

The Legislature of Rockland County



ALDEN H. WOLFE
Vice Chairman
Legislator – District 6

Chair, Environmental Committee

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2013
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

HON. A. WOLFE, CHAIR
HON. N. LOW-HOGAN, VICE CHAIR
HON. H. CORNELL, LEG CHAIR
HON. A. WIEDER
HON. T. EARL

MEMBERS ABSENT

HON. C. CAREY
HON. F. SPARACO

OTHERS PRESENT

LEG. J. JOBSON
E. YEGER, ESQ
M. WIDMER
S. BRAMAN
S. GRUBER
M. BELL

N. PATASOW
D. MADRONIE
G. POTANOVIC

ROLL CALL, CHAIR WOLFE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:08 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT
WOLFE/LOW-HOGAN**

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1. REF # 4374 – DISCUSSION: SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT IN ROCKLAND COUNTY: PRESENTATION BY STUART BRAMAN, LAMONT-DOHERTY EARTH OBSERVATORY AND SIMON GRUBER, INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES. (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

DISCUSSED

Chair Wolfe welcomes every one for coming for the presentation Sustainable Water Management in Rockland County.

He introduced Stuart Braman, Adjunct Associate Research Scientist, and Simon Gruber, who will do the presentation to the Rockland County Legislature and advised that it was open for public. Mr. Gruber would focus on green infrastructure and Mr. Braman would focus on water conservation

Mr. Gruber talked about green infrastructure water management. He stated that the County helps municipalities with water systems. In the Village of Nyack currently they are completing code reviews to find places with green infrastructure to make provisions and make it easier for developers.

Mr. Gruber is Counsel for Hudson Valley Region. He works on getting the grant funding from New York State for Sullivan County region and Rockland County. He explained what green infrastructure water is about and said that it is important to stop and look back at what and how we do things. What we did in the past and in the future impacts the storm waters and cost a lot of money to build some of infrastructure. Basically, we are at the point that water quality regulations include normal to clear water. Green infrastructure approach is a way to start to deal with fixing the system.

He is talking with a few municipalities in the County trying to get them to consider the green infrastructure practices. Nyack is completing heir review of the code and that is going to be in a written report that will be available soon. I am going to do some education workshops later this year.

Leg. Chair Cornell questioned, where the workshops would be held?

Mr. Gruber advised that the workshops would be held at the Dutchess County headquarters.

Chair Wolfe asked Mr. Gruber to forward the information about the workshops.

Mr. Stuart Braman did a presentation on water conservation in Rockland County.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:55 PM
WOLFE/CORNELL

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Respectfully submitted,

Lesly Senatus, Committee Clerk

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