

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee
DATE: March 19, 2001
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Wilkins and Legislators Dunn, Meyer, Moone, Tantillo, Feldmann and Magarelli
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: None
OTHERS ATTENDING: Rick Fritschler, Chairman of EMC, David Straus and Emilie Hauser of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and James DeGasperis, Director of Weights and Measures

Chairman Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following presentations were given:

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES--James DeGasperis, Director of Weights and Measures presented his report on Local Law No. 5 to the committee. He advised that Hannaford Supermarket and Wal-Mart have conformed to the Law. The rest of the stores are going through a reorganizational phase. Grand Union and Shop-Rite have problems with cash refunds for food stamp recipients and unit pricing. He indicated that he would follow up on these issues with Jonathan Van Vlack, Consumer Affairs Director.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL--Rick Fritschler, Chairman of the Council presented a resolution to be presented for hiring a part-time typist and six summer youth workers. Leg. Magarelli moved, seconded by Leg. Dunn. The vote was 4-3 with Leg. Wilkins, Dunn, Feldmann and Magarelli in favor; Leg. Moone, Meyer and Tantillo voted against measure. The motion carried.

Chairman Wilkins discussed the conference taking place at the Hudson Valley Resort with GIS and NASA.

OTHER BUSINESS: David Strauss, Joan B. Isgro Grant, Bill Kells, Jean G. Boyce, Lois Hartwick and Emile Hauser spoke on the PCB issue.

The transcript on their presentations is attached to these minutes and will be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature.

After the presentations were given the committee discussed submitting a memorializing resolution outlining Ulster County's comments and concerns about the EPA's Hudson River PCB's Reassessment Feasibility Study of December 2000. A motion was made by Leg. Moone, seconded by Leg. Meyer to accept Leg. Tantillo's resolution. Motion carried 7-0. It was noted that the committee would have an answer from EMC regarding dredging on March 29.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion by Leg. Dunn, seconded by Leg. Feldmann to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Wilkins, Chairman
Environmental & Consumer Affairs Committee