

Laws and Rules Committee
Monday, October 6, 2008

In Attendance:

Gary Bischoff, Chairman
Susan Cummings, Legislator
John Decker, Legislator

James Maloney, Legislator
Hector Rodriguez, Legislator
Brian Shapiro, Legislator

Also:

Commissioner Thomas Turco, Board of Elections
Deputy Commissioner, Kathleen Mihm, Board of Elections
Thomas Kadgen, League of Women Voters

Chairman Bischoff called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. The meeting was held at the Board of Elections offices on Wall Street.

Legislator Shapiro brought to the committee's attention the NYS Kennel Club's intention to seek change in the state's laws regarding discrepancies in classifying guide dogs verses therapy dogs. He advised the committee that he had yet to speak to local state legislators and will have his recommendations for a memorializing resolution at the next meeting.

Commissioner Turco and Board of Elections Administrative Assistant Jay Mahler gave a demonstration of the new Sequoia ImageCast Ballot Marking Device voting system. Commissioner Turco and Deputy Commissioner Mihm spoke about the additional staff brought in to assist with the large amount of registration forms being received. The committee had a lengthy discussion on the procedure for charging back election costs to the towns and the future fiscal implications of the Help America Vote Act and the new voting systems. The Board of Elections provided committee members with a copy of the 2009 estimates for town election costs, based on County Resolution 401 passed in 2006. The estimates were mailed to Town Supervisors/City Mayor and Town/City Clerks on October 6, 2008.

Chairman Bischoff moved on to the Administrative Code and that he would like to amend § A2-5 B to read "No current for former County Legislator may be appointed or confirmed by the Ulster County Legislature"

MOTION by Legislator Rodriguez, 2nd by Legislator Decker:
to amend § A2-5 B of the Ulster County New York Administrative Code to read "No
current for former County Legislator may be appointed or confirmed by the Ulster
County Legislature"
Motion passed unanimously

Chairman Bischoff moved on to late resolutions.

MOTION by Legislator Malloney, 2nd by Legislator Rodriguez:

to approve late resolution “Urging Supportive Funding from the NYS DEC for the Belleayre Ski Center.”

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION by Legislator Shapiro, 2nd by Legislator Decker:

To add the Resolution “Adopting Local Law #11 of 2008” to the November calendar.

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION by Legislator Rodriguez, 2nd by Legislator Decker:

that the latest version of the Ethics Law be introduced as “A Local Law adopting the Ethics Code” be introduced at the November 12 session of the Ulster County Legislature.

Gary Bischoff, Chairman - Yea

Jim Maloney, Legislator - Yea

Cummings, Legislator - Yea

Hector Rodriguez, Legislator - Yea

John Decker, Legislator - Yea

Brian Shapiro, Legislator - Nay

Motion passed 5 Yea to 1 Nay

MOTION by Legislator Rodriguez, 2nd by Legislator Malloney:

To adjourn at 8pm

Motion passed unanimously