

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer  
Affairs Committee

DATE: June 17, 1996

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Sixth Floor Library, Ulster  
County Office Building

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

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator P. Naccarato

OTHERS ATTENDING: Rick Fritschler, Jonathan Van  
Vlack, Bill Smith, Brother John  
Farrell

Rick Fritschler of EMC gave his monthly report. He has made application for a \$40,000 grant for funding for Rondout Valley High School. This is for a memorandum of agreement between the Rondout Valley Central School District and Ulster Environmental Management Council in regard to a partnership application for funding under the Learn and Serve America Program.

A brief meeting was held regarding computer purchasing for EMC. There were some questions regarding the purchase of a computer that will meet the specs of county computers and software. The money to pay for this equipment will come out of the \$47,900 county line item.

There will be a special meeting to be scheduled at a later date to meet with EMC's Executive Committee and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Executive Committee with Legislators J. Naccarato, Sinagra and Dunn. A notice will be sent to all Executive Committee members.

Jonathan Van Vlack of the Consumer Fraud Bureau gave his monthly report regarding telephone scams and how to stop sales tactics and pressure. A list was distributed to the Committee of the top ten ways to stop telephone scams and phone fraud.

Bill Smith and Brother John Farrell gave the Committee a handgun report. The N.R.A. gave \$1,500 to teach people who apply for gun permits how to handle their guns, including a six-hour VCR training course. They may be looking for the County to give another \$1,500 so they can continue this program.

Bill Smith also noted there would be 3,850 pheasants distributed this year in Ulster County.

Brother Farrell spoke about how the affiliation between EMC and Cornell Cooperative is not working. See the attached paper.

Legislator Gordon asked if the RRA reports to this Committee. Chairman Naccarato said they do not but if any member wants to speak with Mr. Shaw, he will ask him to come to a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Naccarato, Chairman  
Environmental and Consumer  
Affairs Committee

TO: ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: BROTHER JOHN FARRELL, FSC

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND CORNELL COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION AFFILIATION

THE AFFILIATION IS NOT WORKING.

THE MEMORANDUM FROM LEE REIDY, IF ACCEPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE,  
MAKES THE EMC JUST ANOTHER PART OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION,  
UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT WITH A LITTLE REWORKING OF THE JOB  
DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EXTENSION AGENTS, THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION COULD GET BY WITHOUT HIRING ANY STAFF TO WORK WITH  
THE EMC.

AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS LEE REIDY MENTIONED THAT CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE HAS RECEIVED NO INCREASE IN ITS ULSTER COUNTY FUNDING  
IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE RECEIVES \$375,000.00 FROM ULSTER COUNTY.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION HAVE NOT RECEIVED SALARY INCREASES IN SEVERAL YEARS.

FROM THE MEMORANDUM DATED JUNE 12, 1996, IT SEEMS THAT LEE  
REIDY BELIEVES THAT THE CCE HAS BEEN GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL \$47,900.  
OF COUNTY MONEY, WHICH IT CAN USE AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

LEE REIDY'S MEMORANDUM WILL FINISH THE COUNTY EMC AS AN  
INDEPENDENT COUNCIL WHICH REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE.