

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

**DATE & TIME:** October 1, 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 Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan (4:33PM), Stewart(4:46PM) and Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Vicki Luacarini, EMC; Karen Charman, Public; Jen Benson, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Meetings**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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Resolutions for the October 15, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

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

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Litts, Donaldson 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, November 19, 2024 At 7:05 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, November 19, 2024 at 7:05 PM.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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**Resolution No. 506** – Urging The Environmental Protection Agency To Adopt A Not Protective Determination In Its Third Five-Year Review Concerning The Hudson River PCB Cleanup

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature urges the EPA to adopt a "not protective determination" in the third five-year review, to acknowledge the failure of the Upper Hudson River remedy to meet the goals and objectives of the cleanup, and to begin the process of assessing additional remedial actions to protect the environment and our vulnerable communities along the Hudson River, who will otherwise continue to be exposed to toxic levels of PCBs for generations to come.

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 506**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart and Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Abstention:** Legislator Nolan  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Votes Abstain:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

## Reports

- ZWIP Report – Legislator Greene provided an update on the Zero Waste Implementation plan, mentioning the UCRRA’s involvement.
- Renewable Energy Implementation action item – Chair Hewitt
  - REIP Recommendations to U.C. Government
- UCRRA Reform Committee action item– Chair Hewitt
  - Develop/Discussed resolution

**New Business**

- 70 x 30 – Legislator Greene gave an update.

**Old Business**

- Deputy County Executive LaValle gave an update on the County Budget.

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Votes in Favor:** 7

**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:47 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant

**Approved:** November 4, 2024

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