

The Legislature of Rockland County



HARRIET D. CORNELL
Legislator – District 10
Chair, Environmental Committee

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, June 30, 2015
6:15 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

HARRIET D. CORNELL, CHAIR
NANCY LOW-HOGAN, VICE CHAIR
ALDEN H. WOLFE
JAY HOOD, JR.
TONEY L. EARL
CHRISTOPHER J. CAREY
LON M. HOFSTEIN

OTHERS PRESENT

HON. R. DIAZ
HON. D. JOBSON
HON. P. MORONEY
M. FLEISCHMANN
HON. A. PAUL
HON. P. SOSKIN
J. BIRNBAUM, ESQ.
MEDIA

CHAIR CORNELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:32 PM

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2015 AND MAY 27, 2015 MEETINGS

MOTION TO ADOPT:

LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.

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1. REF. #6675 - OPPOSING INDIAN POINT'S LICENSE RENEWAL ON ACCOUNT OF 1) ITS VULNERABILITY TO POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING FIRES THAT COULD PRECIPITATE A CATASTROPHIC RADIOLOGICAL EVENT, 2) ITS LOCATION ON TWO FAULT LINES, AND 3) THE FAILURE TO ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE EVACUATION PLAN; AND, SHOULD LICENSE RENEWAL BE CONSIDERED, URGING THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF INDIAN POINT'S TRANSFORMERS, SEISMIC CONDITIONS, AND EVACUATION PLANS AS CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE
(HONS. A. WOLFE, H. CORNELL, N. LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD, JR., EARL, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE

CORNELL/WOLFE, LOW-HOGAN

UNAN

Leg. Carey stated that he would support this, but had concerns that it discusses closing Indian Point, but the energy it provided was not addressed. He asked that people from both sides of the issue provide information. Chair Cornell stated that the only basis for contesting was whether there was a viable evacuation plan, due to narrow roads in Rockland County and a recent fire also being an issue. She said that some things are considered when licensing a new nuclear plant that are not even considered when relicensing.

2. REF. #7945 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM UNITED WATER NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A XERISCAPE GARDEN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE [DGS - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT]
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, DGS - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. CORNELL, WOLFE, LOW-HOGAN, HOOD, JR., EARL, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN, WOLFE**

**TRANSFERRED TO PPW/B & F
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3. REF. #2369 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW FLEISCHMANN, POMONA, NEW YORK, TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. CORNELL, WOLFE, LOW-HOGAN, HOOD, JR., EARL, HOFSTEIN, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CORNELL/WOLFE, HOOD, JR., EARL**

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M. Fleischmann spoke about the numerous environmental initiatives he's worked on and said it would be an honor to serve on the EMC. Chair Cornell stated that he sounds exactly like the kind of person needed on the EMC and congratulated him.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:40 PM
CAREY/LOW-HOGAN**

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