



Committee on Public Safety

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Monday, March 18, 2019

1:01 PM

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Committee Chair: Margaret A Cunzio

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

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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Margaret A Cunzio called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

Meeting was held jointly with Legislation.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Margaret A Cunzio	Chair	Present	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Present	
Gordon A. Burrows	D15 Legislator (Minority Whip)	Present	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Present	
Christopher Johnson	D16 Legislator	Present	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
John G. Testa	D1 Legislator (Minority Leader)	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Present	
Catherine Borgia	D9 Legislator	Present	

Others In Attendance: LAW: S. Dolgin-Kmetz CONSUMER PROTECTION: J. Maisano, J. McGlinchey

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Monday, March 04, 2019 at 1:01 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Shimsky the minutes were approved 7 - 0.

2. Monday, March 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Shimsky the minutes were approved 7 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 11632) Local Law – LL-Restricting the Outdoor Tethering of Dogs:**

A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 681, restricting the outdoor tethering of dogs.

Guest: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz

Leg. Covill opened the meeting and stated that first we will be discussing the legislation to Restrict the Outdoor Tethering of Dogs. She asked Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz explain the changes in the most recently revised legislation. Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz noted that we corrected the spelling of tornadoes, added flooding under Weather Alerts and further defined the type of tethering devices that are prohibited. She added some language that made it easier to understand and combined it with what we already had in Sec. 681.03. The only other thing added was "Empowered Peace Officer" under 681.04-Enforcement and Penalties. This refers to animal peace officers who have the power to enforce the law. On motion of Legislator Maher and seconded by Legislator Barr this item was approved with a vote of 7 to 0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

2. **RES-2019-66 Resolution – PH-Restricting the Outdoor Tethering of Dogs:**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on a LOCAL Law amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 681, restricting the outdoor tethering of dogs. [Public Hearing set for April 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Local Law Intro. 2019-11632].

On motion of Legislator Maher and seconded by Legislator Barr this item was approved with a vote of 7 to 0.

Refer to #11632 for discussion.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Barr the six items below were received & filed with a vote of 7 to 0.

1. **(ID # 11670) Communication – LEGISLATORS CUNZIO AND A. WILLIAMS: Correspondence re: additional lighting on Bronx River Parkway:**

Forwarding correspondence regarding additional lighting on the Bronx River Parkway.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

2. **(ID # 11671) Communication – LEGISLATORS MAHER AND L. WILLIAMS: NYTimes Article - "Consequences of the Cash Bail System":**

Forwarding an article from the *New York Times* entitled, "Consequences of the Cash Bail System."

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

3. **(ID # 11672)** **Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: The New Yorker Article - "The Jail Health-Care Crisis":**

Forwarding an article from *The New Yorker* entitled, "The Jail Health-Care Crisis."

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

4. **(ID # 11676)** **Communication – HON. CATHERINE F. PARKER: NYTimes Article - "After New York City's War With Amazon, Uber Could Be Next":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "After New York City's War With Amazon, Uber Could Be Next."

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

5. **(ID # 11677)** **Communication – HON. MARGARET A. CUNZIO: NYSAC News Article - "Marijuana Legalization in NYS: What to Watch":**

Forwarding a *NYSAC News* article entitled, "Marijuana Legalization in NYS: What to Watch."

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. **(ID # 11695)** **Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Buzzfeed.com Article - "Here's How One Small Town Beat the Opioid Epidemic":**

Forwarding a *Buzzfeed.com* article entitled, "Here's How One Small Town Beat the Opioid Epidemic."

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Maher seconded by Legislator Barr the Committee adjourned at 1:13 PM.