

VETERANS & SENIORS COMMITTEE

Of the

Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Veterans & Seniors 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 **August 4, 2005**.

Members Present:

Legislator John Kennedy • Chairperson

Legislator Daniel Losquadro • Vice•Chair

Legislator Cameron Alden

Legislator Elie Mystal

Members Not Present:

Legislator Jon Cooper

Also In Attendance:

Mea Knapp • Counsel to the Legislature

Alexandra Sullivan • Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature

Fran Siems • Aide to Presiding Officer Caracappa

James Teese • Aide to Legislator Kennedy

Ben Zwirn • Assistant County Executive

Paul Arfin • County Executive's Commission on Creative Retirement

Judy Pannullo • Suffolk Community Council

All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney • Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 1:42 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay, we are convening the Veterans & Seniors Committee. Do we have a quorum? Yes, we do have a quorum present. We were scheduled originally to go ahead and have a presentation of the Commission on Creative Retirement. However, several of us have just had an opportunity to go ahead and see that presentation at Health & Human Services. I'm going to encourage my colleague Legislators who may have not had an opportunity to see that to possibly reach out directly to Mr. Arfin and Ms. Pannullo, they gave an excellent presentation, raised a lot of issues.

Having said that, I will then go ahead and move past the presentation and move to Tabled Resolutions.

LEG. ALDEN:

No, we've got to do the pledge.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Sorry about that, let's do the pledge led by Legislator Mystal.

Salutation

Okay. Now that we got that done, let's move to Introductory Resolutions. There being none, we'll move to Tabled Resolutions.

Tabled Resolutions

We have **1606•05 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law extending veterans property tax exemption to recipients of Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (County Executive)**. Have we had a public hearing on this?

MS. JULIUS:

Yes, we have.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. The public hearing has been had and been closed?

MS. JULIUS:

It's been closed on June 7th.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay, fine. That being the case, then what we'll do is I'll make a motion to go ahead and approve.

LEG. MYSTAL:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Seconded by Legislator Mystal. All those in favor? Opposed?

The resolution is passed (VOTE: 3•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Cooper).

I have no cards before me. Is there anybody at this point who has any matters or business that they wish to bring before the committee? There being none ••

LEG. ALDEN:

Just quickly, could you announce the vote on that last resolution, it was 4•0?

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

I believe so, yes.

LEG. ALDEN:

Four zero?

MS. JULIUS:

4•0•0•1.

LEG. ALDEN:

Good.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Just two other matters, I guess, that I'm going to share with my colleague Legislators. I know that we do have a new Director of Veterans Affairs that was recently appointed by the County Executive, we've extended an invitation to him, I believe he will be here to give us a general discussion at the next committee meeting, in the next committee cycle.

And as I had mentioned earlier, we also have Mr. Arfin in the audience with us as well. He and Ms. Pannullo gave an excellent presentation at Health & Human Services and I would encourage my colleague Legislators to have a discussion with him should they have questions regarding ••

MR. ARFIN:

I have copies of the report.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Copies of the report? Yes, we'd love to have copies of the report. And since most of us had an opportunity to see your Health & Human Services presentation, in an effort to go ahead and save time and be able to move into the next committee, which is about five minutes away, we're going to go ahead. Thank you.

And thank you all. I guess we will consider the committee ••

Okay, committee adjourned.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.*)

***Legislator John Kennedy, Chairman
Veterans & Seniors Committee.***