

Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 7, 2023 – 3:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Employee, Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT Specialist, Amber Feaster, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels (Left at 4:16 PM), Legislators Levine, Legislator Maloney, Legislator Stewart
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Erner, Ulster County Department Of Environment, Deputy County Executive, Environment & Public Works Amanda Lavalle, Victoria Fabella, Legislative Clerk, Ken Juras, Budget

Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM

Motion No. 1: Motion to APPROVE the Minutes of the November 2, 2023

Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Levine, Maloney, Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: MINUTES APPROVED

Resolutions for the December 18, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 386 – Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature To Amend Membership Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: The request pertains to urging the enactment of a Senate Bill and an Assembly Bill in the New York State Legislature. These bills aim to amend the membership structure of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 552 – Establishing A Policy To Replace Conventional Toilets With Composting Toilets At County Facilities

Resolution Summary: Replacing Conventional toilets with composting toilets.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 552**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Resolution Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 702 – Establishing A Restricted Capital Reserve Fund - Decarbonization Capital Reserve - Under Section 6-C Of The New York State General Municipal Law

Resolution Summary: Any interest earned, or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become a part of such Restricted Capital Reserve Fund; and, be it further

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 702**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 702 as follows**

RESOLVED, moneys in the Fund may be appropriated:

Only To finance design, construction, reconstruction, or acquisition for the purpose of capital projects that improve energy efficiency in **County** buildings and operations, or that replace fossil fuel-reliant HVAC and other equipment at the end of useful life with clean, energy-efficient technologies for which bonds may be issued.

Motion By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolve Amended

Motion No. 5: **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 702 as Amended**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators
Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 703 – Authorizing A Grant Application To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) To Apply, Accept And Administer Climate Justice Fellowship (Program Opportunity Notice No. 4772) And New York State Clean Energy Internship Program (Program Opportunity Notice No. 4000), And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding – Department Of Budget

Resolution Summary: that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any required applications or agreements, and any related amendments, to accept the funding agreement with NYSERDA, and moves its adoption.

Motion No. 6: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 703**

Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators
Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 750 – Approving the Execution of A Contract Amendment For \$74,064.11 Entered Into By The County – County Waste And Recycling Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: The Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment, and hereby approves the amendment in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel and moves its adoption.

Motion No. 7: **Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 750**

Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Levine,
Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Reports:

- **Department of Environment**

Committee discussed:

Reuse Innovation Center

Creating a subcommittee to develop specifics for the reuse Innovation Center Report

DEP releasing water from the show camp reservoir

DEP's concern about organics entering water through the Delaware system

Reservoir operations and attenuation

USGS engagement in data analysis to determine the relationship between reservoir filling and flooding

- **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) –**

Chair shared updates on the last Board meeting

Legislator Levine asked about RRA Finance Committee

- **Climate Smart Committee –**

Chair Greene shared update on budget amendment

New Business: Resolution 676 - Establishing the Ulster County Fleet Management Review Committee

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Appoint Legislator Maloney for the Fleet Review Committee**

Motion By: Legislator Hansut

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Levine, Maloney, Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Old Business:

- Forming the UCRAA Reform Committee
- Zero Waste Implementation Plan
- Status of Local Law No. 12 of 2022: Hudson River/Mahicannituck Restoration and Protection law.

Adjournment

Motion No. 9: **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart

Motion Seconded By: Chair Greene

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lizvett Bost

Minutes Approved: January 30, 2024