

For Your Information
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The following are highlights from Legislative Committee Meetings and the June 12, 2007 meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature (RCL):

Improvements to Legislative Website - "The Public's Right to Know" - Prompted by the filing of Democratic Minority sponsored resolutions, the Legislature's Committee on Open Government finally met to discuss and explore improvements to the County's Legislative website. The Committee agreed that enhancements to the website could be made utilizing current staff and at no additional costs to taxpayers. During the next couple of months, the website will be expanded to provide more complete documentation as well as the voting record for Legislators.

Local Law – Item Pricing – A proposed local law was introduced to the Legislature that would amend Local Law No. 1 of 1993 which ensured that consumer goods offered for sale in Rensselaer County were clearly, accurately and adequately marked as to their selling price. The proposed local law amendment intends to provide waivers of the item pricing requirement for certain stores that demonstrate and maintain a very high level of computer-assisted pricing accuracy and provide consumer protections and services that enhance the ability of consumers to record and verify item prices. The local law amendment will be addressed at the July 10th Legislative Meeting.

Legislative Appointments – The Legislature appointed Rowland McClave, III of Stephentown to the County Fire Advisory Board; Josephine P. Moccia of Wynantskill to the Community Services Board; and John A. Jerian of Troy to the County Ethics Board.

Lease Agreement – Tower Space – The Legislature approved a resolution which calls for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Independent Towers, LLC of Nassau. The agreement will allow for increased communications between emergency agencies when answering calls in the southern section of the county.

State Funding for Hazardous Waste Collection – The Legislature voted unanimously to authorize the Director of the Environmental Management Council to seek State funding to assist municipalities in conducting household hazardous waste collections.

Please feel free to contact me at 674-0223 or e-mail at electflora@aol.com with any questions or concerns. The public may address the Legislature at the Public Forum on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 beginning at 6 PM . The next meeting of the RCL is July 10, 2007 at 6:00 PM; members of the public have an opportunity to speak prior to the opening of the meeting.

