

The Legislature of Rockland County



NANCY LOW-HOGAN

Legislator, District 17

Chairwoman, Economic Development Committee
Vice-Chairwoman, Environmental Committee

Members Present:

Leg. N. Low-Hogan, Chair
Leg. H. Cornell, Vice Chair
Leg. C. Carey
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. J. Meyers
Leg. A. Wieder

Members Absent:

Leg. I. Schoenberger

Others Present:

Leg. P. Soskin
Leg. M. Grant
L. Farbstein
R. McKay, Esq.
Supervisor Phillips
N. Doliner

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

6:45 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

MOTION TO ADOPT:

CAREY/JOBSON

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1. REF. #5614 - APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN NRG BOWLINE, LLC, HUDSON VALLEY GAS CORPORATION, VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HAVERSTRAW-STONY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 249 ACRES ALONG WITH A 700 MEGAWATT ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE BOWLINE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY AND HUDSON VALLEY GAS CORPORATION, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW UNDER VARIOUS TAX MAP BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS (IDENTIFIED IN THE PILOT AGREEMENT) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) {PILOT]
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2014-00393

Chairwoman Low-Hogan introduced Haverstraw Town Supervisor Howard Phillips who explained that a settlement with the owner of the Bowline generating station has been reached ending a four-year tax dispute. Supervisor Phillips said that several months ago, Mr. Lawrence Farbstein, who has been advising the Town of Haverstraw on property assessment issues started working on a solution.

The settlement agreed upon has two components:

- An \$8 million tax refund to NRG from local taxing jurisdictions, North Rockland School district, Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland, and villages of West Haverstraw and Haverstraw.
- A PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement whereby the company will pay \$2.7 million in taxes annually for the next 7 years (2014-2020). The County's portion of the \$2.7 million will be approximately \$127,700. The County will also be responsible to refund the company overpaid real property taxes in the sum of \$358,632.

Supervisor Phillips stated that although he is not happy with the amounts that have to be paid, this settlement will avoid further costly litigation. With the establishment of the PILOT agreement, the Company will pay \$2.7 million in taxes over the assessment years 2014 - 2020. Legislative Fiscal Analyst Nicole Doliner submitted a breakdown on the fiscal impact to the County of Rockland (see attached).

Supervisor Phillips said the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw, the Town of Haverstraw, the Central School District and the RC Industrial Development Agency are also in the process of approving this agreement.

Legs. Grant and Jobson thanked Supervisor Phillips and Mr. Farbstein for their hard work during these negotiations.

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. LOW-HOGAN, CORNELL, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
JOBSON/CAREY**

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TRANSFER TO B&F 2/11/14**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:20 PM
CAREY/JOBSON**

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