

RULES, ENACTMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
(REMOTELY)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020
3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Thomas J. Faggione, Chairman
Michael Amo, Katie Bonelli, Barry J. Cheney, Kevin W. Hines, James M. Kulisek,
Michael D. Paduch, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
James J. Minuta, Legislator
Paul Ruskiewicz, Legislator
Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harold J. Porr, III, Deputy County Executive
Alicia D'Amico, Deputy Commissioner of Procurement and Compliance,
Department of General Services
Glenn Terwilliger, Records Management Officer, Department of General Services
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst

Mr. Faggione opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Chairman Brescia asked that the committee please remember James Townsend a former Orange County Legislator who recently passed away.

Mr. Kulisek moved request to adopt new
Record Retention and Disposition Schedule,
seconded by Mr. Amo.

Ms. D'Amico addressed the committee stating that new the Local Government Schedule (LGS-1) simplifies and organizes the retention schedule across all local governments in New York State. The current county schedule was adopted by Resolution No. 138 of 1990 and last updated in 2006.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Hines moved resolution of the Orange County
Legislature creating the "Dutchess Quarry Sites
National Register District Management Committee,"
Seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Cheney explained that the resolution was intended to create the National Register District Management Committee that was recommended in the 2012 Dutchess Quarry Sites National Register District Management Conservation Report. When the resolution was passed for the sale of the property on December 3, 2020, they allocated \$100,000.00 to create a program to do a

number of things. The intent of the committee is to provide direction and review plans going forward and he envisions a stabilization protection security plan for the district property, public interaction and education plan, the committee would be asked to pursue public and private funding, oversight and implementation of the plans and subsequent improvements and activities at the district property. The committee would consist of ten members, three of whom shall be members of the legislature and appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature with at least one belonging to a minority party, one shall be the County Executive's designee from within county government, and one shall be the Commissioner of Orange County Parks, Recreation and Conservation, one shall be the Orange County Historian, two shall be representatives of the Incorporated Orange County Chapter of the New York State Archeological Association, two at-large residents of Orange County appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature and the Chairperson of the committee would be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature from the three legislators appointed to serve on the committee. The three nominated by the Incorporated Orange County Chapter of the New York State Archeological Association would be confirmed by the Orange County Legislature. Members would serve two-year terms and expire on the 31st of December except for 2020 the legislators appointed shall only serve for one year coinciding with the expiration of their term of office. The committee would report to the Physical Services committee. Because this would be a ten-member committee the issue of a tiebreaker was brought up at the Education and Economic Development committee meeting and Legislative Counsel Reed stated that it would be okay as the Chairman of the Legislature is an ex officio member of all committees and in the position to break any tie vote. In addition, this committee would help provide guidance and direction to the legislature and the significant decisions would be acted upon by the legislature through the Physical Services Committee.

Mr. Faggione asked if the resolution passed unanimously at the Education and Economic Development committee meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. Mr. Cheney replied yes, and it will go before the Physical Services committee on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Mr. Hines stated that he was not concerned with a tie vote as the committee would only be recommending to the Physical Services committee with any action coming out of that committee.

Mr. Hines asked if the Executive Branch was happy with the makeup of the committee. Mr. Porr replied yes, they are very supportive.

Ms. Bonelli asked for clarification on the appointment by the County Executive and could be a member of the community. Mr. Cheney replied no, it would be someone from county government and someone that would be an important contributor to the committee other than the county historian and commissioner of parks.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Amo reminded the committee that the diversity intervention initiative resolution passed at the December 3, 2020 legislative session 19-2 and it is being worked on now. He would request that at the January meeting they have a presentation on the diversity intervention initiative.

Mr. Paduch addressed two open items. With the pending retirement of Legislative Counsel Reed on December 31, 2020 what was the Chairman's strategy on hiring a new Legislative Counsel and will there be interviews that include leadership and what is the status of the 5G study that they requested a few months ago. Chairman Brescia addressed the replacement of Legislative

Counsel Reed. He explained that he will be contacting leadership on the process, but they will be advertising for position and arranging interviews but until the position is filled, Sharon Worthy-Spiegel from the County Attorney's office will be assisting them. He assured the committee that the person would be in the office for the required hours and the undivided attention to the legislature. This is an appointment by the Chairman of the Legislature and confirmed by the legislature; however, he would like a consensus on it.

Mr. Paduch thanked Chairman Brescia for the update, and he will share that information with the Democratic caucus.

Legislative Counsel Reed addressed the question on the 5G study. She explained that the request was made to the New York State Commissioner of Health as they conduct such studies, and they are waiting on their response, but she would look into it.

Mr. Faggione thanked Legislative Counsel Reed for all her support and assistance over the years and wished her well on her upcoming retirement.

Several legislators on the committee echoed Mr. Faggione's sentiments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.