

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** December 11, 2017 at 5:30  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Legislator Mary Wawro  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Jonathan Heppner and Ronald Lapp, Jr.  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Richard Parete and Tracey Bartels  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene; Kenneth Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Legislators Elect Kathy Nolan, Joseph Maloney and Brian Woltman; Amanda Lavalle and Nick Hvasta, UC Department of the Environment; Chris White, Planning; Lee Kalish, Greenline Committee; Julia Farr, Kingston Land Trust; Dave Haldeman, UC Environmental Management Committee; Nick Mercurio

Acting Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:35 and lead the pledge of allegiance and then asked attendees to introduce themselves.

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

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

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Heppner and Lapp  
**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. 445 - Designating The Ulster County Department Of The Environment As The County's Water Quality Management Agency Pursuant To New York State County Law, Article 5 § 220-A**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution formally designates the Ulster County Department f the Environment to act as the County's water quality management agency to comply with New York State Law

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Heppner and Lapp

**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. 459 - Confirming Re-Appointment Of Member And Alternate Member To The Fish And Wildlife Board**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the County Executive's reappointment of Mark Loete of Chichester, NY as the Ulster County representative of Ulster County sportsmen on the NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board for the two year term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 and reappoints Thomas Raffaldi of West Hurley, NY as an alternate sportsmen representative for the same term.

**Motion By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:** There was a brief discussion of the outstanding caliber of these individuals.

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

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 502 - 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**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into a Grant agreement with the State of New York and accept \$1 million in additional capital funding for the construction phase of the Ashokan Rail Trail (Capital Project No. 459)

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:** None

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

Mr. Crannell and Ms. Lavallo introduced Nick Hvasta, the new Deputy Director of the Department of the Environment and gave the committee an update on the County's green fleet. (Report attached)

Legislator Heppner summarized the November Climate Smart Committee meeting.

Legislator Greene praised the efforts to meet and exceed the County's Green Fleet policy goals and the other excellent work done by the Department of the Environment. She expressed her desire to standardize reports on capital improvement plans to include energy efficiencies and other environmentally responsible considerations when projects come before Legislative committees for approval. She would like to continue the discussion of hiring a community energy coordinator to assist the efforts of local municipalities as they explore community choice aggregation and other cutting edge environmentally forward initiatives.

Mr. Crannell invited those present to check out the all-electric vehicle the county recently purchased and those with driving privileges to take a test drive immediately following the meeting.

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

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 6: 10 pm

**Respectfully submitted:** Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**Minutes Approved** February 1, 2018