

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
DICKINSON  
MCDEVITT  
MERLINO  
LOEB  
HOGAN  
HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
DIAMOND  
GERAGHTY  
LEGGETT  
MAGOWAN  
WILD  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
ED GREISMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADIRONDACK LAKES ALLIANCE  
JANE SMITH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ADIRONDACK LAKES ALLIANCE  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 22, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/environmental/>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 10:12 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, who distributed copies of the agenda to Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request to designate the County Treasurer as the official authorized to approve corrections to the tax roll and tax bills, as well as to authorize refunds of less than \$2,500 for correction of errors appearing on assessment and tax rolls as allowed by New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of her agenda, Ms. Delurey provided updates with regards to multiple properties. With regard to the Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 308.8-1-56, she reminded the Committee that the parcel had been removed from the tax foreclosure auction list to allow National Grid the opportunity to purchase the land if there was an interest since their high tension power lines ran through the property; she said she had recently been contacted by National Grid who indicated there was an environmental review pending for the property.

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of her agenda, Ms. Delurey notified the reports for both the 10 Pine Street property in Chester and the 275 Bay Road property in Queensbury had been reviewed and submitted to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). She read aloud from the NYSDEC reports on each property. Ms. Delurey noted she spoke to Russell Huycke, *Regional Environmental Remediation Engineer, NYS DEC*, from Ray Brook, NY about working with NYSDEC to remove the tanks on the Chester property and Mr. Huycke had advised work could not commence until the spring; she advised she planned to contact Mr. Huycke again at the end of February. Ms. Delurey advised Mr. Huycke's biggest concern with the Bay Road parcel was the current state of the building located on the property, as it was dilapidated.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which Mr. Strough offered to contact David Hatin, *Director of Building & Code Enforcement, Town of Queensbury*, and Ms. Delurey offered to contact Ben Conlon, *NYSDEC Attorney*, to speak about the Bay Road property and both would report back to Committee at a later date.

Moving on to the Environmental Concerns portion of the meeting, Mr. Simpson introduced Ed Greismer, *Executive Director, Adirondack Lakes Alliance*, who distributed information on Adirondack Lakes Alliance. He explained why they started in 2014 and what their mission was. Mr. Greismer stressed there were no paid staff members working for the Adirondack Lakes Alliance, as all were highly trained volunteers. He apprised they were a partnership program bringing resources to lakes and rivers. Mr. Greismer mentioned the Town of Queensbury Septic Law and suggested the County also look into creating a similar law. Jane Smith, *Associate Director, Adirondack Lakes Alliance*, added it was also a problem with watersheds which were in every community, emphasizing it was not just a problem with lakes and rivers.

A discussion ensued among the Committee members, following which Ms. Braymer thanked Mr. Greismer and Ms. Smith for attending.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board