

# The Legislature of Rockland County



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

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2016  
5:30 PM**

**Members Present:**

Leg. H. Cornell, Chair  
Leg. N. Low-Hogan, Vice-Chair  
Leg. J. Hood, Jr. (arrived 5:45)  
Leg. C. Carey  
Leg. L. Santulli

**Members Absent:**

Leg. A. Wolfe  
Leg. T. Earl

**Others Present:**

Leg. C. Falciglia  
Leg. D. Jobson  
L. Incalcaterra  
J. Wilson  
M. Dimula

Leg. M. Grant  
E. Yeger, Esq.  
G. Pisha  
R. Parker

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR 10/13/16 MEETING**

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

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1. REF. #1021 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE INTRODUCE HOME RULE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND TO CONVEY TO MILLENNIUM PIPELINE COMPANY A PERMANENT EASEMENT OF .32 ACRES OF KAKIAT PARK IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO  
**(R. ALLAN BEERS, COORDINATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES)  
DL#2016-03315 (BACK-UP WITH CLERK)**

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

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TRANSFERRED TO PPW**

**ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. CORNELL, LOW-HOGAN, JAY HOOD, JR., CAREY, SANTULLI, JOBSON**

M. Dimula, Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources, stated that this was a part of the Eastern System upgrade to upgrade the existing system. The alienation process is lengthy. The area is adjacent to a metering system and the land has already been disturbed. This is a surface easement; the county will still maintain ownership of the land. An offsetting parcel of land will be given to the county and they are willing to give an access road on Skymeadow Drive for emergencies, which is critical, because we've had lost hikers that needed rescuing and for fire emergencies. Whenever there's an alienation proposal, we always talk to state agencies. He said he doesn't foresee any problems, because of the benefits to the county. A temporary bridge over the Mahwah River was done in past projects, instead of a permanent one, because of costs. There is no need in the future for a temporary bridge.

J. Wilson and R. Parker, Millennium Pipeline, stated that the parcel of land where the meter is located is owned by O&R and Algonquin Spectra Pipeline has equipment there, but these are separate projects. This project is just Millennium Pipeline's, who need to add extra equipment on this parcel. Leg. Jobson asked if the ground would be opened up in a big crater? Millennium Pipeline representatives stated that there would be small pipes put in the ground to connect the equipment and a portion of an existing fence would be taken down. G. Pisha asked if the area was currently used? J Millennium Pipeline representatives said that the area is not currently used, but it was previously cleared of trees. G. Pisha asked if they were planning on expanding the pipeline? Millennium Pipeline representatives said that this project is just to upgrade the meter. M. Dimula stated that the parcel has had an environmental review, which isn't signed yet. It would be signed by Alan Beers possibly or maybe the County Attorney or County Executive. Millennium Pipeline representatives said that they applied for a certification from the Environmental Regulatory agency and that would entail a review environmentally.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:55 PM**  
**LOW-HOGAN/HOOD, JR.**

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