

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Held In The
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM 318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Oliverio, Legislators LoBue and Scuccimarra

Tuesday

July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Oliverio who requested Legislator LoBue lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators LoBue, Scuccimarra, and Chairman Oliverio were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2014

Chairman Oliverio made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Item #4 – Discussion/Regulations Governing Public Beaches/Spur Beach at Roaring Brook Lane

Chairman Oliverio stated he is aware of the ongoing discussion of Spur Beach closing. He asked for the reasoning why Spur Beach is closing.

Director of Environmental Health, Robert Morris stated in 2011 the Putnam County Health Department (“Health Department”) received a complaint about steep slopes and dangerous rocks at Spur Beach. He stated after receiving the complaint the Health Department conducted an inspection at Spur Beach. He stated there were reasons to be concerned. He stated modifications could be done such as float lines, and decreasing the swimming area to make Spur Beach a safer environment. He stated in May 2014 Associate Public Health Sanitarian, Anne Bittner conducted a pre-operational inspection and it was discovered that major modifications had been done at Spur Beach. He stated the Health Department then notified the Town of Putnam Valley (“Town”) that according to New York State Guidelines when major modifications are executed actions such as; filing regulations, having the engineer’s plans be sealed and filed need to be done. He stated the Town responded in submitting the application to the Health Department. He stated under the New York State Guidelines Subpart 62, if a major modification is made to a beach, it becomes a “new beach”. He stated a “new beach” needs to meet all of the codes for instance; slopes need to be fewer than 10%.

Chairman Oliverio stated it is his understanding that the Town feels that they were targeted.

Director Morris stated the Town was not targeted. He stated Spur Beach was inspected because there was a complaint from a resident in 2011.

Commissioner of Health, Dr. Allen Beals stated the Health Department will inspect any beach where there is suspicion of slopes not being under 10%. He stated slopes above 10% create risk of children drowning.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if the cause of an inspection is in response to one (1) or more of the following; if an individual complains about the beach, a “new beach” is created, or an old beach has major modifications done to it.

Director Morris stated that is correct.

Town of Putnam Valley Town Supervisor, Robert Tandy stated there is the issue of interpreting “modification becoming a new beach”. He stated for background at the Brookdale Gardens Beach there was an agreement to wait to test the flow. He stated the flow was determined to be acceptable to open the beach. He stated the Town asked for Brookdale Gardens Beach to be opened and it was denied to be open by the Health Department the Town never filed within four (4) months of opening Brookdale Gardens Beach. He stated he believed he had an agreement with the Health Department to wait and test the flow in June at Brookdale Gardens Beach because the flow cannot be properly tested in the winter time. He stated the Town decided to bring the matter of interpreting modifications to court. He stated the judge ruled in favor of the Town. He stated the decision was overruled by the higher court later. He stated the law of modifications can be interpreted in multiple ways. He stated the Town received a letter from the Health Department in 2011 stating modifications needed to be made to Spur Beach. He stated the Health Department provided the New York State Guidelines that needed to be fulfilled to modify Spur Beach. He stated the Town hired an engineer and conducted the modifications. He stated the Town contacted the DEC, the Wetlands Inspector, and the Town’s Engineer. He stated all three (3) parties approved of the worked that was conducted. He stated the Town showed the approval to the Health Department. He stated in the past the Town never had to file paperwork with the Health Department. He stated before Memorial Day Weekend the County stated Spur Beach could not be opened because the paperwork was never filed. He stated Commissioner Beals was concerned with the slopes at Spur Beach and an inspection to measure the slopes would be needed. He stated the inspection was conducted without his notification. He stated during that inspection the slopes measured above 10% however; when Spur Beach was built the slopes were originally 9%. He stated the grades of the slope change due to weather. He stated Spur Beach overall is much safer than it has been in the past. He stated in the past years a waiver was given to the Town to open Spur Beach as long as signs were put in place to warn the community of steep slopes.

Chairman Oliverio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Supervisor Tandy stated in the last three (3) years Spur Beach has been operating under a waiver. He stated in 2012 the Town was told that Spur Beach needed to be modified. He stated the Town followed New York State’s codes and made the modifications. He stated New York State controls Spur Beach, not Putnam County. He stated the Town never had to fill out paperwork for the County in the past. He stated the County has only conducted inspections for the Towns’ beaches. He stated the safety of children is very important however, he believes that this notion

should apply to all of the beaches in Putnam County and not just when there is a complaint about the safety of a beach. He stated other than Spur Beach there are very few beaches in Putnam County that have been inspected.

Chairman Oliverio stated Commissioner Beals' number one (1) concern has always been safety.

Director Morris stated in comparison to the slopes in 2011 and the present, the slopes have not changed. He stated the dangerous rocks have been removed. He stated the Town's engineer marked the slopes as being above 10%. He stated the 2011 letter that Supervisor Tandy referred to is not an official waiver. He stated an official waiver is applied for. He stated a waiver form could have been submitted when applying to open the beach.

Chairman Oliverio stated the letter from 2011 looks like a letter of permission to open Spur Beach.

Director Morris stated yes, he agreed that the letter appears to be permission but, it is not an Official State Waiver. He stated the New York State Department of Health regulates the beaches. He stated when a major modification is made to a beach; essentially a "new beach" is created. He stated there is no evidence that supports the claim that Spur Beach has ever had slopes under 10%.

Chairman Oliverio stated the Town did rectify Spur Beach.

Director Morris stated there is no evidence that the Town rectified Spur Beach.

Chairman Oliverio stated the Town has the DEC permit.

Director Morris stated the DEC permit does not deal with beach slopes.

Commissioner Beals stated the DEC permit authorizes people to go into the lake. He stated there is not an engineer report that states the slopes were made to code. He stated before Memorial Day Weekend the Town was informed that there was concern that the Town never submitted the correct documentation to prove the slopes were revised. He stated he wanted individuals enjoying the water so; he had an inspector go to Spur Beach and measure the slopes. He stated the inspector reported the slopes were not safe. He stated he was prepared to give the Town a temporary permit for Memorial Day Weekend if the main factor was submitting in late paperwork. However, the Town filled Spur Beach with water knowing the slopes were not to code. He stated steep slopes are a serious danger to young children. He stated by July 4th Weekend Spur Beach's slopes were still unsafe.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if other beaches have been inspected.

Commissioner Beals stated he is concerned with the safety of all young children but, it is not the roll of the Health Department to inspect the beaches other than in times of modifications. He stated if there is a suspicion of an unsafe beach, the beach will be inspected. He stated there are approximately 28 beaches in Putnam County. He stated in order to inspect all of the beaches in

Putnam County the Health Department's budget would have to be increased. He stated the beaches in Putnam County are not considered a safety issue because there is no reason to suspect that all of the beaches are unsafe.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if the trigger of the inspections at the Spur Beach is from modifications.

Commissioner Beals stated yes the reason for the inspection at Spur Beach originated from the modifications.

Legislator LoBue stated this is similar to a situation where a homeowner puts a shed up, a town goes for inspection and other issues are noticed. She stated this opens the homeowner's property up for a further review. She stated the Health Department did not intentionally try to close Spur Beach.

Director Morris stated the attention to Spur Beach originated from the complaint about the safety of the beach in 2011. He stated according to code Spur Beach the design has to be at a minimum of 10% slope.

Chairman Oliverio stated residents of the Town are upset because approximately \$30,000 was spent to repair Spur Beach. He stated he sympathizes with the residents.

Legislator LoBue question who is liable if someone did get hurt at Spur Beach.

Supervisor Tandy stated Spur Beach is not dangerous; it is a very shallow small beach. He stated Spur Beach was less safe in 2011 and there was permission to open the beach as long as there were modifications. He questioned why the current situation is a different issue compared to 2011 when the Town was granted permission to open the beach.

Chairman Oliverio stated it is his understanding that this is now a different situation due to the modifications made at Spur Beach.

Supervisor Tandy stated it can be interpreted that a modified beach is not a "new beach". He stated he argued that in court and won. He stated he is not prepared to accept the Health Department's argument regarding interpretation of modifications. He stated Director Morris spoke with the wrong engineers for proof of the sloped being under 10%. He stated the modifications of the slopes were made based on the letter the Health Department sent to the Town in 2011. He stated at every beach the slopes are going to change because of the water. He stated the Health Department should be concerned about other beaches regardless of budgetary matters. He stated it is unfair to state I want to protect the children but in order to do so I need more money.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she understands Supervisor Tandy's frustration.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if it would assist having the Town's engineer who was used for construction to state at the time of construction the slopes were made to code. He questioned how this issue could be resolved.

Director Morris stated the County never received any plans from an engineer. He questioned how he was supposed to know who the correct engineer was. He stated in the New York State code is clear in stating a modified beach has to adhere to the guidelines.

Commissioner Beals stated the beaches have to be regulated according to the New York State Code. He stated he understands the concern of over regulating. He stated an example of opposing over regulation, to open Brookdale Garden Beach he issued a waiver against the advice of the New York State Department of Health. He stated another example of the Health Department not over regulating is the restaurant Bull and Barrel Brewery ("Bull & Barrel"). He stated Bull & Barrel did not pass their health inspection due to above ground waste tank. He stated New York State ruled above ground waste tanks can become a serious health issue. However, the intent of the law was to prevent a serious health issue by keeping septic tanks in the ground. He stated therefore, he provided a waiver to the Bull and Barrel. He stated in terms of the slope for beaches he does not see any "wiggle room" to provide a waiver to open Spur Beach.

Town of Putnam Valley Deputy Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi stated in Director Morris' letter in 2011 stated with modifications made Spur Beach can open. She questioned how a waiver can be given to the Town to open Spur Beach until it can meet the codes. She stated the Town has received a waiver in the past with less safe conditions. She stated a lot of money has been spent to create a safer beach. She stated Spur Beach being closed is a current burden on the taxpayers.

Director Morris stated Commissioner Beals will give the final approval to permit Spur Beach to open. He stated Spur Beach needs to meet the current codes.

Supervisor Tandy stated a letter sent from the Health Department in May 2011 stated as soon as the provisions are completed, contact Associate Bittner for a preoperational inspection. He stated the Town did exactly what the Health Department requested.

Director Morris stated the letter is misinterpreted.

Chairman Oliverio stated he is not concerned with the paperwork not being filed. He understands the Town's frustration.

Commissioner Beals stated this situation could have been avoided if the Town came before the Health Department before Spur Beach's water was filled up.

Supervisor Tandy stated the Town took orders from the County through the letter they received. He stated the letter did not state the Health Department had to be contacted before plans were acted upon. He stated the slopes changed due to currents, weather and erosion, which he cannot control. He stated at one point the slopes were at 9%.

Commissioner Beals stated there is no proof from an engineer stating the slopes were ever made below 10%.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if the engineer who planned the construction can state that at the time of the modification the slopes were under 10% would be that acceptable.

Commissioner Beals stated he can look at the data but cannot make a definitive decision.

Chairman Oliverio stated the slope does not degrade that rapidly. He stated the beach used to be dangerous when the rocks were present. He questioned if there is a way to open up Spur Beach. He stated he understands the position Commissioner Beals is in and his main priority is the health and safety of the community. He stated Spur Beach was noticed because a resident complained about the beach being dangerous in 2011.

Supervisor Tandy stated Putnam County has not measured the other beaches in Putnam County in many years. Therefore, if something happens Putnam County is liable.

Legislator Scuccimarra questioned if the float lines and signs have been taken care of.

Supervisor Tandy stated all of the float lines and signs have been taken care of.

Chairman Oliverio stated he understands Commissioner Beals' position but, he would like to see Spur Beach open if possible. He stated it is a beautiful beach that serves the Town's Residents.

Supervisor Tandy stated he thanks Chairman Oliverio for allowing this matter to be discussed at the Health, Social, Educational, and Environmental Committee ("Committee") Meeting. He also thanked Commissioner Beals for his input on this matter.

Constituent and Resident of Spur Beach Community, Jan Izzulino stated a creative solution should be made to resolve this issue. She stated a lot of money was used in attempts to fix Spur Beach. She stated Spur Beach is not dangerous. She stated people are losing confidence in the government officials.

Chairman Oliverio stated a challenge in this matter is Commissioner Beals has to uphold the law. He stated he would like to see Spur Beach be open to the public.

Commissioner Beals stated he will do his best to open Spur Beach.

Item #5 – Invasive Bamboo Species Concern/Establishment of Regulations/ Cornell Cooperative Extension Community Educator Jennifer Stengle

Chairman Oliverio questioned if New York State has taken any action on invasive species.

Community Educator Jennifer Stengle stated New York State still has not taken any action on invasive species.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if any of the regulations for invasive species are pending in New York State.

Community Educator Stengle stated New York State recently finished the open comment period. She stated now the State is going through the comments.

Chairman Oliverio questioned what can be done to assist in this matter. He stated he has individuals who want bamboo to be legal and others requesting for bamboo to be illegal.

Community Educator Stengle stated there are three (3) major concerns. She stated the first concern is the environment where this is a non-native species and it is harming the native species in the area. She stated the second concern is municipal outlook where bamboo grows off of a person's property and onto a town's or a county's property. She stated there is also the concern of the "good neighbor" issue where an individual's bamboo begins to affect their neighbor's property.

Chairman Oliverio questioned what is Cornell Cooperative Extension's recommendation on the action that should take place on invasive bamboo matter.

Community Educator Stengle stated from an environmental point of view and a holistic point of view the individuals who plants bamboo for a sound barrier are only alive for one (1) lifetime while bamboo continues to grow past a person's lifetime.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she is not just concerned with bamboo. She stated she is also concerned with other invasive species such as Hogweed. She questioned what is being done with all invasive species. She stated she would like to have Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager, Lauri Taylor be invited to the next Committee meeting to discuss the procedures being put in place for all invasive species.

Community Educator Stengle stated New York State has formed a two (2) tier list to breakdown invasive species as prohibited or regulated. She stated some towns have focused on bamboo because it has fallen in the cracks. He stated some view bamboo as an invasive species and others view bamboo as a useful plant. She stated towns in Long Island, New York stated if bamboo is on the property the bamboo has to stay on the property.

Chairman Oliverio stated he would like to see New York State's action on regulating invasive species.

Legislator LoBue stated she agreed with Chairman Oliverio.

Chairman Oliverio stated if there is a strong recommendation from Cornell Cooperative Extension the Committee would consider it.

Community Educator Stengle stated she would consider it because the issue of invasive species is something the County can control.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if Cornell Cooperative Extension is aware of any regulations that other counties have adopted.

Community Educator Stengle stated yes, Cornell Cooperative Extension is aware of regulations other counties have adopted.

Chairman Oliverio questioned his colleagues on how they felt about adopting a regulation on invasive species.

Legislator Gross stated he supports the idea of adopting a regulation on invasive species because they get out of control. He supports the idea of getting a recommendation from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Community Educator Stengle stated throughout New York State there are invasive species taskforces by region.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if Community Educator Stengle can attend the August Committee Meeting with a recommended regulation on invasive species and then the Committee would follow suit. He stated discussion on invasive bamboo originated from letters sent from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated July 6th through July 12th is Invasive Species Awareness Week and she would like something to go up on the Putnam County Website to inform the community about the matter and the damage that can be done to the environment.

Chairman Oliverio stated he would like to send a memorandum to ask permission from the County Executive for Cornell Cooperative Extension to post information about Invasive Species.

Community Educator Stengle stated a link can be placed on the County Website to view Cornell Cooperative Extension's Website where there is various information listed about invasive species.

Chairman Oliverio stated that is a great suggestion.

Legislator Tartaro questioned if bamboo is currently an invasive species or if it is in the process of being evaluated.

Community Educator Stengle stated in New York State bamboo is in the process of being labeled as an invasive species. She stated in other areas bamboo is already labeled as an invasive species.

Item #6 – Update/Putnam County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc. (SPCA)/ SPCA President Kenneth Ross

Chairman Oliverio stated he is concerned about the SPCA and would like an update on the organization.

SPCA President Kenneth Ross stated the SPCA is a non-for-profit organization and functions based of donations. He stated the SPCA is the only animal group that has authority by New York State to enforce animal cruelty laws. He stated when the SPCA Officers make an arrest in a town, or writes a ticket it generates revenue for that Town because the money from the fine goes back into the Town. He stated when residents complain about a dog barking they believe they should call SPCA. The SPCA enforces New York State codes and not the codes. He stated the SPCA was written in the Town of Putnam Valley's town code under enforcement. The SPCA Officers can enforce the New York State Animal Cruelty Laws as well as the Town of Putnam Valley's codes. He stated it resolves the issue of people not knowing who to call for an animal situation. He stated due to the hot weather, the SPCA issued a County wide patrol of the parking areas. He stated the SPCA Officers look for dogs that have been left in the car in the heat. He stated so far there have been 15 dogs that have been left in cars and the SPCA Officer issued the owners a warning. He stated if a dog is distress the owners will be charged for a misdemeanor and be arrested.

Legislator LoBue questioned what is the most common location or situation of the dogs being left in the cars.

SPCA President Ross stated Putnam Plaza has a high amount of dogs left in the car, predominately due to when people go shopping at Hannaford's. He stated people do not realize that if it is approximately 80 degrees outside it is usually approximately 140 degrees inside the car. He stated in March there was a "Countywide Animal Cruelty Watch" Seminar ("Seminar"). He stated at the Seminar it was discussed that after an arrest was made it seems to "die" during the court process. He stated people feel that the media does not cover what happens after an animal cruelty arrest is made. He stated at the Seminar the signs of animal cruelty were also discussed. He stated it is important to educate the community.

Chairman Oliverio questioned if SPCA President Ross requested to become part of other town's Town Codes in Putnam County.

SPCA President Ross stated the SPCA Officers have not requested to be written in other Town Codes. He stated the Town of Putnam Valley requested for the SPCA Officers to be written into their Town Code. He stated it is easy to get caught up in the "day to day" and focusing on receiving funds. He stated the SPCA Officers' days range from focusing on fundraising, education, and cases.

Legislator LoBue questioned how many SPCA Officers work in Putnam County.

SPCA President Ross stated there are two (2) SPCA Officers, including himself.

Legislator Scuccimarra questioned if the SPCA has any affiliation with the Putnam Humane Society.

SPCA President Ross stated there is no affiliation with the Putnam Humane Society.

Legislator LoBue questioned where the majority of the SPCA calls come from.

SPCA President Ross stated the phone calls vary. He stated the protocol for the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police and other agencies in Putnam County is if they receive an animal cruelty complaint, they will call the SPCA and turn the case over to them.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the SPCA has a relationship with the Putnam Humane Society. She questioned what happens to the animal if there is the case of animal cruelty.

SPCA President Ross stated if a crime is committed the SPCA Officers will seize the animal and will arrest the individual. He stated then at the cost of the SPCA, they bring the animal to a veterinarian and house the animal there. He stated due to the fact that the SPCA thrives off donations the organization has to be careful with their expenses.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the SPCA is responsible for housing the animals.

SPCA President Ross stated there is protocol for the Putnam Humane Society to take the animals but, the Putnam Humane Society is not bound under a contract to take the animals.

Legislator Scuccimarra questioned where the animals are typically housed.

SPCA President Ross stated the animals are generally housed at the veterinarian office and are paid for by the SPCA.

Legislator Nacerino stated she applauds SPCA President Ross for everything that he does for this organization. She stated in the Town of Patterson there are Dog Patrol Officers. She questioned how the Dog Patrol Officers coordinate with the SPCA.

SPCA President Ross stated the Dog Patrol Officers fall under Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law ("Article 7") which does not allow Dog Patrol Officers to have the authority to make arrests, or investigate animal cruelty. He stated the Dog Patrol Officers can only seize dogs at large, so if there is a dog wondering on the road, the Dog Patrol Officers can capture the dog. He stated under Article 7 it states that all towns will have an animal shelter or have a contract with an animal shelter for the dogs at large.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Town of Patterson has a contract with the Putnam Humane Society. She stated individuals do not know who to call. She questioned if the coordination of Dog Patrol Officers and SPCA Officers should be written into town code.

SPCA President Ross stated the Town of Putnam Valley incorporated the SPCA Officers in their Town Code so; they can handle other cases other than animal cruelty. He stated being written in a Town Code aids when the SPCA Officers are called to a case and it turns out to not be a case of animal cruelty.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the Legislators should tell the community to call the SPCA Officers first or the Dog Patrol Officers first because individuals are not going to understand the difference between the two (2).

SPCA President Ross stated the SPCA educates the community that they are the organization to contact for animal cruelty. He stated the SPCA works with all of the Dog Patrol Officers in Putnam County.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated there are many cases of animal cruelty. She stated she conducted research on Busters Law. She questioned if those convicted of animal cruelty are on an on-line registry.

SPCA President Ross stated the SPCA does not have a registry for those who have been convicted of animal cruelty. He stated Westchester County has a registry. He stated Senator Greg Ball was attempting to create a New York State wide animal cruelty registry. He stated the wording of the proposal did not make it mandatory for those who give animals up for adoption or sell a dog have their background checked. He stated there are no penalties for animal shops or adoption agencies for not checking an individual's background. He stated laws on a New York State level are kept vague in order for the laws to be passed.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated there are some people who sell animals and they are responsible and will check the Registry.

SPCA President Ross stated he agreed with Legislator Scuccimarra however, if a law is going to be made an enforcement mechanism needs to be put into place.

Commissioner Beals stated the SPCA has helped with the Trap-n-Neuter Program. He stated approximately 150,000 people still die due to rabies around the world. He stated the usual circumstance for an American to receive rabies is when they travel overseas and they were bit by a dog that did not have the same rabies prevention protocol as the United States.

Chairman Oliverio stated he appreciates the update from SPCA President Ross. He stated SPCA funding concerns him.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the SPCA is something to consider during budget time.

Commissioner of Social Services Mike Piazza stated it is not a far stretch to say that for those who abuse their animals also abuse their children. He stated the work conducted from the SPCA Officers resulted in at least one (1) CPS report being filed.

Chairman Oliverio stated he would like SPCA President Ross to attend the Committee Meeting again in September before the budget process begins. He stated the work conducted by the SPCA Officers assist everyone in Putnam County.

Item #7 – Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project/Concern of Blowdowns/Discussion

Chairman Oliverio stated there was a request that whenever the Algonquin Pipeline has a blowdown of their units they must notify the public within 30 minutes. He stated he would like this to be moved to the Full Legislature Meeting.

Member of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE) Susannah Glidden stated Member of SAPE, Paula Claire has more information to be put on the resolution to include a longer notification period. She questioned if the Committee would like the updated information.

Chairman Oliverio stated he does not want the matter to keep being delayed due to updated information. He stated the Committee has what was sent to them upon first request on this matter.

Ms. Claire stated the original request for notification of blowdowns did not specify when the notification should be given. She stated the newest version specifies that notification should be given one (1) week prior to the blowdowns.

Ms. Glidden stated her concern with making the notifications to be given one (1) week prior to the blowdown is sometimes SPECTRA Energy is not aware one (1) week before the blowdowns occur.

Chairman Oliverio stated Member of SAPE Jerry Ranzinsky provided wording for a proposal and he thought that it was good. He stated he believes it is fair to have at least a 30 minute warning before the blowdowns. He stated the emissions put harmful carcinogens in the air. He would like to pass this resolution out of the Committee.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to approve Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project/ Concern of Blowdowns; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Ms. Claire stated the emissions according to SPECTRA Energy were originally 2.8 of volatile organic compounds. She stated in February the emissions were 15.8 of volatile organic compounds. She stated annually there will be a prediction of 75% of volatile organic compounds to be emitted in the air. She questioned if the Committee would like a copy of the new information regarding emissions.

Chairman Oliverio made a motion to waive the rules and accepted the additional; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Ms. Glidden questioned if SAPE can have a copy of the letters sent to all of the involved agencies.

Chairman Oliverio stated that SAPE can receive copies of the letters. He questioned why the emissions keep rising.

Paula Claire stated she does not know. She stated not only are the emissions rising but, SPECTRA Energy is over the amount they are allowed to emit in the air.

Chairman Oliverio stated he is aware the public hearing session has expanded. He stated he hopes the letters from the Legislature stating they do not support this matter will be heard.

Legislator Gross stated the expansion of the pipeline is perhaps due to a push on a federal level to stop using coal, and oil and use natural gas as an energy source instead.

Item #8 – Fund Transfer Request (14T136)/Department of Social Services/Part-time Caseworker Coverage/Child Protective Services Unit/FYI- Duly Noted

Item #9 – New York Department of Public Service/NYSEG Petition to Exercise Natural Gas Franchise/Town of North Salem/FYI- Duly Noted

Item #10 – ProAct/ Putnam County Discount Card/FYI- Duly Noted

Item #11– Other Business

a. Approval/Grant-Water Quality Project Resolution and Certification

Chairman Oliverio made a motion to approve Grant-Water Quality Project Resolution and Certification; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

b. FYI/ Application for consent to use land as cemetery/Putnam Valley

Chairman Oliverio stated there was a request in the Town of Putnam Valley from the Rabbinical Seminary of America. He stated the Legislature gave the Rabbinical Seminary of America some land recently and they would like to have a Jewish Cemetery on that property. He would like to review this matter in August.

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:25 p.m. Chairman Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Lisa Sommers.