

Public Safety Committee Minutes
November 12, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Jenkins, Southworth, Veitch, and M. Johnson; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Deborah Oligny, Animal Shelter; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services.

Vice Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Burke said via the work of the Workplace Safety subcommittee a Local Law Prohibiting Entry into County Buildings by Persons with Dangerous Weapons and Instruments is being presented. The Local Law would prohibit Persons with Deadly Weapons and Dangerous Instruments, and enables the positioning of signs throughout the county buildings informing people who wish to come into the buildings, that those instruments are banned. It would also have a penalty of a misdemeanor and as much as 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine. It does not contain an intent to use provision, but it does allow the county to be proactive, allowing a county official to address the person who has the banned instrument off the premises without having to wait for law enforcement. The Board of Supervisors can also vote to ban, prospectively, the attendance in county buildings of anyone who has previously been convicted of being in possession of a banned instrument, with a few exceptions which includes law enforcement.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a Local Law Prohibiting Entry into County Buildings by Persons with Dangerous Weapons and Instruments and to forward it on to the Law and Finance Committee. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said every three years Emergency Services renews a property lease agreement with Lyme Adirondack Timberlands for property on Spruce Mountain. A sum of \$700 is paid annually for access and for a small parcel of land. The new agreement will begin on January 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a three year contract with Lyme Adirondack Timberlands. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay there was one major incident on October 28th in the town of Wilton at the YMCA on Old Gick Road, where additional mutual aid was requested.

Mr. Tremblay said the County Fire Investigation Unit responded to seven requests during the month of October.

Ms. Oligny distributed the monthly Animal Shelter report to all committee members for their review. She said currently there are 41 dogs at the shelter and 185 cats, with 41 of the cats in foster care. There were 205 Animals received at the shelter in October, with 30 of them returned to their owners.

Mrs. Southworth asked if there was a way that the Animal Shelter could partner with the Office for the Aging to help seniors who would like to adopt an animal. Ms. Oligny said she would reach out to Office for the Aging. Mr. Rowland suggested another avenue might be to reach out to area senior living facilities.

On a motion made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom