

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held In Room #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members:
Chairwoman LoBue & Legislators Albano & Othmer

Tuesday **September 18, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chair of the Legislature Mary Conklin was sitting in for Chair of the Committee Legislator LoBue. Chair Conklin stated that due to the recent passing of Legislator LoBue's mother, she is not in attendance. Therefore Chair Conklin was requested to sit-in. She requested that Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Albano & Chair of the Legislature Conklin were present. Legislators LoBue and Othmer were absent.

Legislator Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional information; Seconded by Chair Conklin. All in favor.

Item #3) Approval of Minutes-Physical Svcs Committee Mtg. August 21, 2012
Chair Conklin stated that the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4) Approval/Appointment/Soil & Water Conservation District Board/Ervin Raboy

Legislator Albano made a motion to approve the Appointment of Mr. Raboy to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board; Seconded by Chair Conklin. All in favor.

Item #5) Update/Highways & Facilities Updates/Commissioner Pena
a) Status on Closing-out of Carmel Sidewalk Project

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that they are in the final close out phase of the project. The financials will be forthcoming once all of that is done. He stated that there are final punch list items that need to be completed, other than that the main work is done.

Legislator Albano questioned if there has been any recommendations to change where the sidewalk ends and intersects Church Street and Route 6. He stated that in his opinion it is a sidewalk to nowhere.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that he believes that is by design. He stated that he will get an explanation as to why it has to end that way. He stated that he does know that the sidewalk cannot be brought closer to the road, because that would indicate that there is a pedestrian crossing there, which there is not.

Legislator Albano questioned who is responsible for cutting the grass in front of Putnam Plaza.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that he believes it is part of the Town's Code that the Landowner is responsible. He stated that would include snow removal also.

b) Parking Deck-Current Projection of Cost/Timeline

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that the completion date that Commissioner Pena provided previously still stands, mid-October.

Legislator Albano questioned if everything is still the same as the old decking. He questioned if there is anything that can be done to make the cement last longer.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that there have been slight changes made from the old decking. He stated that Commissioner Pena is looking into additives that can put in the concrete. He stated that the Legislature did provide funding that will be used to apply a sealant once the concrete cures.

Chair of the Legislature Conklin questioned if black top or cement will be used.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that it will be cement and a sealer will be applied

c) Lake Gleneida Vegetation Management Plan-Requiring DEP Approval

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that a plan has been prepared and Commissioner Pena has submitted it to the County Law Department for their review.

Legislator Albano questioned that once the County Law Department signs off on it, would the next step be to get a meeting with the DEP.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that he believes so.

d) Update Peekskill Hollow Road/Bridge Project

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that Commissioner Pena has been working on getting this project back on track. He stated that they need to meet with the DOT to discuss options that will fit into the County's Budget.

e) Status on Brush Trimming along County Roads

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that this is an ongoing process. He stated that the County maintains 400 acres of property along roadside. He stated that there are eight (8) men assigned to manage the brush. He stated that also two (2) mowers that are aging, with no backup. Hence, when a mower breaks down the process stops until the mower is repaired. He stated that Commissioner Pena plans to have a conversation with Deputy County Executive Walker about that equipment issue.

Legislator Albano questioned if people from the correctional facility could be utilized to assist. Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that they are looking into that option, but he does not believe that would apply here because it does require a skilled person to work along the roadway.

Legislator Albano stated that while he was at NYSAC the question came up as to whether inmates who do work for example, the County, would they be covered under workmen's compensation. He stated that the answer was "Yes".

Steve Rosario (member of the public- Candidate for District #1) requested if he could receive an update on the work being done on Snake Hill Road. He stated that road was damaged last August.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that project is not one that he can provide an update on off the top of his head. He stated that he will take his name and number and will get back to him with a status report. He stated very generally speaking he does know that it is still in the County's Engineering Department. He stated that they are waiting on the Federal Government to make a final determination of the amount of funding the County will receive for that project.

Item #6) FYI/Correspondence: Fr: Chair of Physical Svcs LoBue To: County Executive Odell cc: Purchasing Director Mazzotta Ref: Hill Agor Farm/Putnam National Golf Course/RFPs

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that the reason behind the publication of the RFP pertaining to the Hill Agor Farm is the Administration wanted to see if there were investors who may be willing to step up and provide the necessary funding to restore the house and do something from a business standpoint. He stated that the Administration is envisioning something similar to what Pocantico Hills has down in Westchester. Part of the Rockefeller Farm has been converted into an area where vegetables are grown and then the grown produce is served at the restaurant. He stated that Putnam County has approximately a 60 acre parcel above the golf course which will not be expanded in the near future. Plus there are 20 acres down by where the Hill Agor House is. So the purpose of the RFP was to elicit ideas of what people would like to do with that property. He stated the Administration is hoping that the house could be restored and eventually make some revenue by doing a farm to table type of scenario.

Chair of the Legislature Conklin asked when the RFP is due back.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that the RFP went out on Friday, September 14, 2012 and it is due back in three (3) weeks.

Chair of the Legislature Conklin requested an update on the golf course RFP.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that the Administration is still in negotiations.

Item #7) Other Business

7a) Approval/County Attorney Legal Proceedings/9 Drew Lane/Town of Carmel

Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that any conversation in reference to this matter must be conducted in Executive Session, since it involves contemplated litigation.

Chair of the Legislature Conklin made a motion to approve the County Attorney Legal Proceedings/9 Drew Lane Town of Carmel; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #8) Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:45P.M., Chair of the Legislature Conklin made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature- *Diane E. Trabulsy*