

**SPECIAL  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held in Room  
Historic Courthouse  
Putnam County Office Building  
Carmel, New York 10512  
Chair DiCarlo, Legislators: LoBue & Oliverio**

**Tuesday**

**December 4, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman DiCarlo. He requested that Legislator Oliverio lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairman DiCarlo and Legislators LoBue and Oliverio were present.

**Item #3 – Approval/Confirmation of Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation/Anthony J. Ruggiero**

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would be a “no” vote on the confirmation of the Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation. He stated that his no vote is not a reflection of the candidate’s qualifications. He stated that his qualifications are impressive and he has a good reputation. He stated that his no vote is in support of his belief that the Commissioner of Planning be a resident of Putnam County. He stated that this candidate is not a resident of Putnam County and that is why he will not support this confirmation.

Legislator LoBue stated that she will be a “no” vote as well. She stated it is not against the individual. She stated that she also supported that the Commissioner of Planning be a resident of Putnam County. She stated that she supports appointing managers who live in Putnam County so that they have a vested interest in the community. She stated that the previous Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation Lynch had a Masters Degree in Planning. She stated that she will reiterate that she believes that the person who is filling this Commissioner position should have a Masters Degree in Planning. She stated that she also has concerns regarding how the position was advertised. It was advertised in the PennySaver. She stated to reach potential candidates for a top Management position a recruiter should be hired, and or advertise in the New York Times.

Chair DiCarlo stated that the Legislature has had many lengthy discussions on this topic. He stated they were very in depth deliberations as a Legislative body. The topic was addressed at the Committee level and at the Full Legislature Meetings. He stated in his opinion he believes that they scrutinized this matter thoroughly reviewing the pros and the cons. He stated that in the perfect world yes he would have liked for the position to go to someone in the County; however the Legislature relies on the Personnel Department to do their job and find the best individual who will meet the needs and requirements to carry out a job. He stated that he truly believes, after speaking with Personnel Director Eldridge and Deputy County Executive Walker, that if there had been an individual who was equal to this candidate in the County, that person would have been offered the position. He stated as a point of reference, although this candidate is not residing in Putnam County currently, he did grow up in Putnam County and attended the Carmel Public Schools. He stated that he will be voting in favor of this appointment. He stated for the record that once the vote is taken if this item is not approved out of this

Committee it can be brought forward to the Full Legislature Meeting for consideration by a single Legislator. He stated that he is prepared to bring this item forward, if need be. He requested a roll call vote.

Clerk Schonfeld took a roll call vote on the Confirmation of Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation/Anthony J. Ruggiero:

Two Noes - Legislators LoBue & Oliverio

One Aye - Chair of Personnel DiCarlo

Motion Failed.

**Item #4 Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:45p.m., Chair DiCarlo made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by, Diane Trabulsy, Deputy Clerk of The Legislature