

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, October 13, 2016
5:30 PM

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	
Leg. H. Cornell, Chair	Leg. J. Hood, Jr.	Leg. C. Falciglia	A. Silva-Exias, Esq.
Leg. A. Wolfe		L. Incalcaterra	
Leg. N. Low-Hogan, Vice-Chair			
Leg. T. Earl			
Leg. C. Carey			
Leg. L. Santulli			

CHAIR CORNELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:33 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR 6/28/16 MEETING

MOTION TO ADOPT:
CAREY/LOW-HOGAN **UNAN**

1. REF. #9137 - OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO DESIGNATE 2,400 ACRES OF THE HUDSON RIVER AS ANCHORAGE SITES FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS ALONG THE HUDSON SHORELINE FROM YONKERS TO KINGSTON, NEW YORK (**HONS. HARRIET CORNELL, ALDEN WOLFE, JAY HOOD, JR., LEGISLATURE**)

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
CORNELL/WOLFE

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. LOW-HOGAN, EARL, CAREY, SANTULLI, JOBSON, FALCIGLIA

Chair Cornell said that she hadn't realized how much acreage had been involved for these barges along the Hudson River. The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking public comments and hadn't anticipated the great outcry from communities along the Hudson River. There are a lot of safety concerns and an increased chance for accidents and potential crude oil spill hazards, which threaten the delicate ecological systems along the Hudson River. There have been concerns about crude oil transport for several years, by barge, by rail, or by pipeline. She said that the county's rivertowns, like Haverstraw, are trying to revitalize their waterfronts for tourism. Nyack has done a lot for their waterfront for tourism and this barge proposal would jeopardize that. Chairman Wolfe stated that the barges would reverse all the hard work that has been done to protect the Hudson River.

2. REF. #5337 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ROCKLAND FARM ALLIANCE, INC. FOR GREENHOUSE PROJECT (ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE) (\$10,000) (**CLIFF L. WOOD., PRESIDENT, RCC**)

**MOTION TO AMEND:
LOW-HOGAN/EARL**

**TRANSFER TO B&F
UNAN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. CORNELL. WOLFE, LOW-HOGAN, EARL, CAREY, SANTULLI,
JOBSON**

ACTION: Counsel will clarify who is funding the project and amend caption, as needed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:50 PM
EARL/WOLFE**

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