

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 (In New York State)
(518) 270-2200 (Outside New York State)

or visit our web site at:
www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Commission on Education Reform

On September 3, 2003, Governor George E. Pataki issued an Executive Order creating the New York State Commission on Education Reform. He charged the Commission with studying and recommending to his office and Legislature suggested reforms to the education finance system in New York State and to any other state or local laws, rules, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, policies or practices to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education, in accordance with the requirements of Article XI, section one of the State Constitution and applicable decisional law.

In order to receive input from the public on its charge, the Commission will hold three additional public hearings around the State to be chaired by Frank Macchiarola, President of St. Francis College, Brooklyn. The Commission is looking for the following questions to be addressed by the testimony, both oral and written.

1. What reforms to the state's system of education finance are needed to ensure an effective, efficient and accountable system of funding public education that provides all public school students with the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education?
2. What reforms to State and local laws, rules, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, policies and practices are needed to ensure an effective, efficient and accountable system of fund-

ing public education that provides all public school students with the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education? Reforms may address:

- a. The allocation of educational resources including funding, teachers and other essential educational inputs, within a school district;
 - b. The proportion of educational resources, including funding, teachers and other essential educational inputs, that reaches the classroom;
 - c. The funding obligations of local school districts and cities containing dependent school districts, including maintenance of effort requirements;
 - d. The over-referral and over-placement of students in restrictive special-education settings;
 - e. The Governance of public schools at the State and local levels;
 - f. Mandate relief; and
 - g. The construction, maintenance and financing of school facilities.
3. What improvements may be made to the accountability systems to ensure that all public schools are offering students the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education and are operating in an efficient and effective manner? Reforms may address:
 - a. Aligning the implementation of existing federal and state accountability mechanisms, including the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the state Schools Under Registration Review (SURR) process, to the sound basic education standard;
 - b. Methods to improve the accountability of State and local officials and entities charged with overseeing and managing the State's public schools;
 - c. Methods to improve the accountability of school administrators, teachers and other school personnel for the efficient and effective delivery of educational services; and
 - d. Methods to improve the accountability of students and their parents for regular attendance of classes, appropriate discipline and adequate preparation.
 4. Should the State explore alternative diploma standards for students who have acquired a meaningful high school education that enables them to function productively as civic participants in contemporary society?
 5. The commission will carefully consider the effect of its recommendations on school property taxes, particularly for elderly and disabled homeowners. Given this fact, what alternatives should be considered for generating any new State and/or local resources that may be required as a result of the Commission's recommendations?

The following are dates and locations of the second series of public hearings ordered by the Commission:

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2004
 TIME: 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
 LOCATION:
 Suffolk State Office Building
 250 Veterans' Memorial Hwy.
 Classrooms 2 and 3
 Hauppauge, New York 11788

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2004
 TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 LOCATION:
 Senator John H. Hughes State Office Building
 333 East WASHINGTON Street
 Main Hearing Room, First Floor
 Syracuse, New York 13202

DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2004
 TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 LOCATION:
 The Museum Theater
 NYS Museum, Cultural Education Center
 Empire State Plaza, Albany

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made at the public hearings. All speakers are urged to provide a written copy of their testimony. Individuals who are unable to attend may submit written comments to Steven Williams at the New York State Commission on Education Reform, Agency Building 4, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12224 or via e-mail to steve.williams@chamber.state.ny.us. Comments sent by mail must be postmarked by January 15, 2004. E-mail comments must also be sent by this date. Individuals wishing to present testimony at a public hearing are requested to contact Steven Williams (518) 402-5424, Fax (518) 402-5906.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Division of Criminal Justice Services

Pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 104, the Division of Criminal Justice Services gives notice of a meeting of the Municipal Police Training Council:

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2004
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Place: Division of Criminal Justice Services
 4 Tower Place
 Albany, New York

For further information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting, contact: Lucy Verrigni, Office of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Four Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203-3702, (518) 457-6101

PUBLIC NOTICE

Education Department

The New York State Education Department is required by State regulation to provide timely public notice of Regents Accreditation of Teacher Education (RATE) accreditation action taken by the Board of Regents for those institutions designating the Regents as their

accreditor for teacher education purposes. The Board of Regents took the following accreditation action:

- On December 12, 2003, the Board of Regents granted accreditation of the Education Studies program leading to initial certification in Childhood Education, offered by Skidmore College, effective December 12, 2003, and ending on December 11, 2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Education Department

The New York State Education Department is required by State regulation to provide timely public notice of Regents Accreditation of Teacher Education (RATE) site visits for the purposes of reviewing and approving teacher education programs for those institutions designating the Regents as their accreditor for teacher education purposes. RATE site visits will be conducted at the following New York State institutions during calendar year 2004: Barnard College, D'Youville College, Marist College, Pratt Institute, Sarah Lawrence College, St. Francis College, Vassar College and Yeshiva University.

Any person wishing to make comments on the review of the programs including their qualifications for accreditation may do so in writing. Any comments should be addressed to Barbara D. Meinert, Coordinator, Office of College and University Evaluation, Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, 5N Mezzanine, Albany, NY 12234, or fax (518) 486-2779, or email bmeinert@mail.nysed.gov. Comments will be accepted until February 21, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Middletown

On December 8, 2003, the City of Middletown awarded a contract to Pencor-Masada Oxynol, LLC pursuant to section one hundred twenty-w of the general municipal law for the construction and operation of a facility designed to process municipal solid waste and sludge for the production of ethanol and the extraction of recyclable materials. The validity of this contract or the procedures which led to its award may be hereafter contested only by action, suit or proceeding commenced within sixty days after the date of this notice and only upon the ground or grounds that: (1) such award or procedure was not authorized pursuant to that section, or (2) any of the provisions of that section which should be complied with at the date of this publication have not been substantially complied with, or (3) a conflict of interest can be shown in the manner in which the contract was awarded; or by action, suit or proceeding commenced on the grounds that such contract was awarded in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 1205, the petitions below have been received by the Department of State for action by the Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review. Unless otherwise indicated, they involve requests for relief from provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Persons wishing to review any petitions, provide comments, or receive actual notices of any subsequent proceeding may contact Roy Scott, Codes Division, Department of State, 41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-4073 to make appropriate arrangements.

2003-0758 Matter of Frank Donato, 126 Dale Rd., Burlington VT, 05401, for a variance concerning fire safety issues including the requirement for opening protectives for exterior wall openings.

Involved is the rehabilitation of an existing multiple dwelling. The subject building is of Type 5 (wood frame) construction, 3 stories in height, containing a Group B-1 (permanent multiple dwelling) occupancy and having a cumulative gross floor area of 6,800 square feet. The subject building is located at 75 Caroline Street, City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.

2003-0759 Matter of Merlin Development, 63 Putnam St., Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866, for a variance concerning seismic requirements for additions.

Involved is the construction of 2 additional stories on top of an existing 2 story building. The subject building is 2 stories in height, of Type 2b (non-combustible) and Type 4b (heavy timber) construction, containing a Group B (business) occupancy, and having a cumulative gross floor area of 23,700 square feet. The subject building is located at 63 Putnam Street, City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.

2003-0760 Matter of Merlin Development, 63 Putnam St., Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866, for a variance concerning seismic requirements for additions.

Involved is the construction of 2 additional stories on top of an existing 2 story building. The subject building is 2 stories in height of Type 2b (non-combustible) and Type 4b (heavy timber) construction, containing a Group B (business) occupancy, and having a cumulative gross floor area of 23,700 square feet. The subject building is located at 260 Broadway, City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.

2003-0761 Matter of David Dively, 182 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY, 12210, for a variance concerning accessibility for the physically handicapped.

Involved is the change of occupancy of an existing building from a Group B (business) occupancy to a Group A-2 (assembly - café) occupancy. The subject building is 1 story in height of Type 2b (non-combustible) construction, containing a Group A-2 occupancy, and having a cumulative gross floor area of 2,800 square feet. The subject building is located at 182-A Washington Avenue, City of Albany, Albany County, New York.

2003-0762 Matter of Percy B. Cotton, PE, 7 Washington Square, Albany, NY, 12205, for a variance concerning frost protection of footings.

Involved is the assemblage of a series of 20 flat bed trailers supported by shallow footings. The flatbed trailers serve as the floor and support for a superimposed metal building which serves as a cover for a temporary storage building with multiple loading docks. The subject building is 1 story in height of Type 2b (non-combustible) construction, containing a Group S-1 (moderate-hazard storage) occupancy, and having a cumulative gross floor area of 4,800 square feet. The subject building is located at 417 Old Niskayuna Road, Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York.

2003-0763 Matter of John G. Mastroianni, 15 Saddle Hill Rd., Wynantskill, NY, 12198, for a variance from the multiple residence law.

Involved is the inspection of an existing multiple dwelling. The subject building is of Type III construction, 3 stories in height, containing a Group R-2 (permanent multiple dwelling) occupancy and having a cumulative gross floor area of 4,000 square feet. The subject building is located at 118-3rd St., City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.

2003-0764 Matter of Daniel Pope for Pope Architects, 59 Summit Street, Fairport, NY, 14450, for a variance concerning fire safety requirements, including relief from requirements from the Fire Code of New York State.

Involved is the requirement to provide a fire hydrant within 400 feet of a building. The subject building is classified as a mixed-use of Group A-3 (assembly - private club) and Group M (mercantile retail store) occupancies, 1 story with a basement, of Type V construction

and is located at The Havana Club, 36 Jefferson Avenue, Town of Perinton, Monroe County, New York.

2003-0765 Matter of Russell E. Maines, Esq., 1 South Washington Street, Rochester, NY, 14614, for a variance concerning the fire-safety requirements for exterior wall openings.

Involved is new construction of a Group R-2 (residential containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature – college student housing) occupancy in a proposed building of Type IB (noncombustible) construction, six stories in height, and approximately 23,520 square feet in gross floor area. It will be located at 402 College Avenue, City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York.

**SALE OF
FOREST PRODUCTS
NOTICE OF SALE
Madison Reforestation Area No. 2
Contract No. X004973**

Pursuant to section 9-0505 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby gives public notice of the following:

Sealed bids for 30.2 MBF more or less of hard maple, 33.6 MBF more or less of white ash, 11.4 MBF more or less of black cherry, 5.1 MBF more or less of red maple, 0.4 MBF more or less of baswood, 0.6 MBF more or less of hickory, 0.3 MBF more or less of aspen, and 52 cords more or less of firewood located on Madison Reforestation Area No. 2; Stand(s) A-7, 14, will be accepted at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Contract Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-5027 until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004.

For further information (including billing) contact: Robert Slavicek, Department of Environmental Conservation, Lands and Forests, Region 7, 2715 State Hwy. 80, Sherburne, NY 13460-4507, (607) 674-4036