

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Committee Chair Borchert called the committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT 12 BLACK, BORCHERT, COVIELLO, EDWARDS, MICCIO, MUNN,  
PAGE, PULVER, ROMAN, SAGLIANO, SURMAN and TYNER

ABSENT 0

PRESENT/LATE 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Committee Chair Borchert entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, to suspend the rules to allow the public to address the Committee on agenda items.

No one wishing to speak Committee Chair Borchert entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Presentation given by Lindsay Carille, Deputy Commissioner, Solid Waste Management to give brief update on department's responsibilities.

Legislator Tyner requested further clarification regarding sixteen pounds of mercury coming out of the county incinerator.

Response is attached.

**2018130 APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 3 FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

On motion by Legislator Miccio duly seconded by Legislator Edwards the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

**2018131 APPOINTMENTS TO DUTCHESS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

On motion by Legislator Miccio duly seconded by Legislator Edwards the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

**2018132 DECLARING DUTCHESS COUNTY LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT**

TO GRANT AWARD TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY CHASELYONS LLC, (AKA "CHASEHOLM FARM"), IN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

On motion by Legislator Miccio duly seconded by Legislator Edwards the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

**2018133** ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO GRANT AWARD TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY OWNED BY CHASELYONS LLC, (AKA "CHASEHOLM FARM"), IN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

On motion by Legislator Miccio duly seconded by Legislator Edwards the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

**2018134** AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY CHASELYONS LLC, (AKA "CHASEHOLM FARM"), IN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, NEW YORK AND REALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFORE

On motion by Legislator Miccio duly seconded by Legislator Edwards the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Environment Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



**DUTCHESS COUNTY  
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

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96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

**To: Carolyn Morris, Clerk of the Legislature**  
**From: Lindsay Carille, Executive Director**  
**Date: May 21, 2018**  
**Re: For Distribution to all Dutchess County Legislator's**

This memo is in response to a statement made by Legislator Tyner at the Environment Committee meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the follow-up request for clarification regarding 16 pounds of mercury emissions at the Resource Recovery Facility (Facility). This statistic is not accurate according to Facility data. While the Facility does emit mercury, 4 pounds in 2017 and 3.5 pounds in 2016, all mercury emissions are caused by products that enter the Facility. Combustion facilities do not produce mercury as part of the burning process. Mercury emissions in combustion facilities occur when consumer products that contain mercury, like electronic devices, batteries, light bulbs and thermometers, are thrown into garbage that is incinerated.

These same sources emit mercury on the way to a landfill, from the working face of a landfill, from landfill gas vents and from covered portions of a landfill. The difference is that combustion facilities are able to reduce the amount of mercury emitted after it is combusted. The Facility has the capability to mitigate these emissions using advanced technology. This results in significantly lower emission rates than those set by the EPA's Clean Air Act standards. Landfills do not have mitigation measures for mercury or any other toxin.

The best way to eliminate mercury emissions is the proper disposal of mercury. The County hosts Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events for residents and Hazardous Waste collection events for businesses and institutions. These events keep toxins, such as mercury, out of the Facility and landfills. Changing disposal habits through education and awareness is the best remedy for lowering or eliminating mercury emissions. The County Legislature, in conjunction with the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management, have the ability to educate our residents on proper disposal which will result in lower, or zero, mercury emissions.

For more information from the USEPA concerning mercury and combustion facilities:

[Air Emissions from MSW Combustion Facilities](#)

[Air Emissions Sources](#)