

**Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** September 22, 2014, 7:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Thomas J. Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Chris Allen, Lynn Archer, and Mary Beth Maio  
**EXCUSED:** Legislators Herbert Litts, III, James F. Maloney, and Kenneth Wishnick  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Town of Hurley Resident Meg Carey, League of Women Voter Representative Vic Melville, Friends of Catskill Mountain Rail Trail Representatives William Sheldon and Kevin Smith and Trails Advisory Committee Member Kathy Nolan.

Chair Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

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**MOTION NO. 1                      RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of August 5, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:**

Legislator Archer noted there were a number of misspellings and agreed to review these with Deputy Clerk Barringer.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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It was noted **Resolution No. 273** was removed from the Committee's agenda as it did not pass the Laws, Rules & Governmental Services Committee.

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**Motion No. 2                      Resolution No. 318 – September 22, 2014**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Allen

**Text of Motion:**            **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 318** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz To Provide Public Transit Service (New Paltz LOOP) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

**Resolution No. 318 Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of New Paltz, for the term December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2016, to provide public transit service between the Town of New Paltz, the Village of New Paltz, and the State University of New York at New Paltz and that this service will continue contingent upon the availability of local operating funds from the Town of New Paltz and adequate bus fares.

**Discussion:**            None

**Roll Call Vote:**                      No

**Voting In Favor:**                    Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio

**Voting Against:**                      None

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

**No. of Votes Against:**               0

**Disposition:**                        Carried

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**Motion No. 3                      Resolution No. 319 – September 22, 2014**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Allen

**Text of Motion:**            **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 319** - Authorizing A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agriculture And Markets Law Regarding the 8-Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 4 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities –Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 319 Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to call such public hearing no later than November 14, 2014 and that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to cause a legal notice of said public hearing to be published according to law and provide a copy of the written notice of hearing to all affected municipalities.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 4**                      **Resolution No. 342 – September 23, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 342** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution No. 342 Summary:** This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5**                      **Resolution No. 346 – September 23, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Allen

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 346** - Establishing A Broadband Policy For The County Of Ulster

**Resolution No. 346 Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to develop a comprehensive Broadband strategy that covers the current and future needs of its residents, including those in rural areas, and major sectors within the county, Agriculture, Business,

Education, Government, Healthcare, Public Safety and Utilities and requests that the County Executive develop a plan in furtherance of this policy, and the plan should include a one year, two year and five year plus proposal for broadband expansion into areas that do not have access and improvement in service in other areas based on the collective needs of the residents of Ulster County and in the sectors outlined above.

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer noted she had not heard any opposition to the proposed policy. She stated the County needed as plan as the Committee heard from the IDA members that infrastructure is the key and without a policy the County is unable to apply for grants.

Chairman Briggs thanked Legislator Archer for doing the legwork in developing the County policy and “sticking her neck out”.

Legislator Allen stated the work Legislator Archer did was an example of what other Legislators should follow.

Legislator Archer thanked all for the kind words.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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**New Business:** None

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**Old Business:** Chairman Briggs noted Department of Business Director Suzanne Holt will be in attendance at next month’s committee meeting. It was noted the IDA and the Planning Board meeting minutes were included in an informational packet distributed to the Committee at tonight’s meeting. (attached to minutes)

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Maio
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Allen
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

**TIME:** 7:19 PM

**Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014**

**Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved on: October 22, 2014**