

**CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**of the**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Consumer Protection Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on June 19, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman  
Legislator Wayne R. Horsley (not present)  
Legislator Thomas F. Barraga  
Legislator Kate M. Browning  
Legislator Jack Eddington

**ALSO PRESENT:**

William Lindsay, Presiding Officer  
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Charles Gardner, Director of Consumer Affairs  
Bruce Dragonette, Consumer Affairs  
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk  
Joe Muncey, Budget Review Office  
Debra Alloncius, AME Legislative Director  
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader  
Marge Acevedo, Presiding Officer Aide  
April Ortiz, County Executive Aide  
And all other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Diana Kraus - Court Stenographer

**(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:09 PM)**

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Good afternnon. We'll start the Consumer Protection Committee meeting. We'll start with the pledge to the flag led by Legislator Barraga.

**SALUTATION**

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the Consumer Protection Committee. We do not have any cards for public hearing -- for public portion. We will go to the agenda, but first if, Commissioner Gardner, I don't know if you have anything you want to address with any of the resolutions, but if you want to come up, that's fine; or if you feel safer back there, that's up to you.

**DIRECTOR GARDNER:**

If you have any questions, I'll come up.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. But there is not anything you wanted to discuss. Does anybody have anything that they wanted to talk to the Commissioner about?

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

Having said that, we are going to go right to tabled resolutions. **1272, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to protect children from accidental poisoning by requiring the proper storage of toxic chemicals in retail stores. (Schneiderman)** I believe this is -- the public hearing is not closed yet so this has to be tabled for public hearing. I will make a motion to table this for public hearing.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? **1272 is tabled for public hearing. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Leg. Horsley not present)**

**1364, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to promote fair business practices (Cooper)**

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

I'll make a motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion to table by Legislator Eddington, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **1364 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Leg. Horsley not present)**

**1438, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to strengthen motorist protections from unwarranted price increases by unscrupulous wholesale motor fuel distributors and service station operators (Horsley)** I know that Legislator Horsley was making some changes, I

believe, in that bill so I will make a motion to table that, second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed? **1438 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Leg. Horsley not present)**

**1476.** The public hearing has been closed; correct? **Adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to amend the qualifications for electricians and plumbers (PO Lindsay)**

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Eddington, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? **1476 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Leg. Horsley not present)**

## **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

Now we have several introductory resolutions, most of which are reappointments. So I did not feel that it was necessary to bring the reappointments back in here as has been our policy in the past.

So we'll go right onto Introductory Resolution **1520, approving the reappointment of Leonard Borger as a member of the Suffolk County Home Appliance Repair Licensing Board (CE Levy)** I will make a motion to approve.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? **1520 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Leg. Horsley not present)**

**1521, approving the reappointment of William Garthe as a member of the Suffolk County Home Improvement Contractors Licensing Board. (CE Levy)** And I will do same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1521 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1522, approving the reappointment of Michael Daly as a member of the Suffolk County Electrical Licensing Board. (CE Levy)** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1522 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1523, approving the reappointment of Robert J. Kohlmeyer as a member of the Suffolk County Electrical Licensing Board (CE Levy)** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1523 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1524, approving the reappointment of Lee Eysman as a member of the Suffolk County Electrical Licensing Board (CE Levy)** Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1524 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1538, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to establish E-Verify requirements for occupational licenses (Cooper)**

**MR. NOLAN:**

This has to be tabled.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Okay. I will make a motion to table.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? **1538 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1571, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to require occupational licensees to utilize the Social Security Number Verification Service (CE Levy)** Is that withdrawn? Okay. I will table that. I will make a motion to table, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? **1571 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1576, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law to increase the application fee for occupational licenses. (PO Lindsay)** It has to be table for public hearing. I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**

Second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? **1576 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

**1577, adopting local law number - 2008, a local law authorizing a program to waive item pricing requirements (PO Lindsay)** That also has to be tabled for a public hearing. Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1577 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Horsley not present)**

Is there anybody that would like to address the Consumer Protection Committee? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? We're adjourned.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:15 PM)  
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