

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

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Town Hall

1/6/88

8:00 P.M.

Present: TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

Supervisor Holbrook
Council Members Carey, Kunis, Maloney, Smith
Murray Jacobson, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

Present: TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

Supervisor Rotella
Council Members Corallo, Fitzulla, Lawless, Shula

Present: TOWN OF ORANGETOWN

Supervisor Colello
Council Members Pelegrini, Swift, McLeverly,
O'Sullivan
Morton Leib, Town Attorney
Patricia Haugh, Town Clerk

Present: TOWN OF RAMAPO

Supervisor Reisman
Council Members Freedman, Hunter, Stein

Present: TOWN OF STONY POINT

Supervisor Lavell
Council Members Brofsky, Lewis, Zagoreos

Assemblage saluted the Flag.

Supervisor Holbrook read the following statement:

"We are gathered here this evening to attempt to make some progress on the solid waste issue that plagues all of our towns. As I said the other evening in my State of the Town address, garbage is everyone's problem. No one can declare free agency. No one can claim the solid waste crisis is not their problem. Time is running out on Rockland County. Within five years, at least three of the five towns will have no place to take their garbage. That is why we must move now to break the stalemate on solid waste and go forward with the environmental studies of the various sites.

Let me just state for the record that we are gathered here not to select a site tonight but rather to proceed on all fronts and to expose all towns to the equal risk of being the host for either a resource recovery plant or a landfill. This is the only fair way the issue of solid waste can be resolved.

I have prepared a proposed resolution that each town can consider and adopt at their next Town Board meeting. It simply says that we agree to have the County fund the environmental study but that the towns will abide by whatever the environmental studies show.

We all know that this is serious business and is of great concern to every resident of Rockland County. There is no need for any special task force or authorities to make this decision. It must be made by the elected officials of the Towns and the County. If we lack the intestinal fortitude to make such a decision, the culpability for the disaster that will descend upon Rockland County five years from now can be laid to rest on our doorstep.

(s) Charles E. Holbrook
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Supervisor Holbrook opened the meeting to comments from the members of the Clarkstown Town Board and all the other towns that were present.

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Appearances:

Mr. Manna
New York State Department of
Environmental Commission

John Lodico
New City

Wayne Gaviolli
Blauvelt

Rosemary Seery
West Nyack

Roxanne Witke
Orangetown

Steven Gerard

Jeff Walsh
Ramapo

Supervisor Holbrook adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Court reporter present from Classic Reporting.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Sheridan
PATRICIA SHERIDAN
Town Clerk