

Legislator Nacerino asked if the State Highway Law gives the County authority in how municipalities Highway Superintendents provide road maintenance, and was there any communication or any overture to the various Highway Superintendents within Putnam County?

Legislator Oliverio stated that his Highway Superintendent for Putnam Valley, Larry Cobb, was aware of this. Chairman Oliverio also knows that the Westchester Law is good for all of Westchester County, and we have copied that law. Certainly there will be a period of public comment when the County Executive receives the resolution and holds a Public Hearing. We will need the signature of the County Executive to move this forward.

Chairman Oliverio stated that the feedback he received from his Highway Superintendent is that they would never consider using any of that Fracking material on the roadways.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it is very important to know that this is a very important piece of Legislation.

Chairman Oliverio stated that he can send the Hydrofracking Law out to the towns with a cover letter from this Committee stating that this was tentatively passed by our Committee, and will be going to the Full Legislative Meeting on February 6, 2013 for a vote by the Full Legislature. If they wish to provide any comments, they should do so at that time. The Law is pretty conclusive. Two years ago this Legislature did get on record that we oppose Fracking in New York State. Now we are stating that we are not going to use the byproducts from Fracking.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she understands that, but her question is does the County have jurisdiction over the Towns?

Chairman Oliverio stated that yes he believes that we do. That is the reason why we are doing SEQRA.

Chairman of Transportation Task Force Tamagna stated that once this resolution is passed, it will be forwarded to the Town Board.

Legislator Nacerino questioned that perhaps this is premature to pass this at this time.

Chairman Oliverio stated absolutely not, as this item has been on the Agenda since August. We have deliberated, as well as discussed this over and over again. This was a key issue, and is a major concern.

Legislator Nacerino stated she has spoken to Rich Williams, Town Planner for the Town of Patterson, regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Williams stated that he does not think that any Wastewater Treatment Plant in Putnam County can accept and process Fracking, but questioned why it would be an issue to do so.

Chairman Oliverio stated that there are some communities that are putting Fracking Wastewater through their treatment plants. In the state of New York, there are some wastewater plants getting this affluence and trying to purify it. It is destroying the machinery and everything else.

Legislator LoBue stated for the record that she has spoken to Highway Supervisor for the Town of Carmel, and he is also in favor of this Legislation.

Legislator Albano stated that our Sewer Plants empty into the New York City Reservoir, which is drinking water. He did not believe the Fracking Waste Water would be treated in Putnam County.

#5) Electrical Recycling Containers in Towns/Discussion

Chairman Oliverio stated that this item is on the Agenda because he has been asked by Supervisor Tendy's secretary as to why these recycling containers have been removed from the Town. He did not have that answer, as he believed that the container was still there in the town. After doing some investigating, he had found that in deed the container had been removed. It is a service/partnership, which he always believed was extremely successful. It kept those old TV sets and the old Stereos off the sides of the roads, as they were being put into that container.

Chairman Oliverio asked Deputy County Executive, Bruce Walker and Commissioner of Health Dr. Beals to provide some clarification to have some clarification.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated to be very clear for the record; this is not a County issue nor is it a Town issue. With regard to the partnership that you referred to, there is a DEC law that was passed by New York State in May of 2010, which requires manufacturers to provide free convenient access for people to recycle electronic waste. Actually it is called the New York State Electric Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act. This became active and signed by the Governor on May 28th 2010. Subsequent to that, there are a number of companies that were formed that we're working with getting authorization through DEC and pinning with the manufactures to collect this electronic equipment. At that time, we had been solicited by them, and had worked as a county to reach out to them and work with the towns to actually get those recycling containers. To be perfectly clear, the responsibility lies with the manufacturer, not the County and not the Towns. What happened at the end of 2012 was we were notified by the company that owned those containers that they would no longer be providing this service. We have spoken to the company and the DEC regarding this issue. The County cannot enforce the DEC law it can only be done through the DEC. We did that to no avail and were told we needed to look for someone else to come into the County. We did reach out to those companies and got no response from them to be able to do that.

Deputy County Executive Walker sent a letter out in mid to late December to all the Town Supervisors, letting them know that we would be removing the containers, as well as posting information regarding this on the County website, as well as the Consumers Affairs website.

Deputy County Executive Walker went on to state that through Commissioner of Health Beal's efforts they were able to get another company to actually come in and do this work. They had met earlier today and have gone over the contract with this company.

They will be working with the towns to reinstate having these canisters put on the property.

Chairman Oliverio asked when this will happen.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated probably, within the next four to six weeks.

Chairman Oliverio asked that when Deputy County Executive Walker does correspond with the Supervisors of the Towns over something as important the requested that the Legislature be copied in on these types of letters, as he knew nothing about this.

Chairman Oliverio also stated that it was embarrassing, that he was not aware of this issue when he was contacted by Supervisor Tandy when the containers were removed. He was told at that time that Supervisor Tandy received a letter in December.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated he would do that in the future. If this new company decides not to continue with this for whatever reason, we will be back where we started from, as we cannot enforce the law; we do not have the authority to do that.

Chairman Oliverio stated that we have done the best that we could.

Commissioner Beals stated that these products present a very serious environmental hazard. The average computer monitor has almost four pounds of lead in it. This cannot end up in the landfill.

The question was raised if there would be a fee for this.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated there would be not be a fee for this. The Law reads in such a way, that it requires the manufacturer to actually pay for this. Realistically the manufacturer builds this into the cost of the product.

#6) Approval/Fund Transfer (13T005)/Health/Early Intervention

Legislator DiCarlo made a motion to approve the Fund Transfer (13T005)/Health/Early Intervention. Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

#7) Approval/Fund Transfer (13T006)/Social Services Temporary

Legislator DiCarlo made a motion to approve/Fund Transfer (13T006)/Social Services Temporary. Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

#8) Other Business

a) Approval/Fund Transfer (13T006) Social Services Temporary

Legislator DiCarlo made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (13T006) Social Services Temporary. Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

#9) Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Legislator DiCarlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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