

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

**DATE & TIME:** September 3, 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:** Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature – Finance, Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider, Comptroller Gallagher

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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 August 6, 2024 Meetings**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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UCRRA Report – Executive Director Marc Rider

Resolutions for the September 17, 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 Amend Resolution No. 356 as Presented**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Amended**

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 356 as Amended**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted as Presented**

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**Resolution No. 465** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$513,488.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary** – A contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County for local flood hazard mitigation and flood response for the Ashoken Watershed Stream Management Program, Term 1/1/25 – 12/31/29.

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 465**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 466** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program Grant Contract - Ulster County Aquatic Connectivity Restoration – Woodstock Culvert # 2 – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement for the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program Grant Contract for the Ulster County Aquatic Connectivity Restoration - Woodstock Culvert # 2 project.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 466**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walls

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 467** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) For A Clean Energy Communities Program Grant Contract – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Director of Environment to submit a grant application for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities Program grant for the proposed clean energy projects at County facilities, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement for the grant for the proposed clean energy projects at County facilities.

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 467**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 468** – Establishing Capital Project No. 705 – Trudy Resnick Farber Building Rooftop Solar Array Project – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Amending the Ulster County Operating Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 705 for the Trudy Resnick Farber Building Solar Array Project for engineering and construction services to design and construct a solar array at the Trudy Resnick Farber building in the Village of Ellenville in the amount of \$275,000.00 and amends the 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets accordingly.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 468**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 469** – Establishing A Pilot Program Providing A 24-Hour Convenience Recycling Center In Ulster County

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution requires the Director of Purchasing to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of the County to operate a "24-Hour Convenience Recycling Center" Pilot Program in Ulster County within 60 days of adoption of the Resolution, and that upon conclusion of the RFP process, all necessary information pertaining to any contract for services to operate the Center be presented to the Legislature with sufficient time to include funding for such in the 2025 Ulster County budget.

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 469**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Donaldson, Litts and Walls  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 470** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Polypropylene Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 15, 2024 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Polypropylene Plastic, to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

**Motion No. 9:** **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 470**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Hewitt  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 471** – Urging The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Expedite Actions To Mitigate Contamination From The Hercules Inc/Dyno-Nobel Superfund Site Located In The Town Of Esopus, And Requesting An Update On The Status Of The Revised Proposed Remedial Action Plan

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution urges the New York State Department of Environment (NYSDEC) to expedite actions to mitigate contamination from the Hercules/Dyno-Nobel Superfund site that have spread beyond their property lines into adjacent properties and past a Kingston Consolidated School District Elementary School, and urges the NYSDEC to move forward with constructing a stormwater retention pond to prevent, and/or significantly reduce spillover of contamination into the Millbrook/Plantasié stream that flows into the Rondout Creek. Moreover, this Resolution requests that an update be submitted to the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature on the status of the DEC's supplemental investigation, evaluation of results, Feasibility Study, and revised Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), as reported in the NYSDEC's June 2024 Community Update.

**Motion No. 10: Motion to Amend Resolution No. 471 as follows:**

**Amend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Whereas to strike “EPA replacing with DEC” - WHEREAS, Ulster County has multiple sites once used for manufacturing and landfilling that are on the ~~Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)~~ **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)** designation list as Superfund Sites; and**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Amended**

**Motion No. 11: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 471 as Amended**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted as Amended**

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**Reports**

- ZWIP Report – Legislator Greene
- Renewable Energy Implementation action item – Chair Hewitt
- UCRRA Reform Committee action item– Comptroller Gallagher

**New Business**

- Legislator Nolan requested to discuss how to improve recycling

**Old Business**

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:09 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant  
**Approved:** October 1, 2024

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