

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

**Members: Chairman Sullivan and Legislators Addonizio & Albano**

**Monday May 14, 2018**  
**(Immediately Following Protective Services Mtg. beginning at 6:30pm)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Chairman Sullivan who requested that Legislator Addonizio lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Addonizio & Albano and Chairman Sullivan were present.

**Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2018**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Proclamation Request/ Lake Mahopac Day**

Chairman Sullivan stated this request came from Charlie Melchner of the Mahopac Marina, who is not present at the meeting.

Legislator Sayegh stated she spoke with Mr. Melchner informally about his idea for Lake Mahopac Weekend. She stated his goal is to showcase the Town and Lake to kick off the summer season, although he did not have a lot of details.

Chairman Sullivan stated it is a great idea to showcase the Lake, but he is unsure what the Legislature's role would be.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what exactly Mr. Melchner is requesting of the Legislature. She stated it is great for the Town to have this recognition of themselves, but her concern is that each town will request to be recognized by the County.

Chairman Sullivan questioned if this type of event has been recognized in the past.

Legislator Albano stated he does not believe so. He suggested that the event be mentioned during "Recognition of the Legislators" at the end of the Full Legislative Meeting rather than through a proclamation so the public is still made aware of it.

Legislator Nacerino agreed and stated in essence, the recognition of the event at a Legislative Meeting is for purpose of notifying residents.

Chairman Sullivan stated he would mention the event at the June Full Legislative Meeting.

Legislator Addonizio stated a clean-up effort will be tied into this event as well.

Chairman Sullivan stated he will reach out to Mr. Melchner to get more information.

Legislator Sayegh stated it is also a matter of the business side of this as well. She stated there are two (2) marinas on Lake Mahopac and she would not want the Legislature to be favoring one over the other.

Chairman Sullivan questioned if the marinas are working together.

Legislator Sayegh stated not that she is aware of.

Chairman Sullivan he will contact Mr. Melchner to let him know that it will be announced at the Full Legislative Meeting under "Recognition of the Legislators".

**Item #5 - Approval/ County Attorney/ Resolution In Connection with Opioid Litigation/ Executive Session**

**Item #6 - Approval/ County Attorney/ Resolution In Connection with Opioid Litigation/ New Parties**

At 7:19pm Chairman Sullivan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation related to agenda items #5 & #6; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo recused himself and did not attend the executive session.

At 7:27pm Chairman Sullivan made a motion to come out of executive session; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

No action was taken.

**Item #5 - Approval/ County Attorney/ Resolution In Connection with Opioid Litigation/ Executive Session - Continued**

Chairman Sullivan stated this resolution will declare the opioid epidemic a public nuisance.

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ County Attorney/ Resolution In Connection with Opioid Litigation/ New Parties - Continued**

Chairman Sullivan stated this resolution will expand the scope of the lawsuit to include major chain pharmacy companies such as CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart, Walgreens, and Costco.

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Discussion/ FY 2019 NYS Budget/ NYS Tax Law/ Charitable Trust Option**

Chairman Sullivan stated this is a highly complex issue related to the new tax laws put in place by the Federal Government. He stated it was his hope that a representative from NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) would be present to provide information and clarification. He stated this would require extensive work from the counties and towns. He stated the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) has not given their opinion on this yet. He stated he recently spoke with Rockland County Executive Ed Day who expressed his disinterest in this. He stated if the IRS states a charitable trust could be set up, it will be further explored because it could provide tax benefits to residents.

Legislator Nacerino suggested tabling this item and inviting a NYSAC representative to the next meeting.

Chairman Sullivan agreed.

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to table Discussion/ FY 2019 NYS Budget/ NYS Tax Law/ Charitable Trust Option; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Update/ Veteran's Service Medal Advisory Panel**

Legislator Castellano stated the Veteran's Service Medal Advisory Panel holds meetings on a monthly basis and most recently the decision was made to do additional fundraising. He stated the medals have been ordered and should be received after Memorial Day. He stated they are looking to have 400 medals delivered this summer and applications are still being accepted. He stated there are about 5,000 Putnam County residents who could be eligible for the medal and it is their hope to get 400 medals out this year starting with World War II and Korean War Veterans. He stated the Panel has discussed some advertising through a journal for the Medal of Honor Parade.

Chairman Sullivan questioned if the Medal of Honor Parade is being held by the Panel.

Legislator Castellano stated the Medal of Honor Parade being held on July 21, 2018 is separate from the Panel. He stated they hope to have some medals at the Parade.

President of the Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce Bill Nulk suggested contacting the different Chambers of Commerce within the County when getting ready to put the journal together.

Legislator Castellano thanked Mr. Nulk.

**Item #9 - FYI/ Fund Transfer 18T092/ Board of Elections/ Delivery & Pick-up of Voting Machines for Primary & General Elections**

Legislator Sayegh requested clarification on the dollar amount in the quote attached in the backup versus the dollar amount on the fund transfer.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated the school portion is included on the quote as well. He also stated the Fund Transfer includes both the primary and general elections.

**Item #10 - FYI/ Litigation Report**

Chairman Sullivan questioned if there are any major updates on the litigation report.

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner stated there are no major updates and there are currently about 130 open pending cases. She stated the bigger cases have required temporary help with copying and scanning documents. She stated she anticipates having to transfer some money within the budget for temporary help, but due to the current vacancies in the Law Department, the money to do so is there.

**Item #11 - Other Business – None**

**Item #12 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:38pm Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Green.