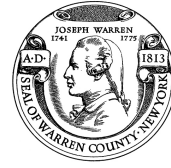


Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015**



The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Merlino

Roll called, the following members present: Supervisors Conover, Monroe, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Brock, Kenny, Frasier, Simpson, Vanselow, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Sokol, Beaty, Westcott, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 20; Absent - 0.

Motion was made by Supervisor Vanselow, seconded by Supervisor Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2015 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing open on Proposed Warren County Local Law No. 1 of 2016 at 10:02 a.m. and he requested that Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud, which she proceeded to do. Chairman Geraghty then called for any public comments, but none were made; he advised that they would leave the Public Hearing open while they proceeded with the Agenda review to allow anyone wishing to speak on Local Law No. 1 of 2016 to do so.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty extended privilege of the floor to Amy Hirsch, *Emergency Services Coordinator*, who wished to address the Board in reference to Warren County becoming a Storm Ready Community. Mrs. Hirsch introduced Ray O'Keefe, Britt Westergard and Warren Snyder, *Representatives of the National Weather Service*, who would be doing a presentation pertaining to Warren County becoming a Storm Ready Community. Mr. Snyder presented to Chairman Geraghty a sign that was representative of the accomplishments of the Warren County Office of Emergency Services, as well as others that were involved in the Project. He stated this certified that the County had gone through a variety of steps including having emergency management in place, facilities and response plans to deal with the realm of weather type emergencies this region was likely to be faced with. He thanked the Board for providing the funding for the USGS River Gauge on the Schroon River. Chairman Geraghty recognized the efforts of Mrs. Hirsch and the Office of Emergency Services staff for their efforts, as it would not have been possible for the County to receive the certification without them. A round of applause followed. Mrs. Hirsch stated although her office was instrumental in obtaining this certification, they could not have done so without the assistance of the Communications Department of the Sheriff's Office. She explained the Sheriff's Office completed an abundant amount of work with the NOAA (*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*) radios and antennas they had in the Sheriff's Office, the Municipal Center Building and the Human Services Building. She continued, the Self-Insurance Department monitored the radios to ensure everyone working at the County was notified in a timely fashion. She stated, in addition, their office contacted the Queensbury and Warrensburg School Districts who also had NOAA radios on their campuses, as one of the requirements was for a few government facilities with large traffic from the public to have NOAA radios. She added although the Glens Falls Hospital was not an agency run by the government, they

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

volunteered to get a NOAA radio since they had heavy traffic from the public at their facility. She advised their office did an abundant amount of public outreach in conjunction with Dan Durkee, *Senior Health Educator, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Warren County Public Health*, and James Lieberum, *District Manager, Soil & Water Conservation District*, to ensure the public remained informed. She advised their training allowed the public to receive first-hand knowledge from the National Weather Service about weather phenomena that occurred here. She continued, it also afforded them the opportunity to be spotters for the National Weather Service when a weather related incident occurred in this area that they needed to be aware of. She stated the Office of Emergency Services had requested that those weather spotters provide the County with this information, as well as participate in training with them. She remarked this accomplishment related to a community effort with many others involved to ensure Warren County was a safer community. Mr. Snyder congratulated Warren County on becoming the latest Storm Ready Community. A round of applause followed.

Chairman Geraghty called for any further comments on Proposed Local Law No. 1; there being none, he closed the Public Hearing session at 10:11 a.m.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty provided the report by the Chairman of the Board, reading aloud the listing of meetings he had attended since the November Board Meeting; *a copy of the Chairman's Report is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting.*

Chairman Geraghty then called for reports from Supervisors on the past month's meetings or activities.

Supervisor Merlino stated that the Tourism Committee had met on December 3rd, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 594-604. In regards to the Public Works Committee, Supervisor Merlino apprised they had met on December 1st wherein they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 610-617, which he provided a brief overview of.

Supervisor Strough informed he had nothing to report.

Supervisor Seeber advised that she would like to call the Board's attention to proposed Resolution Nos. 643-645, which all pertained to SUNY (*State University of New York*) Adirondack. She reminded the Board they had met on multiple occasions to discuss the NSTEM (*Nursing, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*) and WORC (*Workforce Readiness Center*) Projects for the college. She noted copies of the proposed Resolutions had been distributed to the full Board along with supporting documentation. She stated one question that had been brought forward after the information was disbursed pertained to whether there were any legacy costs associated with the Project. Supervisor Seeber apprised according to the information she received from the College they were anticipating reallocating some of the professors and expanding their maintenance staff to have coverage for the two buildings; however, she noted, they did not anticipate significant legacy costs. Supervisor Seeber remarked the goal was to attract more students to enroll in courses at the College which in turn would require additional professors and staff to accommodate the demand. She acknowledged the time and effort that had gone along with the discussion regarding the NSTEM Project. She stated she would appreciate their consideration on the aforementioned resolutions.

Supervisor Sokol reported that the Health Services Committee had met briefly on December 2nd, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 587-590. Supervisor Sokol announced he would like to take the opportunity to thank Supervisors Kenny, Taylor and Monroe for their service to the County. He pointed out collectively they had represented fifty years of service to the County. He stated it had been a pleasure to know them and he wished them well in their retirement. Supervisor Sokol apprised Supervisor Westcott's four year term on the Board was coming to an end, also and he wished him well

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

with his future endeavors. Supervisor Sokol acknowledged Martin Auffredou, *County Attorney*, for his years of service to the County and wished him the best of luck with his new career as a State Supreme Court Judge. He added he felt the County would be in good hands as long as they selected a successor for the County Attorney position who was as dedicated and dependable as Mr. Auffredou was.

Supervisors Beaty and Westcott indicated they had nothing to report.

Chairman Geraghty asked Supervisor Westcott to come forward; he then proceeded to present him with a certificate of appreciation and an engraved clock commemorating his four years of dedicated service as a member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. A round of applause followed. Supervisor Westcott remarked it had been an honor to represent the residents of the Town of Queensbury, as well as all of Warren County as a member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. He acknowledged all of the Supervisors on the Board for their efforts in representing their communities, as he was well aware of how difficult the job was; he added he respected all of the professionals here at Warren County. A round of applause was given.

Supervisor Thomas advised he had nothing to report but would also like to take this time to thank Supervisors Kenny, Monroe, Taylor and Westcott, as well as Mr. Auffredou for their service to the County. He remarked it had been his privilege to know these gentlemen and he wished them well.

Supervisor Wood apprised the Public Safety Committee had last met on November 30th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 646-648. She called attention to proposed Resolution Nos. 668-669 which concerned the 911 Communications Center at the Sheriff's Office. She noted these particular resolutions had been approved through the Post Committee Meeting resolution request process. Supervisor Wood echoed the sentiments of other Supervisors regarding those who would not be returning next year, noting that they would be missed.

Supervisor Conover reported that the Finance Committee had met on December 9th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 580-581 and 626-645 which he provided a brief overview of. He encouraged the Board to support proposed Resolution Nos. 643-645 which concerned SUNY Adirondack, as he would be himself.

Supervisor Monroe informed the Park Operations and Management Committee had met on December 8th during which time they discussed developing a policy/procedure for handling reimbursement of deposits received for Festival Commons events. He explained they had yet to develop a plan or policy in regards to how much notice was required for cancellations and under what circumstances refunds would be given. He stated no recommendations were made; therefore, he said, they would continue the discussion at the next meeting. Supervisor Monroe apprised that the Village of Lake George was running into cash flow issues and had to borrow money due to the lag in the time it took the DOS (*Department of State*) to reimburse them. He indicated they would like to renew their Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village for the Festival Space. Supervisor Monroe advised they approved a thirty-five foot flag pole at the Festival Commons. Supervisor Monroe indicated there may be a possible shortfall of \$45,000 for all projects at the Wood Park Festival Commons and the Skate Park. He mentioned projects may have to be budgeted individually if revenue from the Westbrook Parking Lot was not available. Supervisor Monroe apprised the Legislative & Rules Committee met on December 8th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 649-654, of which he provided a brief overview of.

Chairman Geraghty asked Supervisor Monroe to come forward; he then proceeded to present him with a Proclamation and an engraved clock commemorating his twenty-four years of dedicated service as a member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. A round of applause followed. Chairman

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

Geraghty pointed out a portion of Supervisor Monroe's other job consisted of advocating on behalf of the County with the APA (*Adirondack Park Agency*) as the Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board which he would continue with following his retirement from the Board. He stated he believed things would have been much different if Supervisor Monroe had not advocated on behalf of the County.

Supervisor Girard informed that Cornell Cooperative Extension had installed a propane heater which was working well heating the building during the off hours to save money on electric heat. He said the cost of the heater was paid for by the reduction in the lease rate for the building. Supervisor Girard reported that the County Facilities Committee had met on December 1st, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 602-609, which he provided a brief overview of. Supervisor Girard reminded the Board they had approved Resolution No. 578 of 2015 at their November 20th Board Meeting which authorized a Facility Use Agreement with The Open Door Mission to use the former County Detention Home for a Code Blue Shelter for the homeless. He said he believed all the necessary insurance was in place and the shelter was ready for use when needed. Supervisor Girard apprised they would continue the discussion regarding the Siemens Geothermal Contract for the Municipal Center Building at the next Committee Meeting, specifically whether any legal ramifications existed that the County could pursue. Chairman Geraghty interjected that the Supervisors should have received a response from the County Administrator's Office pertaining to the questions they submitted regarding the contract last night.

Supervisor McDevitt apprised the County Clerk/DMV Committee had met on November 30th, wherein they approved the appointment of a new Deputy County Clerk due to retirement. He stated he believed the individual being appointed would be a good fit, as they were more than qualified for the position. Supervisor McDevitt congratulated Supervisors Monroe, Taylor, Kenny and Westcott, remarking that it had been an honor to serve on the Board with them; he added they would be surely missed. Supervisor McDevitt wished Mr. Auffredou well with his new position as a State Supreme Court Judge.

Supervisor Taylor reported the Personnel Committee had met on December 9th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 619-625, which he provided a brief overview of. Supervisor Taylor apprised they had also met on December 15th, wherein they began the process of interviewing candidates for the position of County Attorney, which would be vacated by Mr. Auffredou at the end of the year. He stated the majority of the Board had participated in the interview process.

Chairman Geraghty asked Supervisor Taylor to come forward; he then proceeded to present him with a Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved clock commemorating his eight years of dedicated service as a member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Taylor remarked the majority of his sixteen years of public service served on the Glens Falls Common Council and the Warren County Board of Supervisors had been good ones.

Supervisor Brock informed he had nothing to report.

Supervisor Kenny advised the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee had met on December 3rd wherein Jeff Mead, *Glens Falls Civic Center General Manager*, reported that the Annual Report from the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition would be presented at the January Committee Meeting. Supervisor Kenny informed that Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, indicated that Occupancy Tax was up 7.05% for November compared to last year. Supervisor Kenny mentioned they adjourned for a WorkShop Meeting that lasted over two hours following which they approved agreements with the events included in proposed Resolution No. 618, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2015 Occupancy Tax Revenues*. He added he hoped providing funding for special events would continue after he departed, as they had been successful in attracting a large amount of tourists to the

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

area with the events they provided funding to.

Chairman Geraghty asked Supervisor Kenny to come forward; he then proceeded to present him with a Proclamation and an engraved clock commemorating his eighteen years of dedicated service as a member of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. A round of applause followed. Supervisor Kenny wished everyone a Merry Christmas; he added he would miss the people more than the work. He informed his relationship with Supervisor Merlino had grown over the years into a deep friendship even though they did not always agree on the way matters were handled. Supervisor Kenny thanked his constituents for affording him the opportunity to serve them as a member of the Board for so many years. He encouraged the Supervisors to consider supporting the Rail to Trail Alternative for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor rather than renewing the contract with the Saratoga North Creek Railroad, as he felt this was a more suitable use for the property. In regards to a possible sales tax increase, Supervisor Kenny voiced his adamant opposition to it. He stated he hoped the future Chairman of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee would ensure that the funds were used properly, as it was an easy target for the many issues that came before the Board. In conclusion, Supervisor Kenny urged everyone to consider being an organ donor, citing the fact that he was alive today due to being the recipient of a liver transplant twenty-one years ago following which a round of applause was given.

Supervisor Frasier apprised she had nothing to report but would like to inform Mr. Auffredou, as well as the Supervisors who were departing that they would all be greatly missed.

Supervisor Simpson reported that the Social Services Committee had met on November 30th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 591-592, which he proceeded to provide a brief overview of. He thanked Jeffery Tennyson, *Superintendent of Public Works*, and his staff for their prompt response to issues with the boilers at Countryside Adult Home last night. He stated a plan on how to deal with these issues in the future would be forthcoming. Supervisor Simpson informed he would like to take a moment to thank Supervisors Kenny, Taylor, Monroe and Westcott for their service, as he had enjoyed working with them over the last few years. He added anyone who served on the Board should be able to retire with their "heads held high". He wished Mr. Auffredou the best with his new career as a State Supreme Court Justice, as well.

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Support Services Committee had met on December 2nd wherein they entertained requests from the Board of Elections, the Clerk of the Board Office and the County Administrator. He stated they approved proposed Resolution No. 586, *Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with mailings Made Easy, Inc. for Mail Pick-Up and Sorting Services for a Discount-Warren County (WC67-15)*. He thanked Supervisors Monroe, Kenny, Taylor and Westcott for their service. He added he appreciated the service and legal advice Mr. Auffredou had provided to the Board and he said he hoped his successor would continue to provide such support to them.

Supervisor Dickinson advised the Criminal Justice Committee had met on December 3rd, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 582-585 which were standard resolutions. Supervisor Dickinson reported that the Invasive Species Sub-Committee had met on December 2nd wherein Dave Wick, *Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission*, provided a power point presentation in detail regarding the progress of the eradication program for Lake George. He stated the presentation included an abundant amount of useful information. He added there was an on-going discussion concerning making the pilot program a permanent one. He read aloud the following excerpt from the minutes: "*Mr. Wick credited the County with being an instrumental partner in the program and thanked them for their continued financial support*". Supervisor Dickinson added the County was key to this initiative, as they had been instrumental in getting a program in place that would soon be extended not only throughout the Adirondack Park but State-wide. He mentioned this was an important issue for Lake George which was

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

the economic driver for the region; he noted he appreciated everyone's support of the Program. Supervisor Dickinson remarked he believed enough of the Board had provided accolades to the Supervisors that were retiring; however, he said, during his eight year tenure on the Board he thoroughly enjoyed working with each of them and wished them well. He thanked Mr. Auffredou for the service he had provided to the Board and wished him well with his career as a Supreme Court Justice. Supervisor Dickinson concluded his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Supervisor Merlino apprised he would like to thank Mr. Auffredou for his service to the County; he noted Mr. Auffredou had always made it a point to be easily accessible to the Supervisors and was quick to reply to any inquiries they had. He stated he believed Mr. Auffredou would do well in his career as a Supreme Court Justice. Supervisor Merlino remarked it had been an honor and a privilege to be friends with Supervisor Kenny; he added he looked forward to them continuing on with their friendship into future years.

Continuing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for the report by the County Administrator. Mr. Dusek informed that Tom Clements, who was one of the applicants for the County Attorney position had withdrawn his application. Next, he spoke about the New Supervisor Orientation which was an enhanced over last year's and had been well received by the Supervisor Elects. He advised the third item he would like to report on pertained to the closing for Westmount Health Facility. He stated the closing was on track to take place on or before December 31st. He added the goal was for the Facility to be under new ownership as of January 1, 2016. He mentioned Centers had received all the necessary approvals to move forward; therefore, he said, it was up to the Legal Counsel for the County and Centers to determine a closing date. He pointed out as per Supervisor Beaty's request he had distributed copies of the analysis of cost associated with the closing to all of the Supervisors. In regards to the Shared Services Committee, Mr. Dusek advised the County was in the process of reviewing the individual Towns Purchasing Policies; he noted this was a necessary step as part of the consolidation of the purchasing activities they were planning as required by the Efficiency Plan they submitted to New York State. He mentioned they would be meeting with Supervisor Monroe shortly to discuss the historical purchasing practices of the Town of Chester prior to his retirement at the end of the year. He remarked he would be working in conjunction with Supervisor Conover on scheduling future Shared Services Committee Meetings.

Mr. Dusek commented he would like to join others in wishing the departing Supervisor's the best in their future endeavors. He mentioned he believed each and every one of them saw their service to the community as an honor. He apprised he felt Supervisor Taylor was a statesman; therefore, he said, he had gifted him a copy of Plato's "*Statesman*". He reminded Supervisor Taylor of a conversation they had in which he handled things very diplomatically in the correct manner following which he had referred to him as "an elderly statesman", and remarked he wholeheartedly maintained this opinion. Mr. Dusek advised when he thought of Supervisor Kenny he thought of occupancy tax since he had been instrumental with that endeavor; therefore, he said, to commemorate this he had left a figurine of the Bates Motel on his desk for him. Mr. Dusek apprised one of the first people he engaged with when he was appointed as the County Attorney in 1996 was Supervisor Monroe. He mentioned beyond the challenging legal questions Supervisor Monroe posed to him, he had worked very closely with him on the sale of the trash plant and all of the issues associated with it; therefore, he stated, he placed an Oscar the Grouch figurine on his desk that stated No More on it since their goal had been to take care of the issue. Mr. Dusek stated he felt that Mr. Auffredou was professional and hard working, as he worked nights and weekends when necessary, was legally astute, conscientious, honorable and many times served as the calming force. He stated the County had been fortunate to have Mr. Auffredou serve as their County Attorney; he added it had been an honor and a privilege to serve with him as the County Administrator.

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Auffredou to provide the report by the County Attorney. Mr. Auffredou apprised he had nothing to report on.

Chairman Geraghty asked Mr. Auffredou to come forward; he then proceeded to present him with a Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved clock commemorating his four years of dedicated service to the County. A round of applause followed. Mr. Auffredou apprised it seemed like it was just yesterday that he was being introduced to the Board. He remarked his late friend and mentor Dick Bartlett would say on an occasion like this that it was time to close the chapter and start another one which was where he found himself today. He mentioned one of the great things about serving as County Attorney was that he got to be the legal advisor and representative of the Board; however, he noted, he also got to be the legal advisor and representative of the Department Heads which was what his daily work tasks consisted of. He remarked this had been a great honor and privilege for him., noting he had worked with individuals such as the County Treasurer, the Undersheriff, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, the County Clerk, etc.; he stated it was an honor to work with Department Head Staff, as he considered them all to be true public servants who worked tirelessly for the County. He advised he felt it was pertinent that he mention that from working so closely with Mr. Tennyson over the last five years their relationship had grown from that of co-workers into a friendship; he noted he would miss working with Mr. Tennyson but they would continue to be friends. He said one of the things he would miss the most about the position was the daily interaction he had with all of the Department Heads. He stated he wanted to wish the Supervisors who were leaving the very best; he added each of them had a lasting legacy and personal benefit to the County. He continued, they had worked tirelessly and he felt the County was a better place because of them. Mr. Auffredou thanked his staff, Shelly VanNostrand, Terry McGarr and Amy Bartlett, as they were a large contributor to his accomplishments at the County. He stated he would miss them with the exception of Mrs. VanNostrand, who had accepted a position within the Court System working alongside him. He credited Mr. Dusek with having the staff in place that made his transition as County Attorney seamless . In regards to Mr. Dusek, Mr. Auffredou informed he felt Mr. Dusek had been a great County Administrator and he was a better County Attorney and person because of him. He stated Mr. Dusek had challenged him everyday; he noted the reason he worked nights and weekends was because he wanted to make Mr. Dusek proud of him. Mr. Auffredou advised some years ago Chairman Geraghty started referring to him as "son"; he stated his father had passed away thirty-one years ago and he thought everyone needed father figures in their lives. He remarked Chairman Geraghty had served admirably in the father figure capacity for him; he noted he was proud when Chairman Geraghty started referring to him as "son". He added he would be forever grateful for everything Chairman Geraghty had done for him as the Chairman and as a friend. In conclusion. Mr. Auffredou apprised he was proud of his accomplishments at the County and he was leaving with high hopes. He concluded that he wished upon all of them life's greatest blessings. A round of applause was given.

Resuming the agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of communications, which Mrs. Allen read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for October of 2015 from the Warren County Probation Department;
2. Pro Act Warren County Discount Card Utilization Report for the months of January 2014 - November of 2015;

Minutes from:

1. October 14, 2015 meeting of the Warren and Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency Executive/Park Committee;
2. October 19, 2015 meeting of the Warren and Washington Counties Industrial

Development Agency meeting;

Financial Reports/Correspondence from:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting, October 2015 surcharge in the amount of \$5,736.00 and the 2015 3rd Quarter Benefit Distribution of \$13,846.00
2. Letter from the Town of Queensbury, announcing a Public Hearing to be held on December 21st at 7:00 p.m. concerning an application by Queensbury Partners, LLC for its proposed Fowler Square Planned Unit Development
3. Letter from the Protective Association for Lake Sunnyside, formally requesting that Lake Sunnyside be included amongst the Warren County lakes that receive financial assistance from the County for the control of milfoil.

Chairman Geraghty apprised just before the meeting he received a petition for redress of grievances that was signed by numerous Warren County residents, as well as several Supervisors. He stated he had been asked to refer the matter to the Legislative & Rules Committee; he asked Supervisor Monroe whether he would like to comment on the matter, as he was the Chairman of that particular Committee. Supervisor Monroe advised he had limited time to review the matter; however, he said, he did not feel this was the appropriate step for the County to take. He asked the full Board to take into consideration the following points:

- * Government was at its best when it was the closest to the people. He pointed out the Town Supervisors were closest to the people.
- * Town Supervisors also had executive experience which was beneficial to them as a member of the full Board.
- * Town Supervisors had experience working on municipal budgets which many of the at-large Supervisors did not have.
- * In regards to the County's assessed value and who paid the bulk of the County Taxes, the City of Glens Falls had a total assessed value of \$764 million whereas the Town of Bolton's total assessed value was \$1.542 billion. This meant the taxpayers in the Town of Bolton paid twice as much taxes as the taxpayers in the City of Glens Falls; however, the City had five Supervisors to represent them on the full Board whereas the Town of Bolton only had one and they needed to consider who was representing what taxpayer. The Town of Chester was only slightly short of the City's total assessed value and yet they only had one Supervisor to represent them on the full Board.
- * Town Supervisors were required to attend Town Board Meetings at least once a month to listen to the public; Town Supervisors would in turn bring any issues the public brought up at the Town Board Meetings to discuss with the full Board. That did not occur with the At-Large Supervisors.
- * If the County were to change from a Board of Supervisors to a County Legislature there would be districts. If you looked at other Counties with County Legislatures in place they sometimes split Towns into several different districts and other times there would be parts of different Towns included in one district; how would this effect the representation of the individuals in those Towns at the County level.
- * In regards to those who felt the County was not treated fairly by the State and Federal Government's, this would create another layer of government in between the Town and the County. If the Town Supervisors were no longer members of the Board they would be dealing with districts which required adjustments based on the latest census every ten years. This would create the same situation they dealt with when Chris Gibson was elected to Congress, as a redistricting occurred and the County lost an excellent legislator because of it. Individuals elected as County Legislators would have to run again when the redistricting occurred without the benefit of having the relationship with the same voters.

*WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015*

In conclusion, Supervisor Monroe informed the individuals he had spoken with who were part of County Legislatures advised him of the aforementioned issues, as well as others; therefore, he requested, that they carefully consider these points since he would not be in attendance when the matter was considered.

Supervisor Westcott advised he would like to take a moment to respond to Supervisor Monroe's comments. He stated while he respected and admired Supervisor Monroe very much, the request they were making to the Board was to take a hard look at this. He said they had laid out on paper the issues that they identified; therefore, he said, they were requesting that the matter be taken up at the next meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee so they could discuss and debate it. He noted there were no quick fixes, but they were hoping that there was agreement within the Committee that there were issues that had merit to be addressed. He reiterated the request was for the opportunity to be afforded to have a discussion about this topic because some felt strongly about it. He added there was a case to be made that the current system was unconstitutional and in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment which was the principle of one person, one vote. He mentioned this would be his last action as a Supervisor which was why he brought it up today.

Supervisor Monroe apprised the only reason he had spoke on the matter was because he was unsure if another opportunity would present itself before he left office.

Supervisor Seeber remarked she felt Supervisor Monroe had brought up a number of good points; however, she noted, the intent of bringing this forward was to review the aforementioned concerns. She continued, going forward they were unsure of who the new Chairperson of the Legislative & Rules Committee would be; therefore, she said, she felt it was important to review the negative and positive aspects of switching from a Board of Supervisors to a County Legislature. She pointed out she thought allowing the residents to elect a County Executive or perhaps changing their voting structure were all positive aspects of having a County Legislature. She requested that they lay out both the pros and cons of the structure at the next meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to ensure it was reviewed from both perspectives.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Assemblyman Stec who apprised he was in attendance today to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked Supervisors Monroe, Kenny, Taylor and Westcott for their service; he added it was nice to see that they were all leaving on their own accord, as this was not always the case in politics. He apprised he had served on the Board for a time with each of them and felt they all had brought a lot to the table. He mentioned in particular he wanted to call out the two longer tenured "Good Old Boys", Supervisors Monroe and Kenny for their service to the County. He advised although there were many differences associated with them he believed they were two of the best public servants the County could have had. He indicated he thought they would continue to provide counsel and advice if it was requested of them which would be welcomed by everyone there. He pointed out that the "Senior Good Old Boy" on the Board would now be Supervisor Thomas with thirteen years of service thus far. He apprised as a Warren County resident he had been pleased with the outcome of the 2016 County Budget and hoped that would continue on into future years. A round of applause was given.

Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of resolutions; Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 580-667 were mailed; she noted Resolution Nos. 580, 643 and 644 were amended after mailing and a motion was needed to approve the revisions made. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen informed that proposed Resolution Nos. 668-670 were prepared after mailing and a motion was needed to bring them to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Girard and carried

unanimously.

Chairman Geraghty announced Mrs. Allen was distributing a copy of a proposed Resolution entitled “*Authorizing Agreements with Hite & Beaumont, P.C., Attorneys at Law and Daniel G. Vincelette, ESQ, to Provide Specialized Legal Services to Facilitate the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Process with Regard to the Law/Avigation Easement- Forest Enterprises Parcel for Approach to Runway 1 and Amending the County Budget Accordingly*”. Mr. Auffredou advised that this was a resolution that came out of the December 1st meeting of the County Facilities Committee. He stated a lengthy discussion took place at the Committee Meeting concerning the Counsel for the EDPL Proceeding following which a resolution was approved authorizing the County to retain Hite & Beaumont, P.C., Attorneys at Law for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 which included the appraisal costs from Thurston, Casale & Ryan, as well as all incidental expenses. He informed subsequent to the Committee Meeting he was notified by Hite & Beaumont, P.C., Attorneys at Law that they were scaling back their practice; therefore, he stated, they declined to take on this case. He continued, they recommended that the County retain the services of Daniel G. Vincelette, ESQ. to assist them with this process which he concurred would be a good replacement for them. He indicated the framework of the resolution would remain the same, as the only change would be the addition of the services of Daniel G. Vincelette, ESQ.

A motion was made by Supervisor Girard and seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and carried unanimously to bring the resolution to the floor. After the motion, Chairman Geraghty announced this would be proposed Resolution No. 671; he noted a roll call would be required due to the fact that it was amending the County Budget.

Supervisor Beaty requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 605-608.

Supervisor Seeber inquired whether there were additional expenses on top of the \$20,000 that proposed Resolution No. 671 would authorize and Mr. Auffredou replied that within the \$20,000 was the \$5,000 for the appraisal. He referred her to the following language included on page two of the proposed Resolution that stated “*RESOLVED, that the total amount of compensation to be paid inclusive of all expenses, costs and fees shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) without further resolution of the Board of Supervisors*”.

Supervisor Westcott asked whether proposed Resolution No. 671 would require a roll call vote and Chairman Geraghty replied affirmatively.

Supervisor Brock requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 609.

Supervisor Kenny questioned whether Supervisor Thomas had any time to consider where the monies would be allocated from for the funding referenced in Proposed Resolution No. 644 for the NSTEM Project at the College. Supervisor Thomas advised unless the County was able to generate a new revenue stream it would come down to choices as to how they would like to proceed with funding the Project. He pointed out there was \$68,000 in revenue from the Medicaid Rate Appeal Settlement for Westmount which could be used to fund a portion of the Project over the next five years. He stated other possible funding sources consisted of the following: the \$62,000 that was set aside for the new fire alarms in the Municipal Center Building; \$70,000 set aside for the new boiler, as the other \$30,000 would be returned to the Airport Matching Funds. He pointed out these funds originated from the Fund Balance; however, he said, the same could be said of almost all funding. He added there was also the Continuity of Operations Plan which was a \$75,000 expense that was budgeted for at \$40,000 in 2016 and the remaining balance of \$35,000 in 2017. He continued, if these funds were taken out of the Fund Balance it would free up this funding. He mentioned if they were to use all the aforementioned funds

*WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015*

a balance of \$53,000 would remain which was where the choices would come into play. He said he could propose cuts but that did not mean the Board would be agreeable to them. He added if they were able to sell one of the County-owned parcels across the street or develop the property behind the Westmount Health Facility they could use those funds for this Project. He informed there were a number of items to consider such as increasing the sales tax rate, using occupancy tax funding or a portion of it to fund the Invasive Species Program for the County which would free up the money for that Project, etc. He reiterated there were a number of things that could be cut back but the full Board would have to be agreeable.

Supervisor Strough encouraged the Board to support proposed Resolution Nos. 643-645, concerning Projects at SUNY Adirondack. He pointed out 60% of SUNY Adirondack graduates continued their education to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. He added graduates of SUNY Adirondack earned on average \$30,200 more than those without a college degree. He continued, 92% of their graduates had indicated that SUNY Adirondack prepared them for their employment. He stated the College was partners with Glens Falls Hospital, C.R. Bard, Angio Dynamics, Finch Paper, Hudson Headwaters, Gracenote, Irving Tissue, Miller Mechanical, Hollingsworth & Vose, Global Foundries, as well as many other large companies in the region. He informed 74% of the 2014 SUNY Adirondack graduates were employed here in the region. He noted in the last fiscal year SUNY Adirondack contributed a total of \$14 million into the regional economy. He urged the full Board to support proposed Resolution Nos. 643-645, as he viewed it as an investment not only in the County's future but also in the youth that reside here, as well as the regional economy.

Chairman Geraghty advised that proposed Resolution Nos. 643-644 required roll call votes; however, he noted, no one had requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 645.

Supervisor Merlino remarked although he concurred with Supervisor Strough's sentiments he had some concerns. He recalled it had taken them ten years to move forward with the Court Expansion Project during which time it was suggested they consider leasing space from the private sector as it would have been much less costly. He continued, due to the concerns expressed by the Judges concerning security issues and the requirement that the courts remain in the same building as one another they moved forward with the Court Expansion Project. He inquired whether the college had considered leasing existing space rather than expanding, as he was aware they had a very successful campus located in Wilton, New York. He mentioned another concern of his was he was not aware of any kind of Budget Plan for the staffing of the new buildings, and he was concerned they would request additional money from the County in the future to account for the additional maintenance and professors as well as the additional utility costs for them. He pointed out that almost \$6 million in unpaid taxes for school, Town, water and sewer rental supported the fact that there were individuals who struggled to pay their taxes already. He continued, these individuals could not afford any additional taxes as would occur should they vote to move forward with the NSTEM Project for SUNY Adirondack. He added he felt this Project had moved forward rather quickly; he noted he was nervous about how they would cover the expense in future years.

Supervisor Beaty advised he concurred with Supervisor Strough regarding why they should move forward with the Project. He said he was very frugal when it came to using taxpayer money to fund projects; therefore, he stated, before he supported them he made sure to do his due diligence and ensure it was the correct course of action to take. He pointed out the average age of the County had been increasing while the population remained flat which supported the notion that the young people in the County were moving elsewhere. He mentioned the Queensbury School District had eleven years of declining student enrollment. He informed when he was made aware of a project that he believed would keep the young people here in the County, grow and provide them with a solid job such as this

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015**

one he fully supported it. He commented one of the fastest growing industries was health care as supported by Hudson Headwaters Health Network and the Glens Falls Hospital. He advised he fully supported this Project because it provided them with the opportunity to grow the County by keeping the young citizens here while being an economic driver for a mere \$380,000 a year as compared to how much they spent on the Court Expansion Project that offered no benefit to the County. He encouraged the full Board to vote in favor of proposed Resolution Nos. 643-645.

Supervisor Seeber apprised that the representatives from SUNY Adirondack were not in attendance at this time because they got held up at the Washington County Board of Supervisor's Meeting where support of the Project was under consideration, as well. She highlighted that even before she became a member of the full Board discussions regarding this Project had taken place. She reminded the Board a few years ago they approved a resolution in support of the grant application to the State which was denied; however, she noted, their application was recently approved by the State which meant the funding was available for the State's portion of the cost of Project. She added the WORC Project required no funding from the County, as it had been fully funded by the SUNY 20/20 Grant Program. She continued, by working on these two Projects in conjunction with each other the total cost of the NSTEM Project had been decreased substantially. She informed she wanted to ensure everyone was aware this Project had been discussed for a number of years and was not something that just recently came to fruition. She commented while she understood they needed to determine where the funding for the Project would originate from she encouraged them as not only the Chairwoman of the Community College Committee but also someone who was highly invested in higher education to support the Project.

Supervisor Brock stated nine years ago when he was a member of the Glens Falls Common Council he became acquainted with a woman who lived in a home on New Pruyn Street in the City of Glens Falls that was in dreadful condition. He explained she worked as a Certified Nurses Assistant at the Glens Falls Hospital and was going to school to become a Registered Nurse so she could better situate herself and her family. He pointed out the reason she was able to do that was because SUNY Adirondack was in close proximity to her home and work which made it easily accessible to her. He mentioned SUNY Adirondack offered a convenient location for working class individuals so they could better themselves in life by allowing them to work full-time while enrolling in school part-time. He commented he felt they should keep in mind that there were many people who were struggling; he said SUNY Adirondack provided them with a practical way to overcome their circumstances. He apprised he felt this would be the one Project that would assist those who were trying to better themselves in the County, as the Jail staffing and Court Expansion Project offered no benefit to the residents here.

Supervisor Sokol apprised while he appreciated the concerns expressed by Supervisor Merlino he fully supported moving forward with the NSTEM Project for the College due to the fact that local high schools had better science labs than the current ones at the College and because the costs of materials and labor would increase if they were to delay the Project any further. Supervisor Sokol pointed out due to the delay in the sale of Westmount Health Facility it had cost the County an additional \$950,000 to continue to manage the facility.

Chairman Geraghty requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 645, *A Resolution Authorizing the Construction, Reconstruction Additions and Alterations to the Science Building at Suny Adirondack for the Adirondack Regional Workforce Readiness Center, and to Engage in Site Work on Said Property, and to Acquire Original Furnishings, Equipment or Apparatus Required for the Purpose for Which the Buildings Are Intended to Be Used at Suny - Adirondack (The "Worc Project") at a Maximum Cost of \$9,700,000*. He commented he fully supported the Project; he noted he hoped the College would continue working with local employers to place graduates within positions in the region to prevent

*WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015*

them from moving out of the County. He added HHHN's expansion of their facility in the Town of Warrensburg had been beneficial to the community, as they were expanding upon the services they provided, as well as the number of employees. He stated he hoped they could have a frank discussion on other revenue sources in order to fund this for the long-term in 2016 to prevent them from having to cut services.

Supervisor Girard advised while he concurred that there were certainly positive aspects about this Project, he would be voting in opposition of it because he was uncomfortable with the fact that they were moving forward with the Project without identifying a revenue source to fund it. He remarked he felt this was reckless on their part; he noted he was uncomfortable with all of the cuts they made from 2008 going forward such as the road work, the sale of the Westmount Health Facility, etc. in order to balance their Budget. He pointed out there were issues with radio communications in the northern portion of the County for public safety personnel, as well as additional road work that needed to be addressed but was placed on hold due to the lack of funding. He pointed out they could vote in opposition of this because unlike the Jail staffing or the Court Project, it was not mandated by the State that they support it; however, he noted, he could not support it. Supervisor Girard apprised he regretted voting in opposition of the pay increase for Mr. Auffredou because he now felt Mr. Auffredou was worth double that amount; however, he noted, he had done so because he wanted to save some money. He added he would probably regret voting in opposition to the NSTEM Project but felt he had to due to the lack of a funding source available to fund it. He pointed out increasing the sales tax meant that 40% of the cost of the Project would be funded by tourists. He said he felt now was the appropriate time for the increase, as it would assist them with paying off their debt.

Supervisor Taylor informed he believed it was necessary for the public to be aware of the fact that had the sale of Westmount Health Facility not been delayed the County would have had \$915,000 available to apply toward the cost of the Project. He stated Supervisors that considered themselves to be advocates for the taxpayers had cost the County an additional \$915,000 in expenses for managing the Facility in their efforts to delay the sale.

Supervisor McDevitt countered that no one could pinpoint a specific delay as it related to the Westmount sale. He pointed out sales such as this took time; he noted the average time it took for a nursing home sale to be processed and go through in New York State was about 1.5 years. He mentioned there had been discussion regarding a referendum; however, he stated, that never came to fruition. He indicated he felt individuals were "grasping at straws" if they were suggesting that those opposed to the sale of the Facility had delayed it, as there was no proof of that.

Supervisor Taylor reminded the Board at one point Centers had discontinued negotiations with the County which he felt related specifically to the Supervisors who were opposed to the sale.

Upon the request of Supervisor Seeber, privilege of the floor was extended to Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President of SUNY Adirondack*, who thanked the Board for allowing her to the opportunity to reiterate that this would be a Project that they knew would be a lasting contribution to the students and employers of the region. She mentioned the County's support of the Project would tremendously impact the Board's constituents; therefore, she said, she hoped they were aware of the long-term impact of it. She stated although she recognized the fiscal impact the Project placed upon the County; therefore, she said, she wanted to ensure them the College was a good steward of the support the County had already provided to them which would continue for any future financial support they provided to the College and in particular to this Capital Project. Dr. Duffy informed that the Washington County Board of Supervisors had approved moving forward with the Project by majority vote at their Board Meeting this morning. She added they were pleased to have their supporting, noting

they were hoping for the same outcome today with this Board, as well.

Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 580-671 were approved as presented.

During the vote on the resolutions Mr. Auffredou informed it was necessary to review the SEQRA questionnaire concerning proposed Resolution No. 643 entitled *“Warren County’s Board of Supervisor’s SEQRA Resolution Regarding Adirondack Community College, Also Known as SUNY Adirondack’s NSTEM Project and the WORC Project Located at 640 Bay Road, Queensbury New York”*. He advised this particular resolution concerned the SEQRA with respect to NSTEM and WORC Projects. He said it was an action under SEQRA; he noted the Projects were combined for purposes of the SEQRA Review and were known as an Unlisted Action. He mentioned the agencies involved included the College, Warren and Washington Counties were all conducting what was referred to as an Uncoordinated Review Under SEQRA. He indicated the short EAF included in the Supervisorss packets was prepared by the Legal Counsel for the College which he deemed appropriate for the County to use. He informed the Board’s task today was to review the questions and determine whether they felt no or small impact may occur or a moderate to large impact could occur. He reviewed the questions as follows:

1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulation to which the Board answered unanimously in the negative.
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land to which the Board responded unanimously in the negative.
3. Will the proposed action impair the character of quality of the existing community to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that cause the establishment of a critical environmental area to which the Board responded unanimously in the negative.
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking, or walkway to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities to which the Board responded unanimously in the negative.
7. Will the proposed action impact existing any public/private water supplies or public/private waste water treatment utilities to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic archaeological, architectural or esthetic resources to which the Board responded unanimously in the negative.
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources examples given wetlands, water bodies, ground water, air quality flora and fauna to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.; and
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health to which the Board replied unanimously in the negative.

Mr. Auffredou announced given the answers to the questions it appeared to him the resolution as prepared which essentially made a determination of non-significance under SEQRA was the appropriate resolution. He explained by adopting the proposed Resolution the County would be completing the SEQRA Review, acknowledging the answers they gave to the questions, Chairman Geraghty would sign

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015**

the EAF on behalf of the County and a determination of non-significance under SEQRA would be issued pursuant to the resolution which meant these Projects presented no potential adverse environmental impacts that they identified.

Supervisor Merlino asked whether this resolution had to be voted on before they voted on whether they supported the NSTEM and WORC Projects and Mr. Auffredou replied affirmatively. He explained it was required the complete SEQRA as early in the process as possible; therefore, he stated, the County would not be able to entertain the financing or serial bond resolutions before SEQRA was completed. He noted voting in favor of this resolution did not commit the County to be in favor of the funding.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor to any members of the public wishing to address the Board of Supervisors, or any Supervisors desiring to make announcements.

Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, remarked he felt it was necessary for him to correct a few things that were stated earlier in the meeting. He stated it had taken over two years for Centers to close on the sale of the nursing home in Essex County and over one year for the sale to close on the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home in Washington County. He mentioned it appeared to him the closing for Westmount Health Facility would take a similar amount of time. He informed it was not appropriate to assume the sale should have closed much sooner than that. He pointed out he believed the immediate jeopardy citations that Centers received on their facilities in Essex and Washington County could have been the reason for the delay in Centers being granted the CON (*Certificate of Need*) by the NYSDOH (*New York State Department of Health*). He indicated Warren County's most vulnerable citizens would now be cared for by Centers who had been cited for so many deficiencies at their other facilities. He stated he did not feel there was any delay other than Centers doing.

Mr. Whitehead apprised he concurred with Supervisor Thomas that a choice would need to be made as to how they would fund the NSTEM Project since they voted by majority to move forward with the Project. He stated he would like to offer some hope that it might not be a choice of what to cut. He pointed out the County presently spent over \$750,000 on an annual basis for three Energy Projects with Siemens; however, he noted, by law the County was not supposed to be paying anything more than savings they received from them. He continued, he could attest to the fact that the savings the County actually received from those Projects was far less than \$750,000 a year. He commented he believed the County had the opportunity to move forward with extracting concessions from Siemens or exercise their rights through the Courts. He stated he felt this would result in an action that could generate another revenue stream short of making cuts.

Mr. Dusek informed that the County had commenced the process to sell the Westmount Health Facility in 2012; therefore, he said, the total amount of time it took the County to close would be three years and not one as was stated by Mr. Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead interjected that he could attest to the fact that the closing on the Essex County Facility had taken longer than three years with the time frame for the closing on the facility in Washington County being slightly less than that.

George Winters, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, apprised he would like to thank Supervisor Westcott for representing him on the Board, as he felt he had done a stellar job for the citizens. He stated he had been surprised by the article in *The Post Star* that stated some of the senior members of the Board had advised the new Supervisor's to refrain from speaking, as they as senior Supervisor's could manage things properly. He remarked he hoped that the three senior members that were retiring were part of the group of high ranking elected positions within the County, as this would allow for the junior members who held the citizens interests in high regard to have more say. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015**

Chairman Geraghty assured Mr. Winters that none of the new Supervisors had been instructed to refrain from commenting. Mr. Winters interjected that was not how it was reported on in the article featured in *The Post Star*. Chairman Geraghty inquired whether it had ever been said to any of the Supervisors and Supervisor Monroe replied in the negative. He stated he could not agree less with that statement, as he had never been told to refrain from speaking nor was he aware of any other Supervisor's being told that. He commented every Board member was committed to trying to carry out what was best for the taxpayers of the County. He added he may disagree with some of them but he never questioned their motives.

Supervisor Dickinson informed the Town of Lake George had been awarded a grant from the NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) for a Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of \$104,000. He said the grant included some interaction with some adjoining Towns pertaining to the sewer initiative that they commenced in the Town of Lake George. He stated the grant included a reach out Program with the Towns of Bolton, Queensbury, and Fort Ann; therefore, he said, it was not only an achievement for the Town of Lake George but for Lake George itself since they would be working with the other Towns to promote the Program.

Supervisor Seeber apprised based on Chairman Geraghty's comments she concurred with Supervisor Monroe that they were all present for the right reasons. She continued, she certainly respected as Assemblyman Stec had pointed out, the experience of "the good old boys"; however, she noted, she was also appreciative the new perspectives, as she felt they were setting the tone for the Supervisor Elects, as well as those who were retiring. She mentioned they all had different types of advice they gave each other which on many occasions could have been to take a step back, listen and learn, as the first term may not be the appropriate time to be so vocal. She informed she disagreed with that perspective, as she believed they were elected by the taxpayers to serve them by hitting the ground running, researching the issues while providing a positive impact to the community; she noted she would continue to serve her constituents in that way. She indicated she felt it was pertinent for her to respond to that, as she was aware that many of them through the course of their election had interviews with the media. She added she felt it was important to have that integrity not only as a Board but also to collectively work together for the greater good of the community. She continued, she would continue to serve in that capacity; she noted she hoped that was the tone they set for the Supervisor Elect's.

Chairman Geraghty informed that Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, had secured around \$640,000 worth of grant funding through the Department of State for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor, which was one of the largest awards granted. He stated he felt this supported the fact that Mr. LaMothe continued his work through the Department of State.

Chairman Geraghty reminded all Town Supervisors to pick up their tax roll books immediately following the conclusion of the meeting in Mrs. Allen's Office. He advised a small reception with cake and coffee would take place at the conclusion of the meeting to honor the Supervisors who were retiring. He added he hoped all would attend.

Supervisor Beaty wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He said he was aware that this year had been year of learning for both the old and new Supervisors on the Board. He remarked he would be remiss if he did not thank Supervisor Westcott for his service to the County. He said the amount of work Supervisor Westcott did while serving on the Board more than likely tripled the amount of work most of the other Board members did. He pointed out Supervisor Westcott worked a countless amount of hours that he never even mentioned. He added the diligence, detail and factual information he brought forth along with Mr. Whitehead could not go unnoticed; therefore, he informed, he wished Supervisor Westcott well with his future endeavors. He added he would be sorely missed. Supervisor Beaty indicated he also

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 2015

respected Supervisors Monroe, Taylor and Kenny, who were retiring from the Board, as well. He stated he felt having tow way discussions this year was healthy for democracy; he apprised he hoped they would continue to have two-way discussions in 2016 on may issues, as this was democracy at its best.

Chairman Geraghty wished all those retiring well; he added he hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:11 p.m.