

Minutes

Public Facilities Committee

Monday, March 13, 2017, 4:00 pm

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, N.Y.

Members Present: Hemmer, Wilfong, Nazzaro, Scudder, Gould

Others: Tampio, Dennison, E. Erlandson, T. Dawes, Spanos, Horrigan, Crow, Harvey

Chairman Hemmer called the meeting to order @ 4:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes (2/13/17)**

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Nazzaro

*Unanimously Carried*

**Privilege of the Floor**

I am not the one that is supposed to be doing this but I'll give it a try I'm Karen Harvey and I'm representing the group of people who are opposing the industrial wind turbines in our County. We have a position that it is going to be detrimental overall to the County because the property taxes will be diminished because there will be less property value as a result of 128 industrial turbines. We have photographed and published turbines in action in Wyoming County which is nearby and if you look at Chautauqua Update on YouTube, you will see that both the State hearing and the Legislative hearing which includes a number of you and various town little board meeting hearings. The windmills that we are talking about are 500 feet tall. The ones that are currently in Wyoming County that we see normally throughout our area are 295 feet tall so these things are far bigger with a far greater impact on our community. We want to bring it to the attention of the public because one of them is already underway and the others are in progress but there is still enough time to express our concern. We have this incredible report that says our County is pretty much dedicated to scenic beauty to recreational things like fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and living in the rural kind of life style and this contradicts it completely. It's very large, it encompasses 40,000 acres and the demand will be pushed even farther for more and more space for these things. They do have access roads that tear up a great deal of property and the health aspects are well documented. It's not just the presences of them, it's the sound, it's the vibration and it's the infrasound that has been documented there. They are taking them down as the courts have ordered and places like Portugal, Spain, and Ireland. Once they put them up, they discovered that the health effects are so extreme that the courts have ruled in favor of citizens and have been forced to take them down. In California, there were three major companies receiving the kind of subsidies that we're talking about here. Cuomo has dedicated \$7.6 billion dollars to these subsidies and they will take affect beginning April 1. We'll see them on our

electric bills. Three companies in California have gone bankrupt, have disappeared after collecting all their subsidies and there is nothing to be done. They just disappear and go away. The ones in our area, 75% of them go out of the country. The money that is invested to be returned to the investors, it is through companies that are not here in our country. They are elsewhere. So, Jimmy McCarthy is doing a wonderful story, (*inaudible*) on this and we hope to see it in the Post Journal soon.

We also have a concern about the documentation that the Attorney General has issued which is a list of the names of those people in Arkwright, the Planning Board, the Board of Ethics, and the Planning Board and there are 11 of them. Eleven of them that received \$250,000, \$500,000, a million, \$250,000, \$500,000, anybody that wants a copy of this can have it and it's related to the - the back page has a conflict of interest statement from the Attorney General and I did not include it but in same text he put a letter attached that said, everyone on this list, I'm listing these because it's required by our law, in the State of New York, everyone on this list must publish a statement of recusal voting on this issue. If they have done that, great! We don't see any evidence of that and we'd like to find out how to find evidence of their recusal. There are two people on there that have taken themselves out that are no longer effective on that but we'd like to accentuate that this is not in keeping with the (*inaudible*) Chautauqua County which is our pride and joy and we hope that you will educate yourselves and take a look at Chautauqua Update and see the films of all of these people that have tried very hard to get this communicated. Thank you very much.

Chairman Hemmer: Thank you very much Karen. Is there anyone else?

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Proposed Resolution - Confirm Appointment – South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts Board

Chairman Hemmer: Are there any discussions or questions about this resolution?

*Unanimously Carried*

Discussion – Parks Commission Members, Tom Dawes and Tom Erlandson – Re: Marden E. Cobb Waterway Trail

Other

Chairman Hemmer: Is there anything under other to be brought before the committee?

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Nazzaro and duly carried meeting adjourned. (4:42 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature