

**Energy & Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 7, 2019; 6:00
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Manna Jo Green
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Eckert (arrived 6:20), Jonathan Heppner, Mary Wawro, Brian Woltman and Tracey Bartels (departed at 7:10)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Kathy Nolan and Laura Petit; Dennis Doyle, Director of Planning; Tim Rose, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA); Bill Rudge, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC); Andy Bickering, Scenic Hudson; Mary McNamara, Town of Saugerties.

Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1 - To move into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and allowing fellow Legislators to remain for the interviews.

Motion Made By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Heppner, Wawro, Woltman and Bartels
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

The following individual was interviewed:

Eileen Banyra

Motion No. 2 – To move out of executive session.

Motion Made By: Legislator Woltman
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro
Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro, Woltman and Bartels
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: to discuss Resolution No. 121 - Establishing A Solid Waste Planning Commission Pursuant To Ulster County Charter § C-11K To Review County Plans For Solid Waste Management And Recommend Alternative Means Of Solid Waste Disposal

Resolution Summary: This resolution will establish a Solid Waste Planning Commission

Motion By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion: Legislative Chairwoman Bartels explained the purpose for the commission and the benefits of the legislature working more closely as the groundwork for potential changes to the Ulster County Solid Waste Plan is updated. She praised the UCRRA for working collaboratively with the legislature.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro, Woltman and Bartels

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Mr. Rose gave a brief overview of UCRRA activity for the past month including his presentation in Albany regarding the proposed NYS Bottle Bill.

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 471 of 2018 - Amending Resolution No. 318 Dated September 15, 2015 To Conform To Agreement of Sale of County-Owned Real Property in the Town of Lloyd To The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution makes an amendment to a previous resolution associated with the transfer of a Parcel located off North Chodikee Lake Road in the Town of Lloyd from the County of Ulster to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the purchase price of \$178,5000.

Motion By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: Chairman Greene summarized a meeting held in the Town of Lloyd on February 23 in which residents of Chodikee Lake Rd expressed concerns about NYSDEC plans for the property. She felt it was a productive meeting.

Legislator Litts shared his concerns and those of his constituents regarding the property lines of this parcel that were not discussed at the February 23 meeting. Legislator Litts reported a meeting he had with the County Attorney. He told the committee that the neighboring residents had survey maps that identified a discrepancy of about 15 feet and felt that the precise property lines should be resolved before the county moves forward with this sale to NYSDEC. He asked the committee to postpone this resolution.

Mr. Rudge assured the committee that once NYSDEC owns the property, surveys would be completed to resolve this issue. He reiterated much of the February 23 discussion in which he assured neighboring property owners he did not feel this site was appropriate for a parking lot.

The committee discussed how the county conducts sales of property for unpaid taxes, the history of this particular parcel and how to proceed.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Eckert, Heppner, Wawro, Woltman
Voting Against: Legislator Greene
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: to approve Resolution No. 18 - Confirming Appointments To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: The resolution would confirm Chairwoman Tracey A. Bartels appointment of members to be determined to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency: one for a term ending 12/31/2019 and two for terms ending December 31, 2021

Motion By: Legislator Woltman
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Motion No. 6: to amend Resolution No. 18 adding the names of Shabazz Jackson for the term ending 12/31/2019 and adding the names of Lisa Mitten and Frank Fauble for the terms ending 12/31/2021.

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor of the Amendment:

Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro and Woltman
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Amendment Approved

Voting in Favor of Resolution No. 18 as Amended:

Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro and Woltman
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Legislator Woltman expressed concern regarding the protocol for letting individual applicants know of the committee's recommendations before they became public. He felt this should be done out of respect. The committee agreed and discussed how that can be done.

Motion No. 7: to approve Resolution No. 90 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2019 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: The resolution will authorize the Chair of the Legislature to sign a contract with the UCSWC for 2019

Motion By: Legislator Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro and Woltman

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: to approve Resolution No. 94 - Appointing Members To The Recycling Oversight Committee

Resolution Summary: The resolution will appoint 3 members to be determined to the Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee.

Motion By: Legislator Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion:

Motion No. 9: to amend Resolution No. 18 adding the names of Sarah Wenk and Katherine Beinhafner as At Large members and adding Eileen Banya as the representative of commercial haulers.

Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert

Discussion: The committee discussed contacting these individuals who applied and were interviewed for the UCRRRA Board to confirm they are willing and able to serve on this committee instead. They agreed to leave the resolution “TBD” unchanged until they spoke to these individuals and then offer the appropriate amendments on the floor at session.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro and Woltman

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: to approve Resolution No. 98 - Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Construction Of A Public Safety Training Facility In The Town Of Ulster – Capital Project No. 483- Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: The resolution will approve a Negative Declaration under appropriate SEQRA regulations for Capital Project No. 483, a public safety training facility.

Motion By: Legislator Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Eckert, Heppner, Wawro and Woltman
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

New Business:

- Chairman Greene reported out on a recent meeting of stakeholders and public officials regarding proper handling disposal refrigerant materials.
- Legislator Heppner noted that the county has surpassed the goals set in the previous Green Fleet Policy and suggested a future discussion to update the policy.
- Chairman Greene reported progress Amanda Lavallo, Coordinator for the Department of the Environment is making on the County's Climate Action Plan and suggested inviting her to an upcoming meeting to share the draft with the committee.

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Woltman
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 8:05 pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:08

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Manna Jo Green
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Eckert and Mary Wawro
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

Chairman Greene noted that the committee needed to approve minutes of previous meetings.

Motion No. 11: To Approve the Minutes February 7, 25 and 27, 2019
Motion Made By: Legislator Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Eckert
Discussion: None
Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Wawro and Eckert
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion to Adjourn
Motion Made By: Legislator Eckert
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 8:10 pm
Respectfully submitted: Fawn Tantillo
Minutes Approved: April 4 2019