

The Legislature of Rockland County



ALDEN H. WOLFE

Vice Chairman

Legislator – District 6

Chair, Environmental Committee

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013
5:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

HON. A. WOLFE, CHAIR

HON. N. LOW-HOGAN, VC

HON. H. CORNELL LEG CHAIR

HON. C. CAREY

HON. T. EARL

MEMBERS ABSENT

HON. F. SPARACO

HON. A. WIEDER

OTHERS PRESENT

E. YEGER, ESQ.

D. DUTHIE

S. JAFFE

M. REILLY

M. SADOWSKI

A. SAMUELS

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT
CARREY/EARL**

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1. REF. # 6394

OPPOSING UNITED WATER NEW YORK'S REQUESTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A SURCHARGE TO COVER PRE-CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE PROPOSED DESALINATION PLANT AND FOR A RATE INCREASE (HONS. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, ALDEN H. WOLFE, HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE
EARL/CORNELL**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LOW-HOGAN, EARL

2. REF # 8593 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND TO SHARE THE COST OF LEGAL SERVICES PERFORMED BY DANIEL P. DUTHIE AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM IN SUPPORT OF REASONABLE WATER RATES
(HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

PULLED AT REQUEST OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Duthie introduced himself as the attorney providing legal services to the Consortium in connection with the case before the PSC. He asked United Water for justification in reference to the increased water rates. United Water has an application before the Public Service Commission for a water rate increase of 29% to compensate them for the costs of infrastructure improvement and increases in property tax liabilities. He is prepared to present the case to the Public Water Commissioner.

Leg Chair. Cornell stated that the resolution speaks for itself in terms of the surcharge to residents.

3. REF # 9251 DISCUSSION: UPDATE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, STONY POINT, NEW YORK
(HON. ALDEN WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

DISCUSSED

Cornell University Cooperation Extension - Rockland County, presented by Susan Jaffe Executive Director. Ms Jaffe stated that the mission of Cornell Cooperation Extension is to put knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. They bring local experience, and research-based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in their rapidly changing world.

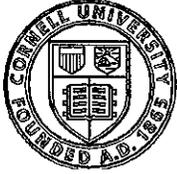
Ms. Jaffe reviewed programs and services, economic impact, breakdown of fund leveraged and breakdown of services as described on attached.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:10 p.m.
WOLFE/EARL**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County by the Numbers

Our Mission: Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County (CCERC) puts knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. We bring local experience, and research-based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world.

Our Programs and Services:

- Non Profit Sustainability through the Institute for Non-Profits: Improving sustainability through training for staff and board members in collaboration, leadership, financial management and more.
- Environmental and Horticulture Stewardship- Storm water management and coordination for Rockland's 23 municipalities; Access to New York State Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN); Pesticide recertification training for landscape/horticulture industry.
- Improving Nutrition and Health- CCE administers the Eat Smart New York Program on behalf of the county.
- Financial Literacy
- Community, Youth and Family Development

Economic Impact: In 2012 we used our county appropriation of \$274,231 to serve 11,019 residents and leverage an additional \$574,300 in direct and in-kind funding.

Breakdown of funds leveraged:

- CCERC brings a total of \$157,912 in additional grant funds from outside sources through contracts.
- CCERC secured fringe benefits totaling \$272,521 in 2012, these were paid by Cornell University, New York State and the Federal Government.
- CCERC had 174 volunteers donate 5,266 hours valued at \$143,867 to the education of county residents. (based on hourly value of \$27.32 of volunteer hours in New York State as estimated by Independent sector for 2011)

Breakdown of services:

- Over 4,000 residents and homeowners visit the Horticulture lab on an annual basis to solve their plant/pesticide problems
- 23 municipalities receive assistance in the coordination and conducting of stormwater community education program.
- More than 100 professional, certified pesticide applicators receive training.
- Over 660 SNAP eligible residents and families receive access to obesity prevention and nutrition education.

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