

**Energy & Environment Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 12, 2016

LOCATION: Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall,
SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Richard Parete

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk

PRESENT: Legislators Tracey Bartels, Jonathan Heppner, Ron G. Lapp, Jr and
Mary Wawro, Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

ABSENT: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell; Amanda LaValle, Coordinator, Dept. of the Environment; Tom Konrad, Marbletown ECC; Tim Rose, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA), Vic Melville, League of Women Voters (LWV), Dave Haldeman, Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of September 12, 2016

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes approved as presented

Mr. Rose told the committee he had just come from the public hearing for the UCRRA 2017 budget and reminded them that he recently sent a letter stating that the agency was not asking for any Net Service Fee for the year. He noted that the Net Service Fee had been dropping and this year he was confident they could operate without it. The agency currently has a reserve of approximately 14%.

He discussed some changes in the tipping fees and towns were aware of this over a year ago so they could plan accordingly.

There was a brief discussion about how the agency was handling single stream waste. The UCRRA will be charging a tipping fee of \$20/ton for single stream and the state average is about \$33/ton. He described the unpredictable volatility of the market for single stream recycling and some of the elements that went into determining this charge. He also discussed the financial advantages of dual stream vs. single stream.

Chairman Parete mentioned that later in the meeting the committee will be discussing a ban on single use plastic bags and was considering making reusable shopping bags available if such a law is adopted. He asked if the UCRRA might want to partner in making these bags. Mr. Rose thought that they would and said the agency received and distributed bags from local retailers in the past.

Resolutions for the October 18, 2016 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 447 - Establishing A Policy To Require Annual Public Reporting Of Building Energy Consumption And Benchmarking Information For County Owned Buildings

Resolution Summary: This policy reinforces Executive Order No. 1-2016 and will require the collection of energy use data for all fuel types used and make this information available to the public on the internet.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 447**

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: Mr. Crannell distributed a version of the resolution with several amendments explaining that the wording would insure the resolution meets the state requirements for the Clean Energy program. He and Ms. LaValle described the county's recent accomplishments and recognition in receiving several major awards.

Mr. Crannell stated that this resolution will codify the actions and policies on the operational side of the government.

Ms. LaValle noted the county's efforts are three fold. First, to use less energy; second, to use more energy more efficiently; and third, to produce renewable energy on-site.

The committee discussed various projects including the 8 acre solar project in the Town of Ulster, a solar project planned for the SUNY Ulster Campus and adding electric and hybrid vehicles to the county fleet.

Motion No. 3. Moved to add the words "at least" to the second RESOLVED and accept the other amendments as presented.

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting on the amendment

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Amendments ADOPTED

Voting on the Resolution as amended

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 403 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Second Supplemental Agreement, And Any Amendments Thereto, With The City of New York And The West Of Hudson Stakeholders, Modifying The 2010 Water Supply Permit Thereby Enabling The City of New York To Fund a City of New York Flood Buyout Program As Provided For In The Filtration Avoidance Determination Midterm Revisions With Fewer Restrictions In Participating Municipalities – Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution would authorize the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute the Second Supplemental Agreement among the West of Hudson Stakeholders concerning the New York City Funded Flood Buyout Program in a form as filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature with the approval of the County Attorney and any amendments thereto.

Motion No. 4: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 403**
Motion By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Chairman Parete explained that the towns in the New York City Watershed needed the legislature to approve this resolution in order for them to move ahead with proposals to identify and ultimately purchase “at risk” properties perpetually in danger of flooding.

There was a brief discussion about how some of the towns are planning to use these funds when they become available.

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 420 - Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary: Confirming the appointment to the Environmental Management Council made by the County Executive of Eric Stewart, Accord, NY, for a term from November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2019.

Motion No. 5: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 420
Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 421 - Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary: Confirming the appointment to the Environmental Management Council made by the County Executive of Margot Becker, Accord, NY, for a term from November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2019.

Motion No. 6: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 421
Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Old Business:

Proposed Plastic Bag Legislation – Legislator Bartels distributed a first draft of the proposed legislation and a list of items not included in the draft for discussion. The committee entered into a lengthy discussion on various pros and cons of the proposal and agreed to take it up again next month with the hope of developing language that they can all agree upon before presenting it to the full legislature.

- **Climate Smart Committee:**

Legislator Greene and Ms. LaValle distributed flyers for two upcoming events.

The first flyer announced an October 24th event to provide information to municipalities on becoming Climate Smart Communities and what financial incentives and grants were available to these communities.

The second flyer announced an October 15 event to provide an Electric Vehicle Workshop to allow the public and municipalities to see vehicles first hand and discuss various purchasing incentives.

- **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission**

Legislators Bartels and Greene reported that progress was continuing on the report.

New Business

- **Future meeting Schedule**

Chairman Parete briefly discussed scheduling of upcoming meetings. The committee concluded they will meet at the regular time of 6:00 or immediately following the Legislative Programs Committee and meet at 6:30 or immediately following the Legislative Programs Committee in December and January only.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Bartels
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0

Time:	8:50
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Respectfully submitted:	Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved:	November 14, 2016