

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: BRAYMER
HOGAN
STROUGH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
BEATY
MERLINO
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
CHRIS BELDEN, CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS FRASIER
LEGGETT
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
SEEBER
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT
ROBERT TREWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, January 24, 2020 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/environmental/>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee to order at 12:36 p.m. Due to a lack of attendance, Chairman Thomas served to make a quorum of the Committee.

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

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Braymer presented a request referred from the Economic Growth & Development Committee to appoint Jack Mance, *Sr. Transportation Planner for the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council*, to the Climate Smart Task Force for the 2020 calendar year.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 21, 2020 Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Next, Ms. Braymer introduced a request to authorize Warren County's participation in a Clean Lakes Collaboration dedicated to protecting New York State's most vital and threatened assets.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 21, 2020 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Braymer informed she would like to schedule another working group meeting to discuss the proposed County-wide Septic Inspection Law.

Ms. Braymer indicated there were individuals in attendance that wished to speak about County wide composting. Diane Collins, *Warren County Resident and member of a local zero waste group*, informed of a new State law mandating businesses within the food industry to donate or compost unwanted or expired food. She spoke of her desire for the County to develop a community composting location and she advised of a webinar the Supervisors could view to educate themselves. Marybeth Wagner, *City of Glens Falls Resident*, explained the composting process and suggested encouraging individuals to compost in their own back yards. A discussion ensued.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, who informed the Planning Department had been unable to obtain funding for Climate Smart activities, but noted other rounds of funding would be made available which they would apply for. He advised the next meeting of the Climate Smart Task Force would be held on February 3rd and anyone interested was welcome to attend; he added there was a website for the Climate Smart Task Force where meeting notes and information were posted.

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

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Delurey provided an update regarding Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 302.08-1-2 (*Mullen Property*), indicating bids were received for demolition of the building with the lowest bid being submitted by Bronze Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$70,850. A discussion ensued regarding the building demolition and the necessary foreclosure process which the County Attorney indicated would likely take 90 days to complete; the Committee directed the County Attorney to proceed with an individual foreclosure and tax auction for this property. It was noted that the demolition bid submitted was good for 45 days and the Purchasing Agent was asked to contact the bidder to determine whether they would be willing to extend the bid for a longer term to allow for completion of the foreclosure process. The majority of the Committee was in favor of demolishing the building, but Ms. Braymer indicated her preference for the property to be offered for auction in its current state.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Chairman Thomas and carried by majority vote, with Ms. Braymer voting in opposition, to award the bid and authorize an agreement with Bronze Contracting, LLC for demolition of the building located on Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 302.08-1-2, contingent upon the bidder being willing to hold their bid until the foreclosure process for said parcel is complete and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 21, 2020 Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist