

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

**DATE & TIME:** August 3, 2023 – 3:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Manna Jo Greene  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Hansut, Levine, Maloney, & Stewart  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Bowen, Erner, & Petit, Legislative Counsel Gordon – UC Legislature, Deputy County Executives Kelly & LaValle – UC Executive’s Office, Director Doyle & Deputy Director Wilson - UC Planning Department, Executive Director Greg Ollivier - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA), Ted Griese – Kingston Land Trust & Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 3:02 PM, allowing Committee Members, Legislative Counsel, and Legislative Staff to remain**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote to enter execution session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION at 3:03 PM**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote to exit execution session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 3:04 PM, allowing all Legislators, Legislative Counsel, and Legislative Staff to remain**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote to enter execution session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:10 PM**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote to exit execution session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to APPROVE the Minutes of the July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting and the July 27, 2023 Special Meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote to approve the minutes.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **MINUTES APPROVED**

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**Resolutions for the August 15, 2023 Legislative Session:**

**Resolution No. 349** – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints a new board member to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, with a term ending on December 31, 2023.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved Resolution No. 349 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Levine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Legislator Stewart nominated David Gilmour to the board seat through the end of 2023.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 349 from TBD to David Gilmour**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney questioned the timeline for the open board position in Resolution No. 348 and expressed support for filling both positions, not just one.

Legislators Hansut and Stewart also expressed an interest in putting forward two names.

Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION AMENDED**

**Motion No. 8:** **Motion to Approve Resolution No. 349 to, as Amended**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney questioned the timeline for the open board position in Resolution No. 348 and expressed support for filling both positions, but not only one.

Legislators Hansut and Stewart also expressed an interest in putting forward two names.

Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution as amended.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**Resolution No. 348** – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints a new board member to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, with a term ending on December 31, 2024.

**Motion No. 9:** **Moved Resolution No. 348 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Legislator Stewart noted that David Gilmour was just nominated to the six-month long term, yet if acting on both board seats, the preference would be to have Mr. Gilmour in the longer-term seat.

Chair Greene stated Mr. Gilmour would prove himself and easily be reappointed in 2024.

Legislator Hansut also stated a preference for Mr. Gilmour to be appointed in the seat through 2024.

**Resolution No. 349** – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints a new board member to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, with a term ending on December 31, 2023.

**Motion No. 10:** **Motion to Reconsider Resolution No. 349**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of reconsidering the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION RECONSIDERED**

**Motion No. 11:** **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 349 from David Gilmour to Regis Obijiski**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION AMENDED**

**Motion No. 12:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 349, as Amended**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution as amended.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**Resolution No. 348** – Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution appoints a new board member to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, with a term ending on December 31, 2024.

**Motion No. 13:** **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 348 to from TBD to David Gilmour**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION AMENDED**

**Motion No. 14:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 348, as Amended**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution as amended.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 381** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Accept Grant Funds For The Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project - Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,684,980 for the Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project.

**Motion No. 15:** **Motion TO APPROVE Resolution No. 381**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Maloney  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 382** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Various Agreements To Fulfill Requirements For Grant Funding Through The New York State Climate Smart Communities Program For Renewable Energy Equipment At The Golden Hill Housing Site – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute various agreements to fulfill requirements for grant funding for renewable energy equipment at the Golden Hill Housing Site.

**Motion No. 16:** **Motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 382**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** Legislative Chair Bartels  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 386** – Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature To Amend Membership Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution requests an enactment of a Senate and Assembly Bill to amend the membership of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

**Motion No. 17:** **Moved Resolution No. 386 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hanust

**Discussion:** Legislator Levine suggested waiting on this Resolution as there is no time sensitivity due to the schedule of the New York State Senate

**Motion No. 18:** **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 386**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of postponing the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 433** – Urging The Governments Of The State Of New York And The United States Of America To Establish Fossil-Fuel-Free State And Federal Public Transportation Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution urges the State of New York and the United States of America to establish fossil-fuel-free public transportation services.

**Motion No. 19:** **Moved Resolution No. 433 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Legislator Erner explained that this Resolution does not have the minimum number of sponsors needed to move forward because the final resolve calls

upon the state and federal government to immediately abolish the extraction and burning of fossil fuels for public transportation services.

**Motion No. 20: Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 433**

**Motion By:** Legislator Hansut  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of postponing the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION POSTPONED**

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**Resolution No. 452** – Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 653 – Hall Of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array Project For Construction Services — Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program to increase funding by \$361,600 for a total project cost of \$410,000 for Capital Project No. 653, Hall of Records, Solar Array Project.

**Motion No. 21: Motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 452**

**Motion By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney confirmed that this is a solar rooftop project at the Hall of Records.

Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 462** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2022, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem



**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2022, a local law providing for the protection and restoration of the Hudson River, also known as the Mahicannituck.

**Motion No. 22:** **Moved Resolution No. 462 FOR DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Legislator Stewart requested an update from Legislative Counsel Gordon on the changes that have been made.

Counsel Gordon explained that the resolution backup now contains the negative declaration as well as a small, proposed change, in the law in response to River Keepers comments.

Legislator Erner explained that there is an amendment in paragraph J.

**Motion No. 23:** **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 462, as presented**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of amending the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION AMENDED**

**Motion No. 24:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 462, AS AMENDED**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Discussion:** Legislator Erner read the Amendment under section J of the proposed local law: *In this local law, references to the Hudson River shall include the estuarine or tidal portions of all tributaries to end of tide, and without limitation the Ulster County jurisdictional portion of the River shall include estuarine or tidal portions of the Esopus Creek, the Rondout Creek and the Black Creek.*

Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution as amended.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 471** – Authorizing The Department Of Environment To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Department of Environment to apply to the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) where the state share will be a maximum of 90% of total project costs for projects that manage stormwater.

**Motion No. 25:**                      **Motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 471**

**Motion By:**                              Legislator Levine

**Motion Seconded By:**              Legislator Stewart

**Discussion:**                              Deputy County Executive LaValle explained that this Resolution is based upon conversation from last month’s committee meeting adding that every gallon of stormwater that is redirected into the ground is a gallon of combined water that doesn’t get discharged during a storm event.

Chair Greene asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of approving the resolution.

**Voting In Favor:**                      Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney & Stewart

**Voting Against:**                        None

**Votes in Favor:**                        5

**Votes Against:**                        0

**Disposition:**                        **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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Deputy County Executive LaValle informed the committee that the Catskill aqueduct shutdown was postponed and will not happen in 2023.

Legislator Stewart expressed concern from the community that once the aqueduct leaks are fixed, wells in the local area will dry up. Planning Director Doyle stated that an establishment of water supply district was being considered.

Legislator Greene expressed concern for an herbicide that was utilized in the watershed. Discussion ensued on the use of herbicides and pesticides in the watershed.

Legislator Green informed the committee that there was a presentation to the recycling oversight committee on the reuse innovation center.

Legislator Stewart discussed a waste reduction and recycling project done at Rondout Valley High School and the need for this program and a potential collaboration with the county and BOCES.

Greg Ollivier, Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, provided a brief update on the recycling efforts at the Ulster County Fair.

Chair Greene discussed the climate emergency and reminded the committee that they need to do anything they can to address it.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Levine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:14 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Natalie Kelder

**Minutes Approved:** September 7, 2023