

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 8, 2018 at 6:00  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Mary Wawro  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Manna Jo Greene, and Brian Woltman  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Tracey Bartels and Joseph Maloney  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator James Maloney and Kathy Nolan; Deputy Executive Ken Crannell; Frederick Wadnola, UCRRA; Amanda LaValle, Coordinator of the Department of the Environment; Ilona Ross

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 6:05 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** To Approve the Minutes of February 1, 2018

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 2:** To go into executive session for personnel interview

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved.

Committee entered executive session at approximately 6:10

**Motion No. 3:** To come out of executive session

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved.

Committee came out of executive session at approximately 6:15

**Motion No. 4:** To approve Resolution No. 23 - Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would confirm the reappointment of Frederick Wadnola to the UCRRA.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** Legislator Woltman expressed his gratitude for the work Mr. Wadnola does with respect to solid waste and the UCRRA.

Chairman Wawro thanked Mr. Wadnola for coming to speak to the committee.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 5:** To approve Resolution No. 87 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Lime Energy Co. – Department Of Environment, and

Resolution No. 95 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority Clean Energy Communities Program, Amending The 2018-2023 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program To Add Capital Project No. 519 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Energy Upgrades And Amending The 2018 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution No 87 Summary:** This resolution would authorize the execution of a contract with Lime Energy Co. for the amount of \$207,555.76 to upgrade lighting at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center to energy efficient fixtures and bulbs, and

**Resolution No. 95 Summary:** This resolution would create Capital Project No. 519 for energy upgrades to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center at a cost of \$250,000. Using the County's 2012 greenhouse gas emission inventory as a baseline, this project is projected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2025 and 80% by 2050. Ulster County was awarded a \$250,000 grant through the Clean Energy Communities Program to apply to offset the cost of this project.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** Ms. Lavalley explained the grant proposal through NYSERDA was a prize for Ulster County for being the very first Clean Energy Community in New York State. It was one of two \$250,000 prizes and it is a "no match" grant that features 25% of the grant up front. She went on to explain that the UC Law Enforcement Center represents about 40% of the county's energy costs. She described the ongoing upgrades at the Law Enforcement Center and how these funds will be used as part of Capital Project No. 519. She noted that Central Hudson will be picking up a significant share of the costs.

Mr. Crannell noted that the UC Law Enforcement Center is under Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum's management and control and praised the high level of support and cooperation Sheriff Van Blarcum has for all energy efficient measures.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolutions No. 87 and 95 Approved.

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Ms. Lavalley and Mr. Crannell discussed other projects including the 2017 Greene Fleet report; Ulster County is sharing data on Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and partnering with the City of Schenectady on a grant application by the City of Schenectady to NYSERDA regarding the deployment of EV charging stations; the new 8 acre solar array on the Town of Ulster landfill that will be energized soon.

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**Motion No. 6:** To approve Resolution No. 97- Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law 6 of 2014, To Improve And Strengthen The Sustainable Energy Loan Program, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 6:20 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would schedule a public hearing on April 10, 2018 at 6:20 to take comments on a proposed local law to improve and strengthen the Sustainable Energy Load Program.

**Motion By:** Legislator Woltman

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** Legislator Greene explained that one of the changes would allow the solar array to be on an adjacent property. She hoped that someone from the program could come to explain the changes in more detail.

Ms. Lavelle noted that currently the improvement could not be more than 10% of the appraised value of the property and this has been a road block to the program. The new law would change that. She explained that approximately 20 applications have been submitted from Ulster County but only two were approved.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 7:** To approve Resolution No. 75 - Reappointing Members To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would reappoint Legislators Tracey A. Bartels and James H. Delaune to serve as Legislative Representatives on the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a term from the present thru December 31, 2018.

**Motion By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Woltman

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene, and Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 8:** To approve Resolution No. 76 - Reappointing Member To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would reappoint William A. Wilklow as the Farm Bureau Representatives on the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a term from the present thru December 31, 2018.

**Motion By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Woltman

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 9:** To postpone Resolution No. 61 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2018, A Local Law Regulating The Use Of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 6:00 PM, and

Resolution No. 120 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2018, A Local Law Promoting The Use Of Reusable Bags And Regulating The Use Of Plastic Carryout Bags And Recyclable Paper Carryout Bags, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** These resolutions would schedule a public hearings on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 to take comments on a proposed local law to regulate the use of single-use plastic carryout **bags**.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Woltman

**Discussion:** Legislator Greene expressed concern about having two conflicting resolutions and would like to see them blended into one.

Chairman Wawro told the committee that Legislator David Donaldson, sponsor of Resolution 61 requested it be postponed.

Chairman Wawro suggested that a subcommittee be formed to resolve the differences in the two proposed local law and develop one local law. The committee agreed to take this up at the next meeting.

Legislator Nolan noted that New York State is discussing a statewide ban and predicted it might be finalized within the next few weeks and expressed concern that a state law might preempt a count law.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Greene and Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

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## **Old Business:**

### **Climate Smart Committee report**

Legislator Greene discussed two vacancies on the Climate Smart Committee.

The CSC created a draft of the Climate Smart Committee goals for 2018. They are waiting until they have a full committee to finalize these goals.

The CSC is sponsoring a free presentation by Tim Guinee “Climate Change and Hope in Ulster County” regarding climate change in our area. This talk designed for elected officials and local CSC communities and is open to the public. It is in the UC Legislative Chambers.

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Chairman Wawro asked if there was any other business, hearing none

**Motion to Adjourn**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Woltman
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Greene
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	3
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Time:</b>	7:17 pm
<b>Respectfully submitted:</b>	Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
<b>Minutes Approved</b>	April 5, 2018