

**WAYS AND MEANS**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**of the**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on June 12, 2014.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Steve Stern - Chairman  
Legislator William Spencer - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Robert Calarco  
Legislator John Kennedy  
Legislator Kate Browning

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Legislator DuWayne Gregory - Presiding Officer  
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
Lora Gellerstein - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern  
Bill Shilling - Aide to Legislator Calarco  
Robert Lipp - Deputy Director - Budget Review Office  
Tom Vaughn - County Executive's Office  
All other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Alison Mahoney - Court Reporter

*(\*The meeting was called to order at 12:40 P.M. \*)*

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Committee on Ways & Means. I'm going to ask everybody to please rise and join us in the Pledge led by Legislator Calarco.

***Salutation***

Everyone please remain standing and join us in a moment of silence as we keep all our brave men and women fighting for our freedoms overseas in our thought and prayers.

***Moment of Silence Observed***

Okay. Again, good afternoon, everyone, and welcome. I don't believe we have any cards; correct, Madam Clerk?

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

No cards.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

No cards. So we will then go to Tabled Resolutions.

Of course, before we go to tabled resolutions, let us all -- I'm sure all of my colleagues on the committee would appreciate in joining me to wish our colleague, Legislator Spencer, a very happy birthday. And Legislator Kennedy -- oh, geez. Same to -- that's some day. Wow.

***(\*Laughter\*)***

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Two great men born on the same day.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Rocking and rolling, there you go, folks. All the way.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Mark it down. Very nice. Happy birthday and good health to both of my colleagues.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your well wishes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Okay, ***Tabled Resolutions:***

***IR 1043-14 - Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Local Law to strengthen policy against dual public salaries (Cilmi).*** I'll offer a motion to table.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? *IR 1043 is tabled (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).*

*IR 1488-14 - Adopting Local Law No -2014, A Local Law to modify County's Hardship Property Redemption Process (Spencer).*

**LEG. SPENCER:**

I've been just making sure there weren't any unintended consequences on this. It seems like a straightforward situation. I've been working with the Administration. Am I clear on this, Tom?

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Sure. Absolutely, Legislator Spencer. We had asked you for some time to continue to review, there have been no problems brought to my attention. So whatever the process -- wherever this is now, whatever the process is now, we're fine.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

I can approve.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Although that's good to know from the administration, it does need to be tabled for a public hearing at this point.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion to table for a public hearing.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to table for a public hearing by Legislator Spencer, second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?  
*Tabled for Public Hearing (VOTE: 5-0-0-0).*

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Lora, I believe I'm a cosponsor on this; yes?

**MR. NOLAN:**

You are on this.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yes, I am.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

You can mark me as a cosponsor.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Steve gave us some love. I thank the Chairman for allowing me to participate. Thank you.

*(\*Laughter\*)*

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Well, I'm just looking for an extra piece of birthday cake.

All right, ***IR 1515-14 - Sale of County owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-162.00-04.00-008.001)(County Executive).***

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion by Legislator Spencer. Second by Legislator Calarco. This is a 72-h transfer to the Town of Brookhaven for Workforce Housing, sold to the town in the amount of \$3,793.85, plus the pro rata share of taxes. I'll call the vote; all in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

***IR 1515 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1516-14 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-162.00-04.00-009.001)(County Executive).*** How about the same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory)***

***IR 1517-14 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-944.00-06.00-027.000)(County Executive).*** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory)***

***1518-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Katherine E. Sugg Trust, Katherine E. Sugg, as Trustee (SCTM No. 0200-152.00-04.00-001.000)(County Executive).*** I'll make a motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Second.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any Opposed? Any Abstention? ***IR 1518 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory)***

***IR 1519-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Robin Prager (SCTM No. 0400-251.03-01.00-047.000)(County Executive).*** Is everybody good with same motion, same second, same vote. ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1520 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Samiah Y. Naseer and Yaqoob Naseer (SCTM No. 0200-452.00-03.00-038.001) (County Executive).*** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1521-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Samiah Y. Naseer and Yaqoob Naseer (SCTM No. 0200-498.00-03.00-014.001)(County Executive).*** Same motion, same

second, same vote. ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

IR 1520-14 (sic) (\*\*Correct Resolution # is) ***1522-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Samiah Y. Naseer and Yaqoob Naseer (SCTM No. 0209-028.00-01.00-018.000)(County Executive).*** Same motion, same second, same vote ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 5-0-0-0).***

IR 1521-14- Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section --

**MR. NOLAN:**

We're up to 1523.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Oh, is that right? I went back up to the top there. Thank you.

**MR. NOLAN:**

They're the same page.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Right. IR 1525 --

**MR. NOLAN:**

Twenty-three. We're up to 23, right?

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Which is the same name.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Yes. You said 1525.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Oh, I'm sorry. Okay, but I was still on the same names at least. I thought you were indicating that we were done with those names. Okay.

We are on ***IR 1523-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Samiah Y. Naseer and Yaqoob Naseer (SCTM No. 0209-028.00-01.00-021.001)(County Executive).*** Same motion, same second, same vote ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 5-0-0-0).***

***IR 1525-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Bremer Realty, LLC (SCTM No. 0200-763.00-04.00-012.000)(County Executive).*** Same motion; everybody good? Same second, same vote ***(Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 5-0-0-0).***

***IR 1526-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Jeffrey A. Weiss (SCTM No. 1000-027.00-03.00-002.004)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1527-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Susan J. Superior-Peterson (SCTM No. 0200-014.00-03.00-035.001)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1528-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Darrell E. Harris (SCTM No. 0600-102.00-03.00-022.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1529-14 - Authorizing The Sale, Pursuant To Local Law No. 16-1976, Of Real Property Acquired Under Section 46 Of The Suffolk County Tax Act Domingo Velasco And Jesus Camacho (SCTM No. 0200-954.00-02.00-020.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1531-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Cynthia Camacho (SCTM No. 0500-009.00-04.00-111.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1532-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Darrell Harris and Dwayne Harris (SCTM No. 0600-102.00-03.00-024.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1533-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Estate of Kevin R. Koch, Wendy Koch as heir and Administratrix (SCTM No. 0200-787.00-04.00-041.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***1541-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act 1260 Mont Highway Corp. (SCTM No. 0200-975.80-01.00-051.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1542-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Adele M. Votta (SCTM No. 0103-023.00-03.00-058.000)(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1543-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Estate of William S. Agnew (SCTM No. 0200-648.00-01.00-014.000). Same motion, same second, same vote. ( Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

IR 1544 --

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

One second. Okay.

**PANEL:**

(Indiscernible)

**(\*Laughter\*)**

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Love the Clerk. Love the Clerk. That is on the record. Madam Clerk, where are we?

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

1544.

***IR 1544-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Jose Martinez (SCTM No. 0500-203.00-04.00-062.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1545-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act JP Walsh Realty Group, LLC (SCTM No. 0800-056.00-05.00-010.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1546-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Kalvin H. Chisholm (SCTM No. 0400-160.00-03.00-064.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1547-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Mark J. Farabaugh and Sharon T. Farabaugh, his wife (SCTM No. 0200-033.00-02.00-005.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1548-14 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Ronald F. Gaines and Terri J. Gaines, his wife (SCTM No. 0300-165.00-01.00-002.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. (Approved and placed on the Consent Calendar - VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

***IR 1558-14 - Amending the rules of the Legislature to maximize public participation in the Legislative Process (Cilmi).***

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Where are we at?

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

1558.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to table by Legislator Calarco.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

I'll second. However --

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Second by Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

-- can I get George to kind of explain it?

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

On the motion.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Yeah, this basically require that when we're considering a Charter Law or a Local Law, you know, we have to do a public hearing. This would require us to keep the public hearing open for at least two meetings, two consecutive meetings of the Legislature. So instead of -- if we have a meeting in Hauppauge where we're doing the public hearing, we couldn't close it then, we'd have to adjourn it, recess it to another date before we could act -- close it before we could act on the underlying law.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'm going to --

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

On the matter, I'm going to make a motion to go ahead and approve. And my recollection is that we spoke very specifically about this last time we were together in General Session when we talked about -- what was it? We were looking -- I know I made the point then -- oh, yes, it was for the merger; as a matter of fact, it was the merger of Treasurer and Comptroller. If this was to go into effect, would we have the ability to override -- if we chose, George -- so that we could limit to just one public hearing, or would this be something that would be binding for all of them?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Well, it would be in our rules. Most of our rules can be waived by a majority, so it could happen that at the first date somebody says, *I move to waive the rules and close this public hearing*, and you could do that.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So in actuality, what we would be doing is we would be promoting a greater opportunity for public

input. But yet if there was some compelling argument that was made that public hearings should be left only to one session, we would still have the ability to go ahead and do so.

**MR. NOLAN:**

You could do that. You know, you're --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

No, no, no, you had me at "you could do that." Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Legislator Spencer.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

I understand the spirit of this law to be able to have maximal public participation. My concerns with this is that when we look at -- any Legislative process, I think one of the people's biggest frustration with government is bureaucracy. We look at our normal process where a bill is laid on the table, even without it being a Local Law, when it's laid on the table, when it's in the committee process, there's a chance for public comment. If that bill goes to the general Legislature and before we vote on it, there's also a chance for comment, and then we debate the bill. So there's two bites at the apple. Once we do a public -- a Local Law, where have a chance to debate it in committee, the public can weigh in, but we table it automatically for public hearing as a matter of process where we have a specific public hearing, the public can weigh in again there, then it goes back to committee where the public can weigh in once again, then it goes to the General Legislative session. So with the Local Law, there's at least four times for the public to weigh in.

And we, by design, over that -- it guarantees that there's at least a minimum of two cycles that any Local Law has to go through, and we know during those two cycles that we'll either have a day meeting or a night meeting. I think that we -- I don't want to confuse -- I think if there is a legitimate issue here of public access, I think I would be more likely to want to support something like this. But I don't know, it seems to come up at particularly potentially politically expedient times, and when I think of my role in government, I really think that I want to make government work more efficiently and I think if we have a good process, that if anyone is of a mindset, that they have at least four opportunities to kind of be involved. And so I have concerns and I think the public's participation is maximized and I think that to put a law in place to state that we need two Public Hearings, that means you're going to need a minimum of three cycles to carry out the people's business. So I think that would be my concern with something like this.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair, if I can just respond briefly.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you very much. Just a couple points, Doctor. And I agree with you that that public always becomes frustrated with mountains of bureaucracy with no good cause. Ultimately, we're all about notice, public participation and probably more so than any other level of government, we go out of our way to promote and cultivate and encourage public comment and public participation.

But the one place where I think I'll disagree somewhat with you is that while technically -- not even technically, actually -- we have a place or forum for the public to come and comment in a committee meeting, just as they could be here right now for this bill, typically you do not see the publication

concept associated with simple resolutions as you do with Local Laws. So with the Local Laws, we will have them out there, the public has a greater awareness and they get the opportunity then to hopefully come forward.

It also belies our geography and our reality. We are the largest geographically-situated County in the State of New York. Our official County Seat is in Riverhead. Not every meeting goes back and forth, but we have enough meetings throughout the year that with a two public hearing concept, we would be affording our East End residents a greater opportunity to be able to come in and to share with us their input without a hardship. And particularly if we're talking about seniors coming from, you know, out in Orient where my mother lives, or other places; it's a long trek, it's a long trek from there to come up here to Hauppauge.

I don't know that we would really be delaying the process needlessly. And as Counsel just explained to us, if there was something that was critical for us to move, it is within our power to waive that particular rule and to go ahead and relieve the second hearing. So I think there's some validity and merit to it.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Anybody else?

**P.O. GREGORY:**

Well, yeah, just quickly.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Presiding Officer.

**P.O. GREGORY:**

But also, I think it should be taken into account that on Local Laws, that the County Executive has Public Hearings as well. So there is that extra level of public, or at least ability for public participation. And I think, you know, it being a rule change -- in addition to that, it being a rule change should be considered -- you know, something that we consider at the beginning of the year. Thank you.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Madam Clerk, we have a motion and a second.

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

I'll call the vote. This is a motion to table. I only have a motion to approve without a second. I'll call the vote on the motion to table; All in favor? Any opposed?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Please note one opposed. No abstention? *IR 1558 is tabled (VOTE: 5-1-0-0/Opposed: Legislator Kennedy - Vote is including P.O. Gregory).*

***IR 1559-14 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$747,000 from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, to provide enhanced defense representation for defendant's first appearance before a judge assigned to the assigned Counsel Defender Plan of Suffolk County - Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Indigent Defense with 100% support (County Executive).***

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Spencer.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Should that be on the Consent Calendar?

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

I'll second the motion. It can go on the Consent Calendar, so as of right now, that motion to approve and second will be to place on the Consent Calendar. Mr. Vaughn.

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Pardon me, I jumped the gun; I actually have comments on 1560.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Oh, then sit down.

***(\*Laughter\*)***

Please.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Snap.

***(\*Laughter\*)***

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

We're rolling. We're rolling. Anybody here from the Administration to speak on 1559? Mr. Vaughn.

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Yes, Sir. We just would like to courteously invite the Chair of this committee to be a cosponsor on this, since we know that this issue is near and dear to the Chair's heart.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

*(Laughter)* Very good. Okay. So we have a motion and a second to approve and place on the Consent Calendar. I'll call the vote; all in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? ***IR 1559 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Cosponsor.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

IR 1560 --

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Cosponsor on 1560, Lora.

**P.O. GREGORY:**

Me, too.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Cosponsor.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

That was 1559.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Oh, okay.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

We are going on to 1560 now. Okay, everybody good?

***IR 1560-14 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$2,106,258 from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, to provide enhanced defense representation for cases assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Indigent Defense with 100% support (County Executive).***  
Is everybody good with same motion --

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Hold on.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Mr. Vaughn.

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Sorry. We actually have been told by our Budget Office that we need to make an amendment to this. So what we are going to do is put it through the expedited grant process on Tuesday night, so this bill, I guess, should technically be tabled, and then we will bring the same version of it back on Tuesday.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Motion to table.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Second.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Why don't we --

**MR. NOLAN:**

We could approve it, you could amend it, you could put it in our folder for an immediate vote as it's a 100% grant.

**MR. VAUGHN:**

Okay. If that is the will of the counsel, sure.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

So how about this; let's -- Legislator Spencer will make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Calarco, without moving to place it on the Consent Calendar, so it will be before us at our upcoming General Session. Okay? I'll call the vote; all in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Abstain.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Legislator Browning abstains. ***Approved (VOTE: 5-0-1-0 - Abstention: Legislator Browning - Votes are Including P.O. Gregory).***

Okay. Madam Clerk, good?

**MS. GELLERSTEIN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Thank you.

***IR 1574-14 - Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Charter Law amending Article I of the Suffolk County Charter to require a referendum to amend or repeal the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program.***

***(County Executive).*** This needs be tabled for a public hearing, so I'll make that motion to table for public hearing.

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? ***IR 1574 is Tabled for Public Hearing (VOTE: 6-0-0-0/Including P.O. Gregory).***

We do not have Executive Session today. And there being no other business before the committee, we are adjourned.

***(\*The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M. \*)***