

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 5, 2018 at 6:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Mary Wawro  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Tracey Bartels, Manna Jo Greene and Joseph Maloney  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Brian Woltman  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators David Donaldson, Heidi Haynes, Kathy Nolan; Amanda Lavallo, Coordinator of the Department of the Environment; David Haldeman, UC Environmental Council, Jordan Christensen, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Iris Marie Bloom, Douglas Bloom, Marbletown ECC.

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 6:30 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** To Approve the Minutes of March 8, 2018

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Bartels, Greene and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

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**Motion No. 2:** To approve **Resolution No. 139** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) To Accept Grant Funds, For The Ulster County Climate Change Adaptation Planning Project, And Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will allow the Chairman to accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to be used to further Ulster County's Climate Change Adaptation Planning Project and assist other municipalities with this challenge.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Greene  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Greene asked to be added as a sponsor.

Ms. Lavallo distributed an outline of the project goals that included a statement of need, anticipated timeline, budget and other information. She explained plans to help local municipalities plan mitigations and conduct a vulnerability assessment and set local goals for adaptation to deal with them. She discussed

creating a “tool kit” and the successful model of using environmental planners with Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide technical support.

The committee discussed several aspects of this two year program, the data that would be used and how this program can benefit Ulster County and the region.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Bartels, Greene and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

The committee briefly discussed staffing at the Department of the Environment with Ms. Lavallo.

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**Motion No. 3** – discussion of

**Resolution No. 61** -Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2018, A Local Law Regulating The Use Of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution No. 120** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2018, A Local Law Promoting The Use Of Reusable Bags And Regulating The Use Of Plastic Carryout Bags And Recyclable Paper Carryout Bags, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summaries** – both of these resolutions would set public hearings to discuss proposed local laws intended to regulate plastic bags commonly used for carryout of groceries and other retail products

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels for discussion  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson, sponsor of Resolution No. 61 said he would withdraw it and Proposed Local Law No. 6 and work with Legislator Bartels to amend Proposed Local Law 10.

Chairman Wawro noted that several legislators had weighed in on a number of issues regarding these proposed local laws. The committee discussed various approaches to developing a local law. A special meeting of the committee to discuss a proposed local law was scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2018 at 6:00 and all legislators would be invited to attend. The committee members asked Ms. Christensen to attend that meeting.

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**Resolution No. 142** - Amending Capital Project No. 488, Installation Of Shoulders Along Route 299, Towns Of New Paltz And Gardiner – Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Not On The State Highway System – Amending The 2018 – 2023 Capital Improvement Program And Declaration Of Intent To Serve As Lead Agency Under SEQRA Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will amend Capital Project No. 488 to widen the shoulders along Route 299 in the towns of New Paltz and Gardiner and declares Ulster County’s intent to act as Lead Agency under SEQRA.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Greene

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked to be added as a sponsor.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Wawro, Bartels, Greene and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved.

### **Climate Smart Committee**

Legislator Greene discussed two vacancies on the Climate Smart Committee (CSC) and several upcoming events including additional presentations by Tim Guinee “Climate Change and Hope in Ulster County”.

Legislator Greene distributed an updated draft of the goals of the CSC for 2018 and the draft of Green Business Challenge. The committee discussed various ways to engage business.

Legislator Greene reported on several other events that are going on around the region. She also passed around copies of Scenic Hudson’s “Clean Energy, Green Communities – A Guide to Siting Renewable Energy in the Hudson Valley” and The Nature Conservancy’s report “Accelerating Large-Scale Wind and Solar Energy in New York.

### **Ulster County Environmental Council**

Mr. Haldeman reported on the proposed Town of Ulster Power Plant. The Council drafted a letter regarding environmental concerns and offered expertise to explore those concerns.

The Town of Shawangunk is considering a proposal for a solar farm on the historic Borden Farm. Shawangunk set a limit of 20 acres for solar installations and established other protection for forest lands. The NY State Public Service Commission recently took responsibility for siting of larger solar projects and they may override local jurisdictions. The committee discussed how this may impact home rule and other concerns regarding solar installations.

The committee had a discussion about disposal of pharmaceuticals and “sharps”.

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**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

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

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Time:** 8:05 pm  
**Respectfully submitted:** Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**Minutes Approved** May 3, 2018