

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES,
CHAIRWOMAN

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A P P E A R A N C E S:

NORMA GONSALVES
Chair

DENNIS DUNNE (Not Present)
Vice-Chair

ROSE MARIE WALKER (Sitting in for Dennis Dunne)

RICHARD NICOLELLO (Not Present)

JOSEPH BELESI (Sitting in for Richard Nicoletto)

DENISE FORD

JUDY JACOBS
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG (Not Present)

JUDI BOSWORTH (Sitting in for David Denenberg)

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The Planning,
3 Development and Environment Committee will now
4 takes their seats, please.

5 Mr. Muller, please call the roll.

6 CLEKR MULLER: Yes.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me.
8 Substituting for Legislator Nicoletto is
9 Legislator Belesi, and substituting for
10 Legislator Dunne is Legislator Walker.

11 Any substitutions there?

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Yes. Legislator
13 Bosworth is substituting for Legislator
14 Denenberg.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Call the
16 roll.

17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Abrahams?

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bosworth,
20 substituting for Legislator Denenberg?

21 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

22 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Jacobs?

23 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

2 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford?

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

4 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Belesi,
5 substituting for Legislator Nicoletto?

6 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker,
8 substituting for Vice Chairman Dunne?

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

10 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Gonsalves?

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

12 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

14 The item on the regular agenda will not
15 be called at this time. However, I'm going to
16 ask for a motion to suspend the rules because we
17 have two items on the addendum.

18 Motion, please?

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
22 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Belesi.

23 All those in favor of suspending the
24 rules?

25 (Aye.)

2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There being none, the first item is Item
5 146, a local law prohibiting the acceptance of
6 wastewater produced by hydraulic fracturing by
7 sewage treatment facilities located in and -- in,
8 owned and/or operated by Nassau County.

9 Motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator Walker.

14 Any questions?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any discussion on this item?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Let me just say one
20 thing.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.
22 Legislator Jacobs.

23 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Considering that
24 obviously both sides of the aisle filed almost
25 the exactly same item within a day of each other,

2 I would suggest that we all become co-sponsors of
3 this since it's obviously something we all
4 believe it.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator Jacobs,
6 you're right. This is something that all of us
7 have a passion for, with the water.

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Right.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Considering you and I
10 both have been known to --

11 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: To love our water.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: fight for our water --

13 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Experts in it, in
14 fact.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm sure that this
16 side would be honored to have you join us.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: You're welcome.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Any
20 other discussion?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any debate?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 There being none. All those -- go ahead.
3 Go ahead. Legislator Ford.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: This time I really
5 would like to thank, you know, Chris Astuni and
6 Meredith, and Dan McCloy and everybody working on
7 this legislation. This was something that we
8 talked about and they immediately started working
9 on it. Of course, and then Chris had to leave;
10 his wife had a baby. A little delay in that.
11 But maybe we should call it the Joseph Anthony
12 Bill. But I really want to thank them.

13 This is something that we have all been
14 very passionate about. And I think that a lot of
15 our residents and a lot of our community groups,
16 environmental groups have been at the forefront
17 in making sure -- because even though we haven't
18 started, it has not passed the right to do any
19 fracking within New York State, I think at this
20 time it's better to be safe than sorry, to make
21 sure that this legislation is passed and in
22 effect.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
25 Legislator Ford.

2 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Chairwoman. I just
3 want to say also that since we put ours in, when
4 the baby was being born probably, that our side
5 of the aisle, also thanks to our legal team and
6 our finance team, for the same bill.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
8 Bosworth.

9 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you. You
10 know, this is a great example of when we talk
11 about working across the aisle and being able to
12 come together on something that's so important to
13 the well being of the residents of Nassau County.
14 And so I think this is a very proud moment. We
15 can all be sponsors, and I know that that would
16 just be a great step in working together.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: But the proudest
18 moment would be when we actually could sit down,
19 instead of having two bills filed, have one bill
20 filed and be happy to all co-sponsor.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going to
22 say that, Judy, you know in the past we've had
23 many laws passed by both sides of the aisle,
24 because we did cooperate before they were
25 introduced. And I can name them. The Tanning

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2 Law, the ATV Law, the Texting Law. We can go on
3 and on. So we do work sometimes in a bipartisan
4 way.

5 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: It's a refreshing
6 change when it happens.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, at this
8 time, all those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 The motion carries unanimously.

13 The second item is Item 149-12, a local
14 law to amend Title D15 of Chapter 21 of Chapter
15 272 of the Laws of 1939, constituting the Nassau
16 County Administrative Code, in relation to
17 preventing the spread of invasive species in
18 Nassau County.

19 Motion, please?

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
23 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Belesi.

24 This legislation is in addition to some
25 of the invasive species that's already been

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2 introduced into this law; that's why we're
3 amending it, to increase other invasive species
4 that have been identified by members of the
5 environmental community.

6 May I have a motion, please? We did.
7 Sorry.

8 Any discussion or debate on it?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any public comment?

11 There being none. All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 There being none, the motion carries
16 unanimously.

17 Motion to adjourn?

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So moved by
21 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Belesi.

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 We are now adjourned. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the Planning, Development and
4 the Environment Committee is adjourned at 1:50
5 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby state:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of April, 2012.

FRANK GRAY