

**SPECIAL RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE
Held In Room 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & DiCarlo

Tuesday **6:15 P.M.** **July 30, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Castellano and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Legislator DiCarlo was absent. Legislator Albano sat in for Legislator DiCarlo.

**Item #3) Approval/Local Law/Amend Chapter 25/Code of Putnam County
Entitled "Councils and Commissions"**

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that time is of the essence with this item and that is why we are having this special meeting. She stated that this is an all-volunteer board and there will be two representatives from the Legislature on this board.

Legislator Castellano made a motion to accept the additional material to this item, seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna handed out a status report regarding the County Transportation Task Force recommendations. He thanked the Law Department for their work on this item. He further explained the handout.

Chairwoman Nacerino asked who will be on the board.

Transportation Manager Tamagna passed out the handout outlining who will be on the board.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell stated that this is the first time she is seeing the names of the individuals that are proposed to be on this board. She stated that she agrees with the makeup and she believes it is smart to stick with those that were on the task force and have devoted so much time to the subject and have familiarity with it as well. She stated that she completely trusts the expertise of Transportation Manager Tamagna in regards to this board makeup. She suggested that the two Legislative representatives be the Chair of the Economic Development & Energy Committee and the Chair of the Physical Services Committee instead.

Legislator Oliverio stated that his one concern is that he does not see the typical language that appointments are submitted by the County Executive and approved by the Legislature. He stated he would like to see that included.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that there is a perfect balance of representation and she does not see why the Legislature should approve them or not.

Legislator Oliverio stated that it is procedural. He stated that in the past and consistently the Legislature approves the recommendations of the County Executive to the boards and commissions. He stated that he believes we should preserve that.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that Legislator Oliverio is correct that most of the commissions do contain that language. He stated this is a unique situation because we have not studied transportation in over 30 years. He stated that if we do not send this law to the August Full meeting then by the time it gets passed it will be budget time and some of the items still in the process on the task force recommendation list will not get addressed because the appointments will not be made to this commission until October.

Legislator Oliverio stated that adding this language to the proposed change is not a time consuming matter. He stated that the balance of power of the branches of government needs to be maintained and adding this language will do that.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that Legislator Oliverio's point is very well taken and she respects it. She further stated that we do not want to delay this process.

Legislator LoBue stated that she wants to vote in favor of this but the language needs to reflect the changes that Legislator Oliverio has requested or she will not be able to support this.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she believes we are all on the same page and understand the need for this additional language. She stated that the language should be revised to reflect the sentiment of the legislators here tonight.

Chairman of the Legislature Othmer stated that budget is coming up soon and we need to carry out these Transportation Task Force recommendations as soon as possible to make the program viable.

First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro stated that he does not believe that there is a legal requirement to have confirmation by the Legislature added. He stated he believes it is an administrative policy decision whether or not to make that further amendment to the proposed law.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that he believes there are commissions and boards that do not have that language in their clauses.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she agrees with Legislator Oliverio. She stated that she would like to incorporate this new language as a professional courtesy to the two branches of government.

County Executive Odell stated that she welcomes the opportunity for collaboration between both branches of government. She stated that she believes that the more both branches of government can collaborate on items the more they can each achieve their set goals of public service. She stated she is in favor of adding this language to the proposed law.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the Committee will amend the resolution to include that the Chair of Economic Development & Energy Committee be one of the two Legislative representatives to this commission and the other to be the Chair of the Physical Services Committee and to include the language that the appointments of the County Executive to this commission be approved by the Legislature.

Legislator Albano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution as amended, seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

There being no further business, at 6:35 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Krista M. Butler, Administrative Assistant.