

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer Affairs
Committee

DATE: October 27, 1993

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE:

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Alfonso, Busick, Dunn,
Every, McConekey, Baker, Bischoff,
and Schneller

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Chairman Irwin

OTHERS ATTENDING: Charles Shaw, Cary MacDonald,
Bill Smith, Jay Martin, Bob
Conklin, Catherine Rice

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Charles Shaw presented the group with verbal and/or written information pertaining to the Resource Recovery Agency. He stopped often to answer questions pertaining to his presentation and generally reviewed the following topics:

1. The general increase in the volume of recyclable materials being brought to sites throughout the county. It is anticipated that the increase will continue until the year 2014 when 70% of materials being brought in will be recyclable.
2. The tipping fees will generally increase between 1993 and 1998 (except during 1995) until it reaches approximately \$70.00. Tipping fees at present are much lower than other counties. Columbia County is the one exception to this, however. Columbia County also charges for recyclables and Ulster County does not.
3. There are as many as 24 sites that may be considered for a central site for the proposed county landfill. It is

hoped that there could be a town which would volunteer a site providing it meets all requirements. Criteria to be considered includes soil content, size, convenience of location, and an avoidance of areas designated as wetlands by the federal government.

4. The bonding money requested thus far amounts to approximately \$28,000,000.
5. The RRA offices are moving to the DiDonna Building in the Town of Ulster.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 6:56 P.M. on a motion by Legislator Alfonso and a second by Legislator Schneller. The Executive Session lasted until 7:05 P.M.

Cary MacDonald reported on the upcoming conference on winter roads maintenance to be held November 3 at the Holiday Inn. It is expected that this event will be attended with representatives from Ulster County, as well as surrounding counties and NYC DEP. This program has been in the planning stages for some time and Cary has been making supreme efforts to insure its success.

Bill Smith, Jay Martin and Bob Conklin, representing the Ulster County Federation of Sportsmen, spoke briefly on current topics. Their major concern was that some of their programs are in jeopardy due to lack of sufficient funding. Those included are some of the successful programs directed toward providing our youth with some wholesome activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. on a motion by Legislator Alfonso and a second by Legislator Dunn.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Busick, Deputy Chairman
Environmental and Consumer Affairs
Committee