

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 April 21, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. John M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman
Leg. Ricardo Montano, Vice Chair
Leg. Brian Beedenbender
Leg. Lou D'Amaro
Leg. Edward P. Romaine

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel
Joe Muncey, Budget Review Office
Alicia Howard, Legislative Aide to Clerk's
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Leader
Denis McElligott, Commissioner to Consumer Affairs Department
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Bob Martinez, Aide to Leg. Montano
Ryan Attard, Aide to Leg. Beedenbender
Justin Littell , Aide to Leg. D'Amaro
William Shilling, Aide to the Presiding Officer
Debra Alloncius, Legislative Rep for AME
Mario Mattera, Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Kraus, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:14 PM

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Can I have all Legislators for Consumer Protection to the horseshoe, please.

Okay, ladies and gentlemen. This the Consumer Protection Committee. If we could all rise, please, and let's have the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Legislator Romaine.

SALUTATION

Okay. Moving right along, we were scheduled for presentation. Unfortunately that's had to be rescheduled. We don't have any cards for the public portion. Fine. What can I tell you, I almost had entertainment, guys. Almost had entertainment.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Okay, moving into the agenda, then, if we can, quickly please, first on the table resolutions, resolution **1113, a local law specifying procedures and requirements for the use and acceptance of electronic agreements for the purpose and sale of home heating oil. (Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive)**

LEG. BEEDENBENDER:

Motion to table.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay. Motion's tabled. **(Vote: 6-0)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Next we have **IR 1238, approving the appointment of Mario Mattera as a member of the Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board. (Co. Exec.)**

LEG. ROMAINE:

Motion to approve.

LEG. BEEDENBENDER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Mr. Mattera is here. If you would to just go ahead and take the microphone for a moment, Mario, and tell us anything or if any member has any questions.

MR. MATTERA:

Hi, everybody.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Good afternoon, Mario. Thank you for being before us. You're a candidate for the Plumbing Licensing Board. I assume you're a plumber.

MR. MATTERA:

Yes, I am. And actually my father was also Master Plumber.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. Yeah, I think we've all had the resolution. You're known to all of us. The Plumbing Licensing Board, as you know, performs a very important function here in Suffolk County for our residents. And do you feel you're going to be able to go ahead and make the meetings and attend to all the responsibilities?

MR. MATTERA:

Absolutely. And it'll be my pleasure to protect the plumbing industry. And like I said the plumber protects the health of the nation and actually obviously for the Consumer. So I will be there like I am for what I do -- what I do now for my membership.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Mattera? There being none, fine. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion's approved. **(Vote: 6-0)**

Congratulations, Mario. You do not have to come down for the general meeting on Tuesday. The resolution will be taken up by the full body at that time. And I presume that you should be on board soon.

MR. MATTERA:

I appreciate --

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

So I thank you very much for your service.

MR. MATTERA:

And thank you. I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

And this next one's got to be tabled for a public hearing, right? Okay. **1282, adopting a local law to amend Suffolk County Code to include gem exchanges as licensed occupation. (Kennedy)** That resolution has to be tabled for public hearing. I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. BEEDENBENDER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Second. All those in favor? Opposed? So ordered. **(Vote: 6-0)**

All right, no other business to be before us?

LEG. BEEDENBENDER:

Motion to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Motion to adjourn. Second. We stand adjourned. Thank you.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:19 PM
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