

# The Legislature of Rockland County



**ALDEN H. WOLFE**  
**Vice Chairman**  
Legislator – District 6

Chair, Environmental Committee

**Members Present:**

Leg. A. Wolfe, Chair  
Leg. Chairwoman Cornell  
Leg. C. Carey  
Leg. T. Earl  
Leg. A. Wieder

**Members Absent:**

Leg. N. Low-Hogan, VC  
Leg. F. Sparaco

**Others Present:**

Leg. J. Meyers  
E. Yeger, Esq.  
A. Beers  
T. Arin  
A. Englander  
R. Louie  
L. Frankel  
J. Christensen  
P. Kurtz  
T. Thal  
J. Dillon (UW)  
D. Steinmetz  
P. Wooters  
N. Patasaw  
S. Master (UW)

Leg. J. Hood, Jr.  
B. Atkins  
J. Macula (UW)  
A. Stewart  
C. Sutherland  
J. Fox  
M. Granirer  
K. Schwarz  
T. O'Reilly  
S. Goudsmith (UW)  
L. Schwartz  
C. Vericker  
L. Carrot  
S. Miller

Supervisor Phillips  
C. Harrison  
N. Cohen  
M. Terry  
K. Rhodes  
L. Ross  
S. Shapiro  
S. Schneider  
E. Ortner  
D. Rizzi (UW)  
A. Schwartz  
S. Lerner  
L. Peek  
B. Terry

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012**  
**5:15 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2012

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**  
**WOLFE/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

1. REF. #1021 - DISCUSSION ITEM: ALGONQUIN/MILLENNIUM GAS FACILITY  
IN KAKIAK PARK  
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)  
(DEFERRED ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING)

Chair Wolfe stated this was a follow-up from a previous discussion (May 9) that came about after residents Chris Harrison and Evelyn Preuss contacted him regarding concerns of this facility. At that time, and after discussions with Emergency Services, a resolution was passed urging Algonquin to prepare and submit to the FERC alternative emergency means of access.

Mr. Harney, Manager Rights of Way and Land assigned to Spectra/Algonquin Gas, stated that presently there is a monitor installed at Ramapo that monitors performance of the meter station 24/7. They are not seeking additional land and everything has been completed so the plan is to take down the temporary access bridge.

Leg. Wolfe stated there are clearly safety concerns and wondered what it would take for them to consider putting in an access bridge. Mr. Harney stated that would require an easement, O&R involvement (they own ½ acre) and various permits.

Leg. Wolfe said this a real issue and would appreciate them taking a hard look and see if there might be a willingness to consider building a permanent emergency' access bridge. Mr. Harney said he would continue to monitor the situation.

2. REF. #6394 - REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REOPEN PROCEEDING 06-W-0131 WHICH REQUIRED UNITED WATER NEW YORK AND UNITED WATER SOUTH COUNTY INC. TO DEVELOP NEW WATER SUPPLY SOURCES  
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL,  
HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)  
*RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW*

**AMENDMENT:** Change title to add "in view of new information"

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** AS AMENDED  
WOLFE/CORNELL

UNAN

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS:** LEGS. EARL, MEYERS

3. REF. #6394 - REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO REQUIRE A LEGISLATIVE HEARING AND ISSUES CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REQUEST MADE BY UNITED WATER FOR PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A DESALINATION PLANT IN ROCKLAND COUNTY  
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL,  
HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)  
*RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW*

**ACTIONS:**

- Committee Clerk to provide legislators with link to Paul Heisig's USGS study
- Leg. Carey requested Dan Miller, Health Dept. give his expert/professional input on the desalination plant

**AMENDMENT:** Delete "Legislative hearing" and add "adjudicatory hearing"

**MOTION TO APPROVE: AS AMENDED  
WOLFE/CORNELL**

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**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. EARL, MEYERS**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 7:00 PM  
WOLFE/CORNELL**

**UNAN**

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