

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Special Meeting February 11, 2016

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held on February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Supervisor Colavita called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting the presence of Councilman Marcoccia, Councilman Dooley, Councilwoman Nicholson, Town Attorney Lou Reda and Town Clerk Linda Laird. Councilman Bellitto was absent.

Supervisor Colavita explained, in December 2014 the non-profit organization Sustainable Westchester submitted a petition to the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) on behalf of its member municipalities to implement a Community Choice Aggregation Program (CCA) in Westchester County. The PSC authorized Sustainable Westchester to put out an RFP and award contracts for both electric and natural gas supply for residents and small businesses. The Supervisor explained, in addition to adopting a Local Law to establish a CCA Program, municipalities must pass a resolution to qualify and join the CCA.

In addition to providing information on CCA on the town website, representatives of Sustainable Westchester presented the benefits of the program and answered questions during the public portion of the November 4, 2015 and the February 2, 2016 Town Board Meetings. Supervisor Colavita explained the results of an informal 'poll' on the website found responded fairly split on the matter - with a slightly greater number of those 'opposed'. The Supervisor stated the purpose of the meeting was to determine if there is a compelling reason to join the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

Over 30 residents attended the meeting and demonstrated opposition to the program with applause as individuals spoke in opposition to the Town's participation in the Community Choice Aggregation Program. Individuals speaking in opposition to the program included: Peter Telesco, Peter Telesco, Sr., Carmine Greco, Christine Telesco, Paul Parisi and Frank McGinnis. No one spoke in support of the program.

The Town Board collectively discussed their concern regarding the 'opt-out requirement' and the anticipated insufficient efforts to educate the public of its right and requirement to initiate the opt-out of the program. The Supervisor echoed the Members comments in saying the support for an opt-in program would be more palatable than a program that enlists all residents without their knowledge or consent.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley approved a RESOLUTION to determine the Town of Eastchester will not enroll in the Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Bellitto, who was "ABSENT." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk