

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 10, 2017 at 6:00  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Richard Parete  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Tracey Bartels (6: 10), Jonathan Heppner and Mary Wawro  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Ron G. Lapp, Jr  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene; Kenneth Crannel, Deputy County Executive: James Halloran; Dave Halderman, Ulster County Environmental Council; Kathy Nolan, Catskill Mountainkeeper;

Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:07 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** To Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2017

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No.2: To approve Resolution No. 83** - Reappointing Members To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would confirm the appointment of Legislators Tracey Bartels and James Delaune to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No 3: To approve Resolution No. 160** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) To Accept Grant Funds Under The 2016 Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) & ZEV Infrastructure Rebate Program - Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DEC to accept a grant of \$15,000 to offset the purchase of three zero-emission vehicles.

**Motion for Discussion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** Mr. Crannell told the committee the county had three new hybrids and had 12 more on order. The NYS CEC Grants represented \$5,000 rebate per vehicle. They each get approximately 50 to 60 MPG.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 161** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements With The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) To Accept Grant Funds Under The 2016 Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) & ZEV Infrastructure Rebate Program - Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget – Department of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DEC to accept a grant of \$71,258.36 to offset the installation of 6 electric vehicle charging stations.

**Motion for Discussion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** Mr. Crannell told the committee about plans for 6 new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations: 2 at the Business Resource Center, 1 at the Pearl Street employee parking lot of the County Office Building, 2 at Golden Hill and 1 on the SUNY Ulster Campus in Stone Ridge. He distributed a chart showing EV charging station use by location for 2016.

The committee had a discussion about EV charging station “etiquette”.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 162** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) To Accept Grant Funds, For The Ulster County Municipal Compost Expansion Project, And Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DEC to accept a grant of \$261,000 to offset a Composting expansion project in conjunction with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

**Motion for Discussion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:** Mr. Crannell gave the committee details about receiving this competitive grant award. The county plans to collect food waste from larger facilities like the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and convert it to compost. The grant will also fund the purchase of the large bagging machine to facilitate selling compost to the public.

The committee had a discussion about the composting in general, some of the county ‘s history in this area, ways to get more facilities to “buy in” and issues the public has understanding what services and products are available at the RRA.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: Resolution No. 165** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Agreement With The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation For The Ashokan Rail Trail Project – Planning Department

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with NYS DEC to accept a grant of \$2,300,000 to offset the construction of the Ashokan Rail Trail (ART) Project slated to begin later this year.

**Motion for Discussion By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:** Mr. Crannell detailed some of the history of securing this grant and expects additional funds from New York State this year for the Kingston-Hurley connection to the trail.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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Mr. Crannell gave the committee an update on the enforcement efforts regarding Local Law 4 of 2015 – Food Service Waste Reduction Act. He told the committee that of the date of the meeting, Ulster County had 100% compliance. He distributed a handout showing the progression of achieving compliance.

Mr. Crannell reported that 24 businesses applied for a “financial hardship” exemption outlined in the law and all were granted. He also reported that 7 businesses applied for a “unique packaging hardship” exemption and none of those were granted.

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 85 - Confirming Reappointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would confirm the reappointment of David Gordon, Highland, NY to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency for a term through December 31, 2019

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 86 - Confirming Reappointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would confirm the reappointment of Charles Landi, Kingston, NY, to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency for at term through December 31, 2019 as recommended by the Minority Caucus.

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** Legislator Greene introduced James Halleran who lives near the SUNY Ulster Campus in Stone Ridge and the site where the county is considering locating a fire training center on adjacent property. She detailed concerns she had received from neighboring property owners. She noted Resolution No. 149 was discussed in the Public Works and Capital Projects committee last week. While she supports the concept of a fire training center she is not sure this is the best place to locate one.

The committee noted that it was not a resolution that would come before this committee but welcomed a discussion about this project.

**.Old Business:**

- **Proposed Plastic Bag Legislation** – Legislator Bartels said she is continuing to monitor progress at the state level but noted at the local level there are several “sticking points” and questions if a local law would get the needed support. She is considering comments as she moves forward with developing a local law.
- **Climate Smart Committee** – Legislator Greene and Heppner reported that the committee is monitoring plans for the Family Court and has invited Deputy Executive Robert Sudlow to a meeting of the CSC to keep them updated.
- **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission** – Legislators Bartels and Greene reported the committee plans to make a presentation of the final draft of the report to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA).

Legislator Greene said she hopes the SWMIC continues in some form after this report is delivered to monitor the future of solid waste in the county.

Legislator Bartels noted that the Recycling Oversight Committee had not met in several years.

There was a brief discussion about Earth Day events planned for April 22 in New Paltz and Woodstock

Chairman R. Parete asked if there was any other business, hearing none

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Wawro
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Bartels
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Time:</b>	7:40 pm
<b>Respectfully submitted:</b>	Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
<b>Minutes Approved:</b>	May 8, 2017