

**Physical Services Committee Meeting  
Held in Room #318  
Putnam County Office Building  
Members: Chairman Albano & Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra**

**Thursday**

**February 20, 2014**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairman Albano and Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra were present.**

**Item #3) At the Request of the Putnam County Attorney/Executive Session**

- a) Transportation Contract**
- b) Communications Equipment**

Chair Albano stated that the County Attorney has requested that agenda items # 3a & 3b be discussed in Executive Session.

6:05p.m.

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Items #3a & 3b; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

6:55p.m.

Chair Albano made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Chair Albano stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Chair Albano made a motion to accept the additional and waive the rules; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #4) Approval/Conveyance of Real Property/Portion of Tax Map #75.06-1-67 Town of Carmel**

Chair Albano stated at the request of the Architect on this matter, Joel Greenberg, this item will be tabled tonight.

**Item #5) Approval/SEQRA Review/Department of Highways and Facilities Maintenance Facility Stormwater Improvement Project Located at 842 Fair Street, Town of Patterson**

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to approve the SEQRA Review/Department of Highways and Facilities Maintenance Facility Stormwater Improvement Project Located at 842 Fair Street, Town of Patterson; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #6) Approval/Department of Highways and Facilities Maintenance Facility Stormwater Improvement Project Located at 842 Fair Street, Town of Patterson**

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve the Department of Highways and Facilities Maintenance Facility Stormwater Improvement Project Located at 842 Fair Street, Town of Patterson; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #7) Approval/Recommendations from the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board/Inclusion in the Agricultural District**

Lauri Taylor, Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board Liaison, stated that the guidelines and rules that the board adheres to are New York State standards. She stated that out of the five (5) farms that petitioned to be included in Agricultural District of Putnam County, only two (2) are being moved forward. She stated that Putnam County has set the policy that if there are any applicants with a local issues or violation (s) they would not be approved. She explained that is the case with two (2) out of the three (3) that are not being moved tonight. She stated that the last one, not being recommended, is due to the fact that the site is not ready yet. She stated that they met with the applicant and thoroughly explained the process and what matters needed to be addressed.

Legislator Nacerino stated, for the record, she met with Lauri Taylor, Marjorie Thorpe, and Ervin Raboy on January 22, 2014 in reference to the two (2) properties located in the Town of Patterson. She stated that there is a Site Plan Review pending for one (1) of the properties and the other property has been recommended by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board for inclusion. She explained that the Town of Patterson Supervisor and Patterson Town Planner did not recommend that the property be considered for inclusion. After meeting with the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board members she has a clearer understanding on how they make their informed decision and proposals. She stated that she wanted to again thank them for their time.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is the Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board. She stated that all three (3) of the members of that board dedicate a great amount of time on their review of each property, they put their heart and soul into this; she would like to thank them for all of their efforts and their dedication to watching out for the County and the Property Owners.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve the Recommendations from the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board/Inclusion in the Agricultural District; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #8) Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution #3 of 2013 Promoting NYS Agricultural Products in Order To Preserve New York's Farms and Agricultural Businesses and Encouraging the Continuation of those Efforts**

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that this is a resolution that the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has brought forward. She stated that NYSAC plays a very important role. She stated that they bring forward critical matters that are taking place throughout New York State. She stated that she hopes that the Governor does not penalize them. She stated that

there are approximately 215 Farms in Putnam. She stated that it is important to connect our Farmers and our Neighbors. She stated that she believes farming is a vital part of our economy and tourism. She stated that she just visited Glynwood Farm in Cold Spring, NY. She stated that they have developed a keep farming program. She stated that she would like to speak in more detail about the program at Glynwood Farm at a future Physical Services meeting.

Lauri Taylor, Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board Liaison, explained that the Agricultural Board is working on a concept paper regarding that program, and plan to bring it to the Legislature.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she was glad to hear that and will volunteer to work on that as well.

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to approve Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution #3 of 2013 Promoting NYS Agricultural Products in Order To Preserve New York's Farms and Agricultural Businesses and Encouraging the Continuation of those Efforts/Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

#### **Item #9) Discussion/Proposed Geographic Name – “Split Rock Cascade”**

Mr. Raymond Phillips, resident of Kent Lakes Old Forge Drive, stated that there is a stream that goes underneath Old Forge Drive and spills into a large rocky delta, in the middle of the delta is a Japanese Pagoda, a little beyond that the water spills into Lake Sagamore. He continued with an explanation of the entire setting. He stated that the current name of the stream is the “Un-named Tributary”. He stated that there are two (2) enormous boulders, with a crack down the middle sitting vertically. He stated hence the proposed Name: “Split Rock Cascade”. He stated he and a neighbor of his agreed that the name “Split Rock Cascade” would be much more appropriate. Therefore they went through the proper channels of contacting the United States Board on Geographic Names who then contacted this Legislative Body. He stated that he would like to mention that this is not a call for funds; it is not going to have a negative impact, as far as they can tell, and he does not believe this is controversial in any way. In closing he stated that he believes by giving the stream this well suited name it may draw much well deserved attention to this beautiful and natural wonder of our County.

Legislator Tartaro stated that he went onto Google Maps to locate the stream. He explained that the area is New York State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) property. He stated that some DEP is open to hiking and such, but some of the DEP properties are closed to public use. He stated that he wished the weather was better he would like to go and see this site. He stated that he was the liaison to the CAC Environmental Group. He continued discussing this matter. He finalized his comments by stating that he would like for Mr. Phillips to get a written letter of agreement from the neighboring home association and provide the Legislature with a copy before the Legislature would send their support for this name change. He clarified that is his request; he cannot speak on behalf of the entire Legislative Body.

Raymond Phillips stated then maybe they should leave it the “Un-named Tributary”.

Legislator Tartaro stated that he is in support of the proposal, however he just wants to make sure that everyone is contacted prior to taking any action.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he supports the idea. He stated based on the photos that Mr. Phillips brought along with him this evening he could not think of a better name. He stated that he applauds Mr. Phillips for taking the initiative on this. He stated his recommendation is to go in front of the Association and let them know that you have appeared in front of the Legislature and they like the idea, and get confirmation that they are good with it; then move forward.

Chair Albano stated he agrees with the proposal of the name change. He requested that Mr. Phillips provide the Legislature with the letter of support from the Association and they will then send the Legislature's support to the United States Board on Geographic Names.

Raymond Phillips stated that he was happy to see the efficiency of the government on responding to this matter.

#### **Item #10) Update/Morningthorpe Bridge/Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Funds**

Commissioner Pena stated that the next step in the process is for the County to meet with the NYS DOT local projects unit. He stated that they are on their calendar and will come to the site as soon as they can. Unfortunately, it is still approximately four (4) weeks away. He stated at that point they will review the details of the Grant Application that the County had submitted, and then reduce that to a "Grantor/Grantee Agreement", then that agreement is signed and then the work begins. He stated that his understanding is at that point the County will have the clearance and the funding, and then a design team will be secured; and then move this effort forward.

Chair Albano requested the tentative time frame schedule.

Commissioner Pena stated that four (4)- six (6) weeks to get to get the agreement and have the NYS DOT come to the site and reduce the scope to a writing and once it is signed and executed then the County can proceed.

Chair Albano stated that would bring us to the Summer time.

Rich Ruchala Chairman of the IDA questioned where the walkway will lead to.

Commissioner Pena stated that they will look at the Grant Application and the details that were described in the grant. He stated so it is still to be determined. He briefly discussed the proposals that they plan to present.

#### **Item #11) Correspondence:**

- a. Dated: January 31, 2014 Fr: Commissioner Pena To: Supervisor Shea Re: Manitou Station Road Restoration Project NFWF Grant Support Letter**

Commissioner Pena stated that the Manitou Station Road is a small road that connects to a peninsula that jets out to the Hudson River. He stated that the road crosses over some

wetlands. He stated that there are about 15 homes in the community that it services and it divides an existing wetland. The problem with this location is that often, during storm surges, the homeowners often get stranded. He stated the only solution is to raise road. He stated the estimated cost for that is \$1.2 million - \$1.5 million dollars. He stated that they are looking for funding sources. He stated that a potential source is Greenlands & Wetlands Restoration. He further explained the tentative approach and their efforts to try to secure grant funding to offset the costs.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that this has been a problem for approximately ten (10) years. She stated that it is a dangerous situation. There are certain times when the fire trucks and ambulances cannot get to the homeowners. She stated that she would like to thank Commissioner Pena and the other members of his department for helping Philipstown with the navigation of these grants. She stated this is another example of the County helping and working with the municipalities for the good of the people.

Commissioner Pena stated that there are wetlands on one side of the road that the County owns, therefore the County was encouraged to be a part of this project. He stated that they have teamed up with Philipstown and are working to rectify this situation.

**Item #12) Other Business**

**a. Approval/Veterans Lease Room #3**

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to approve the Veterans Lease Room #3; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #8) Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:15p.m., Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Trabulsy, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature.