

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.

Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

Members Present:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. A. Paul
Leg. P. Soskin

Members Absent:

Leg. F. Sparaco

Others Present:

Leg. L. Hofstein
S. Powers
E. Yeager, Esq.

Leg. M. Grant
M. Barbera
L. Falco

M. Hook
J. Birnbaum

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014

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

UNAN

1. REF. #9252 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,253 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS GRANT (NO. C198420) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 25, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
[OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$89,253)
(GORDON W. WREN, FIRE AND EMERGENCY)
DL# 2015-00085

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/JOBSON**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F 2/10/15**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, EARL, JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SOSKIN

2. REF. #9458 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* DRAFT LOCAL LAW & FACT SHEET REGARDING LOCAL FIREWORKS SALE & USE
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

Counsel Elana Yeager stated that counties are permitted to regulate the use of sparkler fireworks. If there is no major safety issue, then they can be allowed.

Stephen Powers stated he didn't think it would be a problem to allow the sale of these items, since 46 states already allow it.

DISCUSSED

3. REF. #5327 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF DRONES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR., LEGISLATURE)

Counsel Elana Yeger introduced the issue of drones being used unlawfully. Following a discussion at a past meeting, a draft of a Local Law was prepared outlining the permitted uses of drones in the county.

Sheriff Falco stated that he is concerned about drones being used to drop contraband in the jail yard. Assemblyman Zebrowski is working on legislation to ban the use of drones near state and other county jail and prison facilities. Gordon Wren said that drones can be useful during fires to pinpoint the origin of fires, and fire services should be able to use drones for that purpose. It should be an A misdemeanor the first time someone utilizes drones in the jail facility.

Chair Hood said drones threaten the privacy of neighbors and others, so that needs to be addressed. Permitted use by law enforcement agencies need to be stipulated in the law.

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
EARL/JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN
ADDED CO-SPONSORS:LEGS. EARL, JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SOSKIN

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:40 PM **UNAN**
JOBSON/HOOD

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