



Committee on Infrastructure

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Monday, March, 20, 2017

10:01 AM

Committee Chair: MaryJane Shimsky

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair MaryJane Shimsky called the meeting to order at 10:23 AM. Joint with B&A and E&H. For video, see corresponding Monday, March 20, 10am Budget & Appropriations committee meeting.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
MaryJane Shimsky	Chair	Present	
Catherine Borgia	D9 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator	Present	
Francis Corcoran	D2 Legislator	Present	
Sheila Marcotte	D10 Legislator	Present	
David J. Tubiolo	D14 Legislator	Present	
Michael Kaplowitz	D4 Legislator (Chairman of the Board)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Legislator Catherine Parker, Legislator John Testa, Legislator Gordon Burrows, Legislator David Gelfarb, Legislator Alfreda Williams, Aviva Meyer, Tina Limengo, Sally Schecter, Alie Restiano, Gary Friedman, Larry Goldstein, Gary Zuckerman, Dante Daly, Greg Casciato, Chris Crane; PLANNING: Tracey Corbitt;

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 9974) Act – Release of Funds-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford:**

An ACT authorizing the transfer of funds of SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$6,500,000) DOLLARS of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, into a County Trust Account in order to fund a portion of the eligible costs associated with the creation of the Bedford Hill/Katonah Business Sewer District.

Joint with B&A and E&H. Items 9974 : Release of Funds-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford and 9975 : IMA-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford were discussed together.

Tracey Corbitt, Department of Planning discussed the request concerning the East of Hudson Water Quality INvestment Program Fund. She explained that the Bedford Hills - Katonah Sewer project was one of the thirty areas identified in the 1997 Savin report, and was prioritized by the Northern Westchester Watershed Committee ten years ago. The only other project that has gone forward so far was Peach Lake. The original project included all of Katonah and Bedford Hills. The scope will now be limited to the Central Business District of Katonah, the Bedford Park apartments, Katonah Elementary School, St. Mary's of

Assumption School, and the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The Wastewater Treatment facility is located at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, which the town will take over. The proposal is for an \$18.5 million project, with \$6.5 million from the East of Hudson fund.

Legislator Corcoran pointed out that in a prior presentation Ms. Corbitt had pointed out the locations of septic failures and cesspools, which are concentrated in the areas addressed with this sewer system. The town of Bedford is having a referendum March 30th on the project.

Legislator Parker asked why the project has been reduced from the original scope. As far as she is aware, Ms. Corbitt explained that residents of some of the areas outside the central region also had many capital project expenses in their water district so were not as interested in the sewer project. Legislator Shimsky inquired if the project is being designed to handle an expansion of the system. Ms. Corbitt stated that there is ability to expand at the plant, but it is limited. She explained that the sewer plant is already constructed. Some of the reasons that the other projects have not moved forward is that some of them required variances, and that process opened up around the height of the recession. Other projects are in development, such as the New Castle project. The projects are large, costly, and the East of Hudson funds do not cover the whole costs. Legislator Corcoran credited Bedford Town Supervisor Chris Burdick and the town board that cobbled together the \$18 million from different sources to relieve the burden to the taxpayer. Ms. Corbitt gave background on cesspools and the information that came from the Septic pump out data in Katonah and Bedford. Legislator Shimsky asked about the design plans, which Ms. Corbitt explained that the town has the conceptual design but part of the funding is to pay for design as well as construction. The town of Bedford already has an agreement with the Correctional Facility. DEP has been involved with this project all along. Legislator Shimsky asked for an update to the balance sheet of East of Hudson projects. Ms. Corbitt stated the annual report had been drafted and would go to the Northern Westchester Watershed Committee and then the board.

With a motion by Legislator Corcoran and seconded by Legislator Marcotte the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

2. **(ID # 9975) Act – IMA-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford:**

An ACT authorizing the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Bedford in order to distribute up to SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$6,500,000) DOLLARS of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, in order to fund a portion of the eligible costs associated with the creation of the Bedford Hill/Katonah Business Sewer District.

Joint with B&A and E&H. Items 9974 : Release of Funds-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford and 9975 : IMA-EOH WQIP Fund-Bedford were discussed together. See item 9974 for discussion.

With a motion by Legislator Corcoran and seconded by Legislator Marcotte the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

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II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Marcotte seconded by Legislator Corcoran the Committee adjourned at 10:44 AM.