

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee

DATE: June 21, 1999

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Dunn and Legislators Meyer, Lent, Roberti, Tantillo, Wilkins, Lomita and Loughran.

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Jeanette Provenzano

OTHERS ATTENDING: James DeGasperis, Director of Weights and Measures, Jonathan VanVlack, Consumer Affairs Director, Charles Shaw, Executive Director of UCRRA, Brother John Farrell and Bill Smith of Federated Sportsmen's Club and Elizabeth Askue and Christine Nelson.

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 6 pm. The following items were discussed:

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: James DeGasperis, Director of Weights and Measures presented a resolution to amend agreement with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for Petroleum Quality Testing Program from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000. Motion moved by Leg. Lent, seconded by Leg. Lomita. All voted in favor. A discussion on reporting of item pricing and lack of total enforcement prompted the director to promise to enforce the law. (See attachment). It was suggested that the department hire summer interns for assisting them.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: Jonathan VanVlack, Director of Consumer Affairs, reported on "A Day in the Life of Joe Consumer." The issue of the perils of invasion of privacy was discussed by the committee. A memorializing resolution requesting Ulster County to retain the 914 area code was presented. (See attached copy). Motion moved by Leg. Lomita, seconded by Wilkins. All voted in favor.

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY: Charles Shaw, Executive Director of UCRRA, reported on the Agency's projects. The tonnage report was explained. They are close to the estimate. Recycling is on target. The budget should be ready by July 15. Sullivan County opted for waste management--total intake of solid waste. There was a discussion of monopoly by Eastern Environmental and Waste Management. LCAP consideration of re-bonding will save at least \$100,000 a year. The agency is considering moving their recycling center to Route 32. There was a report on the status of the agency's new 3,200 square foot office building complex, also located on Route 32.

FEDERATED SPORTSMEN'S CLUB: Brother John Farrell, President of the Sportsmen's Club and member Bill Smith reported on the revenues to NYS DEC. The amounts of revenue fluctuates--up to \$35 million. There was a discussion on memorializing resolution calling for an audit of NYS DEC. (See attachment.) The Committee agreed to table discussion until they had received more information on the subject. Leg. Tantillo addressed the committee concerning the striped bass in our region of the Hudson River. She suggested that we be given game fish status, which would boost tourism and increase sportsmen participation. Leg. Tantillo presented a sample memorializing resolution to be considered at the next Legislature meeting. Motion moved by Leg. Loughran, seconded by Leg. Lomita. All voted in favor, with exception of Leg. Lent.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Dunn, Chairman
Environmental and Consumer Affairs