

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer
Affairs Committee

DATE: March 17, 1997

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Sixth Floor Library, Ulster
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman J. Naccarato and Legis-
lators Dunn, Aiello, Calabrese,
Spada, Tantillo, Feldmann,
Gordon and Loughran

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Rick Fritschler, EMC; Jonathan
Van Vlack, Consumer Fraud Bureau;
Bill Smith, Federated Sportsman;
Brother Farrell; Dietrich
Werner, EMC; David Strauss, EMC

Rick Fritschler of EMC presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a lease with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. for a 32 foot motor home to be used for community education programs by the EMC. The cost is \$1.00 per year. This resolution was moved by Legislator Calabrese, seconded by Legislator Aiello and unanimously passed.

Also being considered by EMC is a grant from EPA for 34 students at about \$2,300 per student.

Regarding the fiscal year 1996 close out of EMC and CCE., there were some questions regarding the close out money at the end of the year. Karen Lucas and Roxanne Churchill are working this out and will have a final report next month.

Mr. Fritschler presented to the Committee the idea of establishing a mechanism to allow EMC to purchase supplies

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and equipment for education programs through Ulster County Community College for cost savings.

Dietrich Werner brought the Committee up to date on dredged materials from the Port of New York and New Jersey. He distributed a booklet he made up which contained the following:

1. USACE NYD announcement of public information and scoping meeting DMMP 2/6/97.
2. USA NYD handout sheets of March 3, 1997 meeting.
3. USACE NYD fact sheets of 2/25/97 decontamination technologies.
4. USACE NYD dams and more upland confined disposal siting study of 12/12/96.
5. USACE NYD annotated bibliography of New York and New Jersey harbor emphasis on biological studies July 1996.
6. USACE NYD preliminary assessment of cultural resource and scoping documents for additional studies - August 1996.
7. US EPA Region 2 dredging in New York and New Jersey harbor - May 2, 1996.
8. Local press clippings on East Kingston site - Jan. and March 1997.

Chairman Naccarato asked Mr. Werner to keep the Committee abreast of what is going on and to get back with the findings that Rutgers University is doing on the PCB's.

Bill Smith of Federated Sportsman spoke about otters coming back to the Hudson River again. They have not been seen around here in years. He also talked about state cuts in funding programs. He wants this Committee to support legislation that Senator Cook has sponsored that sportsmen who are disabled be allowed to use motorized vehicles in the forest preserve for hunting purposes.

Jonathan Van Vlack of the Consumer Fraud Bureau spoke about people who buy getting ripped off by companies over the phone. He told the Committee how to outsmart the phone scammers. He also thought Weights and Measures should report to the Environmental Committee instead of the Criminal Justice Committee. He also felt anyone needing an auctioneer to settle someone's estate should be very careful because if you don't know him to be an honest person, you can get ripped off. He is also being trained to work the Internet.

A resolution was submitted to Chairman Naccarato from Legislator Gordon. No action was taken on it. The Chairman told Legislator Gordon he would have to bring this to Legislature Chairman Alfonso to look at before he will do anything. This resolution would be asking state legislators to have Comptroller McCall do a complete audit of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Calabrese and seconded by Legislator Aiello to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Naccarato, Chairman
Environmental and Consumer
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