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June and July/2016

2016	Check our online calendar (http://lwvmidhudson.org/calendar.html) for updates.	
	<i>Our general meetings are open to all. Family and friends welcome!</i>	
July		
12	5:30 PM	Materials Management (Solid Waste) Study Committee at the Main Course Restaurant (175 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561). For more information, contact Kathy OConnor at (845) 757-2247 or oconnor.kraye@gmail.com.
18	8:30-9:00 AM	Kingston Community Radio, WGHQ 920 AM. LWV On Air. Go to http://www.mykcr.org to listen on your computer. Call 845-331-9255 to ask a question or make a comment.
19	1:45-3:30 PM	Book Club Meeting Club at Enzo's Pizzeria, Boices Lane, Lake Katrine – <i>Strange Justice: The Selling of Clarence Thomas</i> For more information, contact Jacki Moriarty at 331-3418 or jackim@hvc.rr.com.
August		
11	4:00-6:00 PM	Board Meeting at Jacki Moriarty's, 167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443.
September		
13		NY State and Local Primaries
20	6:30 PM	Voter Registration Training Home of Jean McGarry, 180 South Rd, Ruby
23	12:00 PM	12:00 PM Naturalization Ceremony, Ulster County Court House, 285 Wall St., Kingston. Volunteers should arrive at 10:45.
27		National Voter Registration Day (see Voter Service article)

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Prez Sez

Summer Time and the living is easy. National Convention in Washington DC, Annual Planning for the local league, radio show appearances, finishing the Ulster County Solid Waste Management Report. Well, maybe not so easy, but certainly interesting!

I have found a silver lining around the dark clouds of gun violence, Congressional stalemates, and frightening political rhetoric. On the 6th of July, the House has passed new legislation appointing a new assistant secretary of Health & Human services. This person's job will be to focus on mental health and substance abuse. The bill also authorizes the creation of support programs and community treatment centers. No companion bill has passed the Senate yet.

This is following on the heels of the June 22nd signing of a bill by Governor Cuomo which implements best practices identified by the Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, created two years ago in response to the drug overdose epidemic. The bill allocates \$200 million in the 2016-2017 State budget; strikes down many of the obstacles to getting treatment, supplements or improves addiction treatment services, and fortifies efforts already in progress to develop community prevention strategies.

The League has always battled for comprehensive health care for all, but we often see progress towards our goals in incremental steps. Thank you to our many long time members for not losing faith.

Jolanda Jansen

Membership News

Soyal attended the National Convention in Washington, D.C, June 16- 18. It was voted on that the wording of "citizens" in the by-laws would be changed to "persons" and the age of voting members would be changed from 18 to 16. Our local league will make the same changes in our by-laws to be in agreement with the LWVUS .

Monthly Board meeting minutes and more can be found at: <http://lwvmidhudson.org/Committees.html>

VOTER SERVICE**Moderating Guidelines**

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What Voter Service has done and What We're Doing**Naturalization Ceremony**

Linda Hackett and Daisy Tyler welcomed 61 new citizens at the Ulster County Court House on June 10. The new citizens eagerly accepted their voter registration forms along with the LWVNY publication *First Vote*. The next Naturalization Ceremony will be held on September 23.

Jean McGarry

The Franklin Roosevelt Library was the location of a late spring meeting of three ARCs from Ulster, Dutchess and Columbia counties. Staff and consumers alike gathered to listen to the most pressing topics of the day, one of those sessions being focused on voting procedures and responsibilities. Having spoken in 2014 at an Ulster county facility to 'The Renegades' that are an advocacy group of challenged, yet effective and enthusiastic folks dedicated to advancing the issues important to them, I was asked to come back for a reprise. This time we voted on the ballot issue Should we have dessert instead of dinner every night? And after a lively discussion, the electorate chose a healthier state of nutrition by a two to one margin. The lesson learned was that many issues that might sound positive at first often turn out less so after learning more about them. Other discussion included commentary on the current political climate. Several of the participants expressed resentment that one of the major party candidates has publicly belittled people with disabilities and they will make sure to vote

this year. Voting materials were distributed as well as information on deadlines, Vote411 and 'I Voted' badge stars for all.

Cynthia (Cindy) Bell, cynthia.bell2@aol.com

National Voter Registration Day

*In 2008, 6 million Americans didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register. In 2016, we want to make sure no one is left out. **On September 27, 2016**, volunteers, celebrities, and organizations from all over the country will "hit the streets" for National Voter Registration Day. This single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts will create pervasive awareness of voter registration opportunities—allowing us to reach tens of thousands of voters who we could not reach otherwise.*

Our league is again signed up to participate. Like last year, we have partnered with the New York Alliance for Donation and we will also provide information to register as an organ donor. We will need several volunteers to adequately cover local colleges. Voter registration training was felt to be very useful last year so this will be offered on September 20, 6:30 pm at the home of Jean McGarry, 180 South Road, Ruby.

Jean McGarry

STUDY AND ADVOCACY

UC/DC Materials Management Committee

Tivoli Arbor Day

On April 30th, the Materials Management Committee attended the first annual Tivoli Arbor Day. The weather was beautiful and the activities varied: children could enter a poster contest, look for bugs in decaying wood, play with solar-powered robotic crickets, and receive a tree sapling to plant, while adults had the opportunity to talk to an arborist, purchase books, and attend a composting workshop. There was also a tree walk led by the Horticulture Supervisor at Bard College, and live music that was enjoyed by all. Tivoli Mayor Joel Griffith attended and read a proclamation establishing the last Saturday of April as Arbor Day in the Village of Tivoli.

Our tent was a success as well. A number of young visitors stopped by to paint a pot and plant a seed with Soyal Smalls and Kristen Faughnan, and sometimes to show the things they made or found at other booths. Kathy OConnor, meanwhile, talked with visitors about reducing, reusing, recycling, and how to deal with tricky items.

It was a good time all around, and we look forward to the continuation of this new annual tradition. Next up this spring: Marbletown Trash Fest on June 4th.

(Submitted by Kristan Faughnen)

Trash Fest Ulster

On June 4th, our MM Pop-up tent participated in opening day of TRASH FEST ULTER, at the High Falls Transfer Station. We spoke with visitors about sustainability practices

(Refuse, Reuse, Recycle, Compost and similar topics), while Merrill Sunderland and Jolanda Jansen engaged children and adults in repurposing craft items. Susan Holland contributed immensely to the success of our operation there.

When given the opportunity, Kathy OConnor scooted around the TRASH FEST event, filming organizer Margot Becker and others. There were two musical groups, a fellow demonstrating the benefits of growing/finding mushrooms, an artist at work on his discarded pallet sculpture, and more to see. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xM72rK7d6g>

The month-long TRASH FEST event included other art exhibits around Marbletown, as well as forums and films on sustainability issues. Kudos to Margot for conceptualizing this event, and making it happen.

Ulster Co Solid Waste Mgmt Improvement Commission

Kathie Beinkafner and Jolanda Jansen have been seriously engaged in providing information and helping this Commission formalize its final report. League members Manna Jo Greene, Tracey Bartels and Laura Petit, also have been major contributors to this effort. The Commission of twelve is approaching the end of its almost two year task. I hope some of you know what a difficult job this has been. As an outside observer, I've been so heartened by the dedication and thoughtful insight provided by each of the members of this Commission.

Tim Rose, the Executive Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, must also be commended for his invaluable knowledge and insight into the topics addressed at Commission meetings.

Monthly Mm Meetings

We now meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m. at the Main Course restaurant in New Paltz. Do check the website calendar or our LWVMHR Facebook page for confirmation. Our Committee membership seems to be growing, but we would always welcome another face!

(Submitted by Kathy OConnor)

Book Club

A fine group of six discussed Dark Money by Jane Mayer and politics in general on June 21 at Enzo's. Below, we have listed the suggested readings for the next few months. We would also like to become more familiar with the formal national party platforms of the major parties. The Book Group meets at 1:45 PM- 3:30 PM at Enzo's on Boices Lane across from the old IBM property. The Book Group Schedule for the next few meetings is the 3d Tuesday of the month:

TUESDAY, JULY 19 STRANGE JUSTICE: -The Selling of Clarence Thomas by Jane Mayer- Daisy is lead.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 SOME LUCK by Jane Smiley, Good summer reading- a generational story of farming. Anne is lead

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 TRIBE: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger: by Vic is lead.

Get on the email list for changes and updates.

Margaret Sellers and Vic Melville (339-3180); Anne Needham (853-84740); Daisy Tyler (331-5103)

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Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

May 3, 2016, 6:00 PM – 6:26 PM

Committee Members: **James F. Maloney, Chairman, Hector S. Rodriguez, Deputy Chairman, Ron G. Lapp, Herbert Litts III (absent), Mary Beth Maio, Jennifer Schwartz Berky, James Delaune (absent)**

Other Legislator: **Manna Jo Greene**

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Maloney.

The minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting were approved.

Resolutions for May 17, 2016 Regular Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 170 - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow. **Postponed**.

Resolution No. 253 - Supporting The Passage Of A09415/S06987 To Amend The Empire State Film Production Tax Credit. **Approved**, following comment of Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, this is important.

Resolution No. 254 - Requesting A Short Term Renewal Of The Catskill Mountain Railroad Lease. **Postponed**, following comments that an agreement is in place and RFPs are out. The lease expires May 31.

Resolution No. 260 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hewlett-Packard Company – Department of Information Services. **Approved**, following comments of Sylvia Wohlfahrt, Director, this involved 70 servers.

Resolution No. 262 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment LLC – Department of Information Services. **Approved**.

Resolution No. 263 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice DPC– Department of Planning. **Approved**, as amended.

Resolution No. 268 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-municipal Agreement To Purchase Internet and Network Services Through BOCES – Department Of Information Services. **Approved**.

Resolution No. 269 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For An Application To The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning. **Approved**, following comments by Dennis Doyle, Director.

Resolution No. 270 - Authorizing The County Legislature To Conduct A Public Hearing For The Proposed Acquisition For Public Purpose of Property for the Construction of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 in the Town of Lloyd - Department of Planning. **Approved**, Comment: this a Federal grant.

Resolution No. 271 - Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held June 21, 2016 At 7:15 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning. **Approved**.

Old Business:

• **IDA Appointment Update:** Chairman Maloney commented on the notice for applicants and the seeking a date for interviews.

Vic Melville, LWV Observer Corps, 5-27-16

July 5, 2016, 6:00 PM – 6:28 PM

Committee Members:

James F. Maloney, **Chairman**, Hector S. Rodriguez, **Deputy Chairman**, Ron G. Lapp, Herbert Litts III, Mary Beth Maio, Jennifer Schwartz Berky, James Delaune

Meeting called to Order by Chairman James Maloney.

Minutes of June 7 and June 13, 2016 meetings approved

**Economic
Development,
Tourism, Housing,
Planning & Transit
Committee**

Resolutions for July 19, 2016 Regular Legislative Session:

- Resolution No. 296** – Authorizing Pavement Over Existing Rails In Mid-Town Kingston. Postponed.
- Resolution No. 325** – Supporting The Town Of Wawarsing's Consolidated Funding Application Regarding The Colony Farm Agri-Tourism Project. Approved.
- Resolution No. 326** – Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising. Postponed.
- Resolution No. 327** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Computer Professionals International – Department Of Information Services. Held to next week pending information from Director Sylvia Wohlfahrt.
- Resolution No. 341** – Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Installation of a Solar Project on the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's Closed Landfill in the Town of Ulster - Department Of Planning. Approved.
- Resolution No. 342** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Easement Agreement with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, For the Construction, Installation, And Maintenance of Solar Energy Generation Equipment And Related Appurtenances – Department of Planning. Approved.
- Resolution No. 343** – Authorizing The Acquisition Of Right-Of-Way Interests Over Certain Real Property For The Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 In The Town of Lloyd – Department Of Planning. Postponed.
- Resolution No. 344** – Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning. Approved.
- Resolution No. 345** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amended Inter-Municipal Agreement To Purchase Internet and Network Services Through BOCES – Department Of Information Services. Prior approved, as amended for amount.
- Resolution No. 353** - Supporting The Redevelopment of The Former Nevele Resort In Ellenville As A Resort and ProSport Campus. Approved, following a presentation and discussion by Michael Treanor, Nevele Partners CEO, and comments by Sue Sullivan. Highlights include: \$225 M total cost of project, \$35 M needed in public support and grants, 500+ bed hotel by Marriott, and 1 million people expected to be attracted per year.

New Business:

Discussion for commercial scale solar projects and concerns about farmers' agreements.

Old Business:

- Resolution No. 170** - Re- Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow. Discussion, a meeting of the sub-committee (most of the full committee) is planned for next week.

Vic Melville, LWV Observer Corps, 7-8-16

UC Board of Health

The May 9, 2016 meeting of the UC Board of Health was convened by President, Dr. Woodley at 6:33 PM and adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Present: Woodley, Kelly, Graham, Hilderbrandt, Tack, Delma

Others: Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director, Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director, Katrina Kouhout, Secretary to the Commissioner/Board

Following the call to order, the Board approved the April, 2016 minutes.

The next order of business involved an update on the Old Homestead Mobile Home Park. Shelley Mertens provided an up-date report, as Commissioner Smith was not present.

The T/Supervisor for the T/Wawarsing, Len Distel, has met and spoken with about the ongoing problem at the Mobile Park, as well as members of the T/Board. This resulted in the town attorney agreeing to write a letter to Dr. Soltanoff regarding the latter's responsibility in this matter of repairing the problem at the Park, for which he has been fined \$2,000 by the UC Board of Health and that the town should take him to court.

Mr. Graham suggested that the County Attorney Clinton Johnson should follow up with the town that Dr. Soltanoff is in fact taken to court. Further discussion brought up the following comments:

- that if Dr. Soltanoff does not comply that the fine should be increased;
- that consideration should be given to consulting the appropriate state agencies, i.e. education, licensing to determine whether he is violating professional conduct that is covered under the licensing code.

The discussion resulted in two motions, both of which the Board passed:

- that the County Attorney, Mr. Johnson, should pursue collecting the fine owed to the Board of Health; and
- that the County Attorney, Mr. Johnson review whether Dr. Soltanoff's conduct was unprofessional under the state education code and under the licensing department rules; if so, such conduct should be reported accordingly.

The second item to be discussed involved the up-date of the Zika problem.

Ms. Veytia provided the update report:

- the local Board of Health submitted its Action Plan to the NYSDOH on April 15 and its final copy on April 28;
- the initial part dealt with education: the public in general. As part of that process the Board of Health provided copies of the material that it is distributing to schools, any events taking place in Ulster County, particularly now that warm weather will be occurring;
- no Zika mosquito detected in Ulster County at this time;
- UC Board of Health has approval from the NYSDOH to authorize labs to draw blood for testing and send to the Wadsworth Laboratory;
- the FDA gives approval to commercial labs; to date Quest is presently the only lab authorized to draw blood for such tests on Zika;
- should there be evidence of Zika mosquito in the area, the local Board of the Health will then be more active/aggressive to locate where the mosquito is found. It may spray areas where the mosquito is found, go door-to-door to check on a random basis what the status of the mosquito is at that point.

The final topic for discussion dealt with testing the local water for lead:

- the county has tested water in county buildings and found that there are several with levels higher than should be. To ensure that those who have reason to use any of the county sources of water in the buildings tested, the direction from the Board of Health is that only water filtered through recently installed filtered water fountains or bottle water will be available. However, washing hands in the other water is apparently acceptable. The Board of Health plans to continue testing throughout the county.

- the city of Kingston water was also checked. According to the report the city is checked every 3 years and 32 sites are involved.

A copy of a Public Health Notice from Commissioner Smith dealing with the above testing that was done was distributed to the Board. This release had been distributed to the media earlier on 5-9-2016.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

The June 13, 2016 meeting of the UC Board of Health was convened by Dr. Delma at 6:40 and adjourned at 7:15.

Present: Delma, Graham, Tack, Hilderbrandt, Cardinale

Others: Commissioner Smith, Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director, Katrina Kouhout, Secretary to Commissioner and to the Board

Absent: Dr. Woodley, E. Kelly, Dr. Heller, Deputy Veytia, Deputy Commissioner McCraclem

The first order of business was the approval of the May, 2016 minutes: approved

Next order of business was a report from Commissioner Smith:

-Commissioner Smith advised the board that the DOH had received a letter from the law firm of Collier and Berger representing the Town Board of the T/Wawarsing. The firm indicated that the Town Board was of the opinion that the DOH had the necessary authority and power to address the problem at the Mobile Park: the presence of a septic sewage issue. Commissioner Smith's response was that the Town had the necessary power and authority to handle this matter citing various portions of the town's code in support of this position. Further that the DOH had authority to just revoke the permit that Dr. Soltanoff had and fine him (which it has done).

An inspection had been made of the site by Ms. Mertens who indicated that the problem had become worse. County Attorney-first assistant Clinton Johnson has been consulted.

The board members discussed the matter. Members indicated concern that if the permit was revoked, there would be several families made homeless. This was a situation the board did not wish to see occur.

Among the suggestions made as to how to handle the situation, since the board had already increased the fine to \$2,000, and particularly as it had learned that Dr. Soltanoff had not paid his taxes on the Mobile Park and was in the process of selling his own home, was:

-the \$2,000 fine has to be converted to a judgment(which would be handled in the county clerk's office)which then becomes a lien against all his property for 10 years and an open judgment for 20 years.

Additionally, as this is a public record, the suggestion to release the information to the public through a press release was also made, but no decision on that was indicated.

Commissioner Smith indicated she will speak with First Assistant County Attorney Johnson with regards to moving ahead with the suggestions.

Next on the agenda was an update on Winchell's Pizza. Ms. Mertens reported that additional inspections had been made; the conditions regarding the food preparation and serving had not changed. As a result a hearing has been scheduled for June 27 to address the negative situation. Apparently the owner contacted the environmental office requesting that this hearing not be held as matters had been cleaned up. Another inspection was made and the situation was found to be just as bad as before; hearing will be held.

Ms. Mertens provided an update on the county water testing (the status of the lead content). She indicated that three more rounds of water testing for lead had been made on the areas that had been previously found to be a problem. Now they had levels about the action level; all fountains the county put in with filters are fine.

The plumbing, however, presents a problem with respect to the water flowing through the pipes. Apparently the pipes that have been installed create the water problem which needs to be at a specific temperature, but the 85 degree is not being met.

A Zika update is received daily from the Center for Disease Control and the NYSDOH.

The UC plan to deal with the problem was submitted on time in April. It called for a multi-layered involvement of staff. The local DOH has received traps from the NYSDOH to use to catch mosquitoes, etc.; these traps will be placed in different areas selected by the DOH. There had been some delay in receiving these traps as they are apparently manufactured in Europe.

The trap looks like a white rounded bag that has a fan inside operated with batteries; that in turns turn on the fan which attracts the insects, mosquitoes because of the noise and the fan pulls them

into the trap.

NYS has hired staff for the summer that will place the traps in areas as noted above selected by the current DOH. The insects so trapped will be sent to the Wadsworth Lab for testing.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the UC Buildings and Grounds had been advised of these procedures.

The Commissioner indicated that there had been no locally transmitted cases.

Medical Examiners Report: 35 calls received; 4 site visits made; 15 autopsies performed; 11 suicides reported; no motor vehicle incidents; and 1 murder.

Commissioner Smith advised the board that starting Sunday, June 19 there would be time on WGHQ at 8:30 AM devoted to a taped discussion for general education purposes from the local health department. Commissioner Smith and Vin Martello, Director of Community Health Relations would handle the taped broadcast.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

UC Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors

The May 17, 2016 meeting of the UC Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors was called to order at 8:30 by President, T/Rochester Supervisor Chipman.

Present: Denning, Esopus, Hardenburgh, Hurley, Marletown, Marlborough, New Paltz, Olive, Plattekill, Rochester, Ulster, Wawarsing, Mayor, City of Kingston

Others: Ken Ronk, Chairman UC Legislature, Elliott Auerbach, UC Comptroller, Chris White, Deputy Director UC Planning, Manna Jo Greene, UC Legislator

Following the call to order Mr. Chipman introduced Comptroller Auerbach. Mr. Auerbach briefly noted that the NYS Association of Counties would be meeting in Syracuse and there would apparently be discussion on the status of AirBnB; further that there would be a public hearing Thursday at which time the proposed 2% tax regarding AirBnB would be discussed.

Chris White, Deputy Director of UC Planning asked for the maps that county needed from the towns showing where in each town Broadband was received/not received. Apparently over 140,000 additional homes are to be included eventually to be served.

Supervisor Chipman then welcomed Mayor Noble and Chairman Ken Ronk to provide an up-date to the sales tax matter. Both men thanked each as well as all those who had worked on the committees that each represents dealing with the sales tax agreement.

It was noted that during the next two years the allocations would be the same: 85.5% county, 11.5% city of Kingston and 3% to the towns. During the third, fourth, and fifth years of the agreement there could be changes in the percentages that each would receive depending apparently on how much was collected in sales tax. (Note: For this observer there is no question of there being difficulty in understanding the details that are involved in this matter). According to what the Mayor indicated the City Finance Committee was to meet Wednesday to review the agreement. Chairman Ronk noted that the Legislative Ways and Means Committee and the Government and Efficiency Committee had met and okayed the agreement. However, as there was no language in the agreement referencing a date regarding when the money would be distributed, the county legislature had put such wording in to the agreement (based on state statute). Question about whether any figure had been included in agreement regarding inflation; answer was yes. The question as to why not have clause in agreement stating that 6 months before expiration of agreement that there would be a discussion on the sales tax so that the present situation does not occur in the future resulted in Chairman Ronk and Mayor Noble agreeing to meet to discuss.

The need to have a mathematical example to show how the figures would actually appear dollar wise was another point that was made. One response was that the state had been asked for such and the caller was advised that such did not exist. Chairman Ronk indicated that the county finance office had developed such and copies were handed out at the meeting.

There was an update on LED street lighting, and the CCA 2.0 (Community Choice Aggregation) apparently the group, one of many, to which municipalities may belong, are moving ahead in its quest to make it easier to be able to buy back their street lighting systems.

Legislator Greene then presented a brief commentary requesting support for opposition advocating that subsidies to repair aging out facilities using fusing power not be supported. As there was no quorum present at that time in the meeting, there was no motion presented.

Supervisor Chipman then advised the group that he and Supervisor Quigley had attended the recent May meeting of the Inter-municipal Collaboration Council. This group apparently meets only once a year. Apparently, the two supervisors felt this group should meet more than once a year. Further, they would like to have a discussion on joining with the county on health insurance in order to save money and to discuss centralizing dispatching as handled by the police.

During the remaining time that this observer was present the group discussed various points on zoning and how such laws are now viewed and handled.

The observer left prior to the meeting being adjourned.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

