

**Re-Establishing The Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee –
Ulster County Legislature**

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman James Maloney and Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Rodriguez, and Woltman)

Legislator David B. Donaldson offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 70 of 1985, the Railroad Advisory Committee was established; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 127, dated May 18, 2010, adopted 25 years later, confirmed the continued intent of the Ulster County Legislature to encourage the development of the County owned railroad; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 488 of 2015, the Ulster County Legislature amended the “rail with trail” policy to include an increased available railroad segment in the segment from the east end of Kingston Plaza to MP 8.33, to increase the potential for possible future tourism theme trains; and

WHEREAS, from Route 28A in Boiceville to Bridge Street in Phoenicia is designated as railroad segment with a co-located trail where it is found to be feasible; and

WHEREAS, the segment between MP 8.33 and Basin Road still requires further investigation; and

WHEREAS, the U&D TRAC (Trail Rail Advisory Committee) was established via Resolution No. 184 of April 19, 2016, for the general oversight of the development of the U&D Corridor as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recently reestablished the Trails Advisory Committee but currently lacks equal rail representation or advisement on rail-only matters; and

WHEREAS, popular theme trains and annual events such as the Polar Express have generated various economic benefits to Ulster County, and have tremendous potential for growth; now, therefore be it

Resolution No. 152 May 15, 2018

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby reestablishes the Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee for the purpose of continuing the on-going efforts of previous railroad advisory committees, and to explore means in which the railroad could be utilized to enhance economic development in Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Railroad Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven members, 4 Legislators and 3 citizens; 2 Ulster County Legislators and 2 citizens shall be appointed by the Majority Leader, and 2 Ulster County Legislators and 1 citizen shall be appointed by the Minority Leader, with input from respective caucuses being considered, for a term commencing immediately through December 31, 2019, or until new members are appointed and or re-appointed; and be it further

RESOLVED, representatives from the Ulster County government and the community are invited to attend all meetings of the Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee, and may be asked from time to time to participate and advise the Railroad Advisory Committee, and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee will update and report to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee as to its findings, conclusions and recommendations on an annual basis,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Defeated in Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit on April 3, 2018

Petition to Discharge successfully executed.

Postponed at Session on April 17, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE