

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Parete

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones and refrain from texting for the duration of Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 20 Absent: 3
(Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Fabiano)

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Chairman John Parete	Letter Appointing Legislator Gregorius to Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee/Removal From Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
	Letter Appointing Legislator Greene to Public Works and Capital Projects Committee/Removal From Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
	Letter to Legislator Lopez re: Public Health/Social Services Committee
	Letter to Thomas J. Briggs re: Law Enforcement/Public Safety Committee
	Letter Appointing Cappy Wiener Counsel to the Legislature
	Letter Appointing Christopher Ragucci Counsel to the Legislature
Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk	Letter Appointing Erica Guerin Minority Counsel
Legislator Richard Parete	Letter to Board of Ethic Chairman re: Financial Disclosure Form
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	Letter to Commissioner Colvin re: Lake Katrine Social Security Office November 4, 2013 Minutes
Ulster County Community Services Board New York State Water Supply	<i>Catskill Mountainkeeper</i> , Article by Ramsay Adams

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COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Hudson Valley Pattern For Progress
Central Hudson
NaCo

One Billion Rising, Ulster County
Arnold Lieber

Ulster County Area Transit

NYS Public Service Commission

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce
NYSAC

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Chief Executive Officer, Family Services

Ulster County Fire Advisory Board
Sylvia P. Persons
Lynda Boryk

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley
Ulster County Community Services Board
Sheree Cross, Compliance Officer

Ulster County Community Services Board
The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeast New York

New Horizons Resources, Inc.

January 2014 Monthly Bulletin
Energy Bulletin, Januar 2014
County News, Vol. 46, No. 2, January 27, 2014
February 14, 2014 Benefit Concert
Name the new Tappan Zee Bridge for Pete Seeger Petition
Federal Draw Down – ECHO Project #NY-90-0682-00 Grant #NY-90-X682-00
Notice Canceling Evidentiary Hearings
Chamber News, February 2014
NYSAC News, Volume 35, Issue 1, Winter 2014
Congratulations Letter to Chairman, February 3, 2014 Conference Agenda, 2014 Conference Program, 2014 Legislative Program, *Your Voice for County Government 2014*
February 4, 2014 Adoption of Resolution Nos. 2427 – 2435, 2437 and 2438
Family Services News & Updates, February 4, 2014 Newsletter
January 29, 2014 Minutes
Thank you
Status of Lake Katrine Social Security Office Closure
Newsletter: A Sense of Communities
January 13, 2014 Minutes
Corporate Compliance Committee December 2013 minutes
Subcommittee Chairmen Appointments
Invitation to A Tropical Paradise At the Glen Sanders Mansion
Winter 2014 Newsletter

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

New York State Association of Counties	NYSAC News, Volume 35, Issue 1, Winter 2014, Official Resolutions Adopted at 2014 Legislative Conference
NY Rising Communities	Save the Date: February 18, 2014, Third Public Meeting
Central Hudson	Main Street Revitalization Grant Application Information
Concerned Citizens	2,104 Petition Signatures in Support of Railroad
Concerned Citizens	42 Letters in Support of Catskill Mountain Railroad
Concerned Citizens	13 Letters Re: CMRR Litigation
Concerned Citizens	56 Letters in Support of Rail With Trail

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

January 2014 Budgetary Transfers

ANNUAL REPORTS:

DATE:

Ulster County Clerk	2013 Annual Report
Ulster County Weights and Measures	2013 Annual Report
Ulster County Board of Elections	2013 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	January 22, 2014
Energy & Environment	January 22, 2014
Law Enforcement & Public Safety	January 29, 2014
Public Health and Social Services	January 29, 2014
Ways and Means	January 22, 2014
	January 30, 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were six (6) speakers at tonight's meeting and eleven (11) people watching the online webcasting with the following indicating support of the Catskill Mountain Railroad: Brianna Wittl, Ryan Lennox, Christine Cole, David Heick, and Douglas Nikkila.

1. **George Gunning:**

Mr. Gunning stated he is the President of the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association. He noted letters were sent to the Legislators and requested help in the finalizing of their contract with the County which has not been completed in five years.

2. **Kathy Nolan:**

Ms. Nolan stated she is a resident of Shandaken and discussed a resolution that was passed by the Town of Shandaken in the beginning of February regarding rails and trails. She noted the plans for development of a trail and requested the Legislature's support.

3. **Patti Goodwin:**

Ms. Goodwin stated she is from Glenford and discussed the Great Allegheny Passage, a long trail, known as the GAP. She requested support of the Kingston long trail. (Written Comments Attached)

4. **Tim Weideman:**

Mr. Weideman indicated he is a Kingston resident and a Co-Chair of the Kingston Land Trust's Rail Trail Committee. He requested support for the City of Kingston trail as part of an Ulster County trail network.

5. **Kevin Smith:**

Mr. Smith deferred his time.

6. **George Bain:**

Mr. Bain announced on behalf of the volunteers of the Catskill Mountain Railroad that they have been selected by Rail Events and Warner Brothers to host the official Polar Express this December. He stated this will bring 16,000 riders and hope to expand that capacity prior to the official run. He noted the economic benefits of the trains.

RESOLUTION NOS: 35 – 53, 54 (First Reading), 55 – 71; (Resolution No. 10 - Postponed in Committee)

Chairman Parete noted that Resolution No. 54 had been postponed in Committee.

Motion by Minority Leader Ronk, seconded by Majority Whip Briggs to move Resolutions Nos. 53, 62-63, and 70 into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Motion by Majority Whip Briggs, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to accept the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Resolution Nos. 35 – 53, 55 – 66, 68 - 71 were adopted unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Fabiano)

Resolution No. 67 was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 19 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator Wawro)
(Absent: Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Fabiano)

Resolution No. 72 – Urging The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) To Postpone Indefinitely Its Order Issued August 13, 2013 And Halt The Creation Of The New Capacity Zone.

DISCUSSION:

Legislator Bartels expressed her appreciation of Legislator Greene in bringing this issue to the attention of the Legislature and her concerns with the New Capacity Zone. Legislator Greene noted her concern of energy concerns affecting Ulster County residents coming to the attention of the Legislature at the last minute and the need for this late resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Fabiano)

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MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

John Henson, Saugerties

Grace Howland, Shady

Stewart Crowell, Wallkill

Aron J. Thomas, Olivebridge

George Wilber, Jr., Saugerties

Eileen Elsworth Pecora, Port Ewen

George J. Moylan Jr., Bloomington

Morgan Alissa Finch, Saugerties

Darlene Cafaldo, Esopus

Gregory Thomas Gregor, Kingston

Carmen "Micki" Fischang, Kingston

Marie Hanley, New Paltz

Mark McGowan, Kingston

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to adjourn. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:19 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 12 Noon.**