

Meeting Minutes  
Laws & Rules Committee  
August 11, 2008

In Attendance:                      Committee Members  
   Gary Bischoff, Chair                      Sue Cummings  
   Brian Shapiro                              Kevin Roberts

Also:                                  Charlie Bloomstein, Phoenicia Times

Agenda:                              Motion to approve July Minutes  
   Board of Elections  
   Contractor Licensing Report  
   Resolutions

Chairman Bischoff called meeting to order at 6:10 pm

**Motion by Chairman Bischoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Shapiro: to adopt  
Local Law #2 (Ethics and Disclosure Law)  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion by Chairman Bischoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Shapiro: to adopt Local Law #5  
(Provide Defense & Indemnification of County Officers and Employees).  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman Bischoff moved on to Contractor Licensing Report as the Commissioners of Elections were unavailable.

Legislator Roberts discussed the study that he and Legislator Rodriguez worked on regarding Contractor Licensing. He said he hoped to have a draft of their findings to bring to the September meeting.

Legislator Shapiro asked who would need to be licensed.

Legislator Roberts said at this time his thoughts were that General Contractors, Painters, siders, pool installers, carpenters and masons. He felt that Electricians and Plumbers may be looked at in the future.

Legislator Roberts also indicated that a new county employee may be needed to handle this licensing task. He thought that licensing fees may be approximately \$500.00 for the first year and \$300.00 for subsequent years. These fees would generate funds for the County.

Legislator Cummings asked what assurances licensing would have and what the ramifications would be.

Legislator Roberts indicated it would protect the consumers because contractors would have to be insured. He also indicated that the contractors would have to have their license number affixed to all contracts and advertising. Contractors would have to have a contract start and finish date. He hoped to have the draft for the September meeting and be able to address for the October meeting.

Chairman Bischoff asked if there was any new business:

Legislator Cummings said she would like to discuss the “Administrative Code” draft regarding: pg. 19 section H. ( **No current or former County Legislator may be appointed by the Executive to any paid position of employment with the county of Ulster within one year after his or her service as a County Legislator has ended, with the exception of the Commissioner of Elections**). She asked to have this item deleted from the code.

Chairman Bischoff said he would like to address it at the Administrative Code meeting to be held later this week. He asked Legislator Cummings to put it in an e-mail to him.

Legislator Cummings said that if Administrative Code, supercedes Ethics Code, do Department heads have to live in Ulster County.

Chairman Bischoff said he thought this had been addressed, but his understanding was that no restrictions and been placed at this time.

**The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:25 pm.**