

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** August 6, 2024 – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Hewitt  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan and Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislator Stewart  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Collins and Roberts, Amanda LaValle (Deputy, County Executive) UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider, UCRRA Vice-Chair Bartels, UCRRA Chair Baden, Vicki Lucarini (EMS), Karen Chaiman (member of the Public), John Adams (Friends of Colony Farm), Jo Yanow Schwartz (CCAPP), Susan Murphy (CCAPP), Cindy Saporito (CCAPP), Marie Miller (CCAPP)

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 & July 2, 2024 Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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Resolutions for the August 20, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

**Resolution No. 356** – Establishing A Policy Requiring Consideration Of Use Of Hemp Insulation In Certain Ulster County Capital Construction Projects

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution establishes that it is the Policy of Ulster County that prior to the allocation of any County funding toward any housing development project in Ulster County, or toward Ulster County Capital Projects proposed after the Policy's effective date that require the use of insulation for purposes of construction and development of space used for delivery a county service, it shall be required that such projects include consideration of hemp insulation as a component, and that such determination much be documented and included in the initial funding request for the project.

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 356**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Postponed Resolution No. 356**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 423** – Appointing Member To The Recycling Oversight Committee

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution appoints the included individual to the Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee to fill an unexpired term effective immediately and expiring in 2025.

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 423**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 439** – Amending The 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 704 Golden Hill Solar Project – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends the Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Fund Budget for Capital Project No. 704 Golden Hill Solar Project in the amount of \$1,684,980.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 439**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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## Reports

- UCRRA – Executive Director Marc Rider discussed Ulster County’s waste management plans.
- UCRRA Reform – Chair Baden presented the UCCRA Report to the EES Committee.
- UC Fair, Climate Row – Legislator Greene gave update on the UC Fair.

## New Business

- Skip the Straw Update – Cindy Saporito, Susan Murphy, Jo Yanow Schwartz & Marie Miller spoke on plastics.
- Dyno Nobel toxic site – Chair Hewitt thanked Legislator Donaldson for bringing the Dyno Nobel issue to his attention, Deputy County Executive and Chair Hewitt will be working on memorializing resolution to bring the attention that there is toxic heavy metals leaking toward a school.

## Old Business

- County compost planning – Chair Hewitt wanted to highlight and thank the Executive office for applying for funding to try and cover this in county way and he believes it’s a good idea because each town is different, and we can handle compost in a variety of ways.
- 24-hour recycling concept – Expecting a Resolution from Minority Leader Roberts next month.
- Parks Director and timeline – Deputy County Executive LaValle - timeline is still being reviewed, so did not have an update yet.

## Adjournment

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:02 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant  
**Approved:** September 3, 2024

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