

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 December 7, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Jack Eddington, Vice Chair

Legislator Kate M. Browning

Legislator Ricardo Montano

Legislator Jay H. Schneiderman

NOT PRESENT:

Legislator Steve Stern - Excused

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel

Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office

Jill Moss, Budget Review Office

Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk

Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader

Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Leader

Deborah Harris, Aide to Legislator Stern

Bob Martinez, Aide to Legislator Montano

Brendan Chamberlain, County Executive's Office

Dennis Brown, County Attorney's Office

And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Kim Castiglione, Legislative Secretary

(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:38 A.M.)

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Okay. If everybody would stand for the Veterans Committee and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Legislator Browning.

(Salutation)

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

If we could remain standing for a moment silence for all those that serve our country, both abroad and at home, with a special thought on today, Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th, 1941, up until seven, eight years ago was the worst day in American history, and September 11th, 2001 kind of put us back to the reality of what can happen. So let's just think of all those people.

(Moment of Silence)

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Thank you very much. Be seated. Okay. I don't see any cards. Would anybody like to address the committee? Okay, then. I'll go right to the agenda. We have tabled resolutions.

Tabled Resolutions

I.R. 2033, Adopting Local Law No. 2009, A Local Law to extend the right of first refusal to homeowners of planned retirement communities. (Romaine)

Mr. Brown?

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll make a motion.

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

A motion by Legislator Browning. I'll second that. Mr. Brown, on the motion.

MR. BROWN:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We just wanted to apprise the committee because of litigation, which previously has arisen out of legislation relating to the planned retirement communities, that some of the provisions in here may also raise litigation. And not that there's anything wrong with any particular provision on the per se basis, but some of the provisions may be susceptible to the same types of arguments as being an unreasonable restriction or an unreasonable penalty or an unreasonable use of the owner's property. But other than that, we have no objections.

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Thank you very much for your input. Okay, then. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Stern)***

Introductory Resolutions

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

We have Introductory Resolution ***IR 2145, Adopting Local Law No. 2009, Accepting and appropriating 100% reimbursable funds for the Weatherization Referral and Packaging Program. (Presiding Officer on request of the County Executive)***

I'll make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar. Oh, it's a grant, sorry.

I've got a motion and a second by Legislator Browning.

LEG. MONTANO:

I'm sorry, what is that?

VICE-CHAIR EDDINGTON:

We said that tomorrow is going to be a holiday and that -- we have a grant here, accepting and appropriating a grant.

LEG. MONTANO:

Motion to table that -- no just kidding.

LEG. BROWNING:

It says Local Law, but it is not.

LEG. MONTANO:

Your holiday.

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Yes, okay. All right. So I've got a motion and a second for accepting a 100% reimbursable grant. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Stern)***

LEG. MONTANO:

What happened to the tabled resolution?

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Thank you for voting to approve that.

LEG. MONTANO:

I'm sorry. I was slow this morning.

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Okay. Seeing nobody else then, motion to adjourn.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

VICE CHAIR EDDINGTON:

Okay.

(THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:43 A.M.)