2023-404](#) **ENV RES-RGP11-Salt Shed Facilities**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

11. [2023-405](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RGP11-Salt Shed Facilities**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

See discussion of Item #10 above.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

12. [2023-406](#) **BOND ACT-RGC19-Saxon Woods Golf Course Maintenance Facility**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried unanimously.

13. [2023-407](#) **BOND ACT-RBM05-Blue Mountain Sportsmen Center Rehabilitation**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

14. [2023-411](#) **ENV RES-RLAS6-Lasdon Infrastructure-Site Work**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

Guests: Parks Dept.: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, 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 Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried unanimously.

15. [2023-412](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RLAS6-Lasdon Infrastructure-Site Work**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees.

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

See discussion of Item #14 above.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Chair Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 12:37 p.m.