

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

July 18, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

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7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:10 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND 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 for the duration of the Session.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: 21

Absent: 2

(Legislators Corcoran & Maloney)

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:11 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2022, A Local Law Providing For Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were six (6) speakers signed up to provide Public Comment:

1. Cheryl Schneider, Bloomington: Ms. Schneider spoke in favor of expanding protections of Hudson drinking water.
2. Daniel Krupa, Riverkeeper: Speaking on behalf of Riverkeeper, Mr. Krupa suggested changes that could be made to the Proposed Local Law.
3. Rachel Gans, Rosendale: Ms. Gans spoke in favor of expanding protections of Hudson drinking water.
4. Henrietta Wise, Olivebridge: Ms. Wise spoke about her concerns about radioactive material leaking from Indian Point into the Hudson River.
5. Leah Echo, Esopus In Action: Ms. Echo spoke about where she feels the law could be strengthened.
6. Elga Antonsus Brown: Ms. Brown spoke in favor of expanding protections of the Hudson River.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:28

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor.

7:10 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:28 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2023, A Local Law To Authorize County Registry For Domestic Partners

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one (1) speaker signed up to provide Public Comment.

1. Howard Solomon, Kingston: Howard Solomon spoke in favor of the Proposed Local Law.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor.

7:15 PM - CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:31 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 8, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Provide Enhanced Transparency And Accountability Over County Finances

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one (1) speaker singed up to provide Public Comment.

1. Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher: Comptroller Gallagher spoke in favor of the Proposed Local Law.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:32 PM

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor.

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Chris Hewitt, July 4th
Legislator Tracey Bartels, July 7th

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

Motion made by Majority Leader Heppner, Seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Kyle Fallaha, Ulster County Youth Board – Resolution No. 145

Appt. Leslie Surprenant, Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee, Environmental Management Council Representative

Appt. Roseann Daw, Ulster County Commissioner of Finance

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella
Legislative News

Ulster County Personnel Department

NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance

D. Naccarato

NYS Public Service Commission

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, Authorization
to Prepare Ulster County Financial
Statements for FY 2022

FOIL Response – T. Mazzullo

Press Release, Ulster County Legislature
Declares June Pride Month – Celebrates
Work of The Trans Closet of the Hudson
Valley

Comunicado de prensa, La Legislatura del
Condado de Ulster declara junio el Mes del
Orgullo - Celebra el trabajo del Closet
Trans del Valle Hudson

Civil Service Announcements

List of Certified 2023 State Equalization
Rates, 6.13.23

Email, Public Comment on Use and Sale of
Fireworks

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
Notice Announcing Public Forum
Concerning Indian Point Decommissioning

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
Gundersen Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 DOB Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 NRC Oversight Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 NRC Radiation Dose
Standards Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 Lochbaum Options
Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 HDI Presentation

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

NYS Public Service Commission (cont,)

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
MOU – Split Sampling

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
Split Sampling Overview

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
June 15, 2023 Indian Point DOB Meeting
Video

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
PRESS RELEASE – Indian Point
Decommissioning Oversight Board and
Indian Point Closure Task Force Hold
Public Forum

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,
PRESS RELEASE – RESCHEDULING
Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight
Board and Indian Point Closure Task Force
Hold Public Forum

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

June Agenda & May Minutes

A. Wojcik

Email, Support for Proposed Local Law
No. 5 of 2023 & Village of New Paltz
Resolution No. 29 of 2023

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Grand Opening, Dugo Realty

Grand Opening, Keap

Grand Opening, Chambers Elementary
Pollinator Garden

Grand Opening, Top Notch Oil Change

Director of Veteran Services Mark Cozzupoli

Veteran Related Communications

B. Yusko

Email, Thank You for Supporting Res. No.
134

J. Gebhards

Email, Support for Proposed Local Law
No. 12 of 2022

Ulster Prevention Council

Substance Abuse Prevention Board, 6.9.23
Agenda & Minutes

Concerned Citizens (71)

Letters/Postcards, Support for Proposed
Local Law #5 of 2023

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher

NYS Association of Counties

Ulster County Tourism

Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
S. Rosenblatt

NYS Electric & Gas

Ulster County Planning Department

SUNY Ulster

Ulster County Compliance Committee Meeting

Ulster County Board of Health

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

B. Verrilli

T. Kadgen

Village of New Paltz

Invitation to Milkshakes & Animal Barn
Tour at Fairgrounds, August 2, 2023

Spring Newsletter

Press Release, Comptroller's First Quarter
2023 Financial Report Shows Revenues
Down and Expenditures Up from the Prior
Year

Email, Fall Seminar Registration Notice

Email, Standing Committee Meeting
Notice & Call for Resolutions

Letter Announcing Opening of Nomination
for NYSAC Standing Committee and
NACo Committees

July 2023 Trending Calendar of Events

5.30.23 Draft Minutes

Email, Mobilization Call for New National
Infrastructure Bank Bill H.R. 4052 (2)

Notice to Occupant of Intention to
Discontinue Service Supplied to Landlord
or Rental Property Owner by NYSEG

Agricultural and Farmland Protection
Board Draft Minutes, 5.30.23

Letter, Re: Lease – SUNY Ulster Extension
Center at Kingston

April Minutes & May Agenda

May Agenda & Commissioner's Report

Email, Master Composter – Recycling
Program

Email, Support for Catskill Mountain
Railroad Extension

Email, Supporting Proposed Local Law 8
of 2023 and further Capital Project
Transparency Efforts

Resolution Nos. 23, 29, 31 & 36 of 2023

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Ulster County Human Rights Commission

June 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Ulster County Public Works Commissioner Masterson

Notice of Job Vacancy (3)

Ulster County Planning Board

July 12, 2023 Meeting Agenda & Materials

S. Rosenblat

Email, Coalition for National Infrastructure
Bank Zoom Town Hall

Kingston Midtown Business Alliance

Letter Supporting Housing Action Fund

NYC DEP

Revised Emergency Action Plans –
Merriman Dam, Olive Bridge Dam and
Ashokan Dikes

Ulster County Supervisors Association

Draft Meeting Agenda – July 18, 2023

R. Clements

Email – Comment on Proposed Local Law
No. 12 of 2022

Ulster County Purchasing Department

June 2023 Executed Contracts

T. Mazzullo

Email – FOIL Request

D. Cunningham

Email – Opposed to Proposed Local Law
No. 5 of 2023

M. Pritts – New Paltz Baseball & Softball Assoc.

Letter requesting use of 4H Building at
Ulster County Fairgrounds

S. Van Wagenen

Email – Opposed to Proposed Local Law
No. 5 of 2023

D. Haldeman

Email – Supporting Proposed Local Law
No. 12 of 2022

B. Yusko

Email – Opposed to Proposed Local Law
No. 5 of 2023

N. Nichols

Email – Supporting Proposed Local Law
No. 12 of 2022

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, County Executive Jen Metzger Recognizes Winners of Ulster County Teen Dating Violence & Human Rights Trafficking Video and Mixed Media Contest

Press Release, Statements from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger & Chair of the Legislature Tracey Bartels on the arrest of former Finance Commissioner Burt Gulnick

Re-appt. Chief Robert Lucchesi, Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

Appt. Wilma Staubly & Lori Gross, Ulster County Office for the Aging Advisory Council

Press Release, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Notifies 2022 CARES II Small Business Assistance Program Awardees of Pause in Program, Pending Review

Press Release, County Executive Metzger Kicks Off New Ulster County Climate Corps with 18 Paid Summer Internships

Appt. Rev. Gary Fuller, Ulster County Human Rights Commission Chair through 12.31.23

June Budgetary Transfers

Appt. Kevin Lynch, Director of Economic Development

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Releases Open Letter to County Residents in Response to False Accusations from Three Former Commissioners

Appt. Joe McDonald, Human Rights Commissioner

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Appt. Nilsary Lewis-Rivera, Member of
Human Rights Commission

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Ulster County Department of the Environment

2023 Zero Waste Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Health, Human Services & Housing
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation
Ways and Means

May 30, 2023
June 1, 2023
June 1, 2023
June 12, 2023
May 31, 2023
June 5, 2023
June 6, 2023
June 13, 2023
May 24, 2023

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature):

There were twenty-seven (27) speakers signed up to Provide Public Comment.

1. Dare Thompson, League of Women Voters: Spoke in favor of Resolution No.
2. Jackie Brownstein, New Paltz: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
3. Susan Denton, New Paltz: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
4. Tom Denton, New Paltz: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
5. Richard Stole: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
6. Aspen Peck: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.

7. Rabbi Brian Mann: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
8. Susan Bissonet: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
9. Elizabeth Lee, New Paltz: Spoke in favor of Resolution No.
10. Carol Nolan, New Paltz: Spoke in favor of Resolution Nos. 330,
11. Steven Mitchell: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
12. Greg McCollough, Kingston: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
13. Julie Novak: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373
14. Weston Minissali: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
15. Someone: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373
16. Callie MacKenzie Jayne, Kingston: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373
17. Barbara McClinton, Kingston: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330
18. Anishka Shebek: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330
19. Janet Voss: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373
20. New Paltz Village Trustee Stana Weisburd: Spoke in favor of Resolution Nos. 330 and 373.
21. Limina Grace-Harmon: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
22. Marjorie Leopold, Saugerties: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 330.
23. Craig Kelly: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 425.
24. Shannon Cruz-Herr: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
25. Sterling Cruz-Herr: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
26. Kris McDaniel-Miefo: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373.
27. Chelsea Villalba, Kingston: Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 373

A Motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, Seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 400, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda and to move Resolution Nos. 418 and 420 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 331, 336, 369, 373 – 380, 383 – 385, 387 – 418, & 420;
486 of 2022; 124, 299, 309, 330, 337, 348, 349, 364, 370, 371, 372, 381, 382, 421,
426 – 430 & 432 – POSTPONED; 126, 127, 386, 423, 424, & 425 – NO
ACTION TAKEN; 433 – SUBMITTED FOR AUGUST INTRODUCTION;
419 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 86, 87, 422, & 431 – WITHDRAWN
BY SPONSOR**

Resolution No. 486 of 2022: Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 124: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 15, 2023 At 7:00 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 299: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget - Authorizing Payment Of Retroactive COVID Pay – Ulster County
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 309: Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 330: Dedicating Funding To Housing Affordability, Establishing A Policy For Its Use, And Authorizing The Release Of A Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For 2023 – Department Of Planning
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 337: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston, Where The County Is A Subrecipient Of The City's ARPA-SLFRF Funds, For The Renovation Of Elizabeth Manor, Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 348: Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 349: Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 364: Establishing A Restricted Capital Reserve Fund For The Government Operations Center Of The County Of Ulster Under Section 6-C Of The New York State General Municipal Law
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 370: Authorizing Legislative Review Of Certain Non-Commodity Draft Bid Documents
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 371: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Amend Article II Legislative Branch §C-21 Filling Membership Vacancies, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 15, 2023 At 7:05 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 372: Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 381: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Accept Grant Funds For The Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project - Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 382: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Various Agreements To Fulfill Requirements For Grant Funding Through The New York State Climate Smart Communities Program For Renewable Energy Equipment At The Golden Hill Housing Site – Department Of Planning
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 421: Requiring Dedicated Space Within The Workplace For Nursing Mothers Employed By Ulster County
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 426: Establishing The Transit Riders' Advisory Committee
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 430: Establishing A Traffic Demand Policy
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 432: A Policy Requiring Venders To Comply With All Applicable Ulster County Policies
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 126: Dedicating Funding To Housing Justice
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 127: Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In
Emergency Housing
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 386: Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State
Legislature To Amend Membership Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 423: Establishing A Policy To Reform Social Services – Temporary Assistance – Housing
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 424: Establishing A Policy To Track All Temporary Housing Facilities On A Daily Basis
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 425: Establishing A Policy To Liberalize Access To Public Spaces For Survival
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 433: Urging The Governments Of The State Of New York And The United States Of
America To Establish Fossil-Fuel-Free State And Federal Public Transportation Services
For August Introduction.

Resolution No. 419: Opposing Moving Certain Local Elections To Even Numbered Years And Urging
New York State Governor Hochul To Veto A.04282B/S.3505B
Defeated in Committee.

Resolution No. 86: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully Reimbursable Full-
Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 87: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered Into By The County
– Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 422: Establishing A Policy To Ban Discrimination In Housing On The Basis Of Source-
Of- Income
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 431: Establishing A Policy To Generate An Annual Interdepartmental Report On Public Transportation And To Identify And Solicit Aid In Addressing Unmet Transportation Needs
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

	Consent
331	Approving The 2023-2024 Ulster County Community College Budget – SUNY Ulster ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
373	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Chapter 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Human Rights, In Relation To Gender Expression ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
374	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 131, Vehicles, County, Article I, Sustainable Green Fleet Policy, In Relation To Strategies And Goals ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
375	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Provide Enhanced Transparency And Accountability Over County Finances ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0

377	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Esopus, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund Improvements To The Roger Mabie Water Treatment Plant– Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
378	<p>This Section intentionally left blank</p> <p>Reassigning Capital Project No. 659 – ARP Solar And EV Charging Infrastructure To Capital Project No. 674 Due To An Administrative Error – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
379	<p>Reappointing Member And Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Lloyd</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
380	<p>Authorizing The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
383	<p>Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>

384	Authorizing The Department Of Environment To Submit An Application To The New York Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
385	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$110,050.00, Entered Into By The County – Barton And Loguidice, D.P.C. – Department Of Environment ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
388	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In Project GIVE Program – District Attorney, Sheriff, And Probation ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
390	Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Health And Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
391	Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports For A 4% Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0

392	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$10,959.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
393	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,548.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
394	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,930.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
396	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$185,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0

397	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
398	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
399	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The New Village View SP LLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
413	Authorizing The County Of Ulster Pursuant To Section 4 Of The Sales Tax Agreement With The City Of Kingston To Increase The Allocation Of Sales Tax Distributed To The Towns – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
415	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$195,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Freer Abstract, Inc. – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0

416	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$355,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
417	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Periscope Holdings, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
418	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,798,088.00 Entered Into By The County – Hart InterCivic, Inc. – Board Of Elections</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
	<p>Non Consent</p>
336	<p>Adopting The Ulster County Department Of Health And Emergency Services Medical Reserve Corps Unit Organization Policy And General Operation Procedure Manual – Department Of Emergency Services</p> <p>MOTION TO AMEND: Majority Leader Heppner Seconded by Minority Leader Ronk AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0</p>
369	<p>Establishing A Policy To Provide Legislators With Restricted Access To The New World Financial Management System</p> <p>POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS</p>

376	<p>Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Traffic Safety Board</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Legislator Erner)</p>
387	<p>Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Revise Compensation Of A Current Part-Time Investigator Position To A Full-Time Investigator Position - District Attorney</p> <p>POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS</p>
389	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$299,998.60, Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Department Of Emergency Management</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Legislator Gavaris)</p>
395	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,004.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Legislator Petit)</p>
400	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Access: Supports For Living Inc. For Office Space At 368 Broadway – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
401	<p>Authorizing Rail Removal Within The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor To Allow For The Construction Of “The Michael LaPaglia Memorial” Bridge Over The Esopus Creek In The Town Of Shandaken – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

<p>402</p>	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Renewal Agreement With Van Dale Properties, LLC For A Fabrication Facility To Be Used By The Ulster County Department Of Public Works – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Chair Bartels)</p>
<p>403</p>	<p>Establishing Capital Project No. 673 – Ulster County Office Building Elevator Modernization Project - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
<p>404 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing The Ulster County Office Building Elevator Modernization Project, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$400,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$400,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 2 (Legislators Erner, Petit)</p>
<p>405</p>	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$120,680.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
<p>406</p>	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Dutchess Overhead Doors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

407	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$60,700.00 Entered Into By The County – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – Department Of Public Works MOVED TO CONSENT
408	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Gordian Group, Inc. – Department Of Public Works MOVED TO CONSENT
409	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – L.W. Tree Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works MOVED TO CONSENT
410	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$28,740.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Alleymor, Inc., D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works MOVED TO CONSENT
411	Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) MOVED TO CONSENT
412	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$51,056.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Public Transportation MOVED TO CONSENT
414	Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0

420	<p>Amending The Ulster County Capital Asset Policies</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Legislator Erner)</p>
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PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

1. Rachel Gans: Spoke in favor of reparations for Black Americans.
2. Rhona Shiffries: Spoke about illegal credit card surcharges.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Stanley Strath, Kingston, NY
Ibrahim Abdul-Matin, Brooklyn, NY
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MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts
Seconded by Majority Leader Heppner

Fw: Comments for July 18 Meeting on Local Law #12

Victoria Ann Fabella

Tue 7/18/2023 2:53 PM

To: Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>

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Cc: Phil Erner <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Comments for July 18 Meeting on Local Law #12

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

RE: Public Comment on Local Law 12

My name is Caylin Sanders and I have lived along the Esopus Creek for the last 5 years. I would like to thank Legislator Phil Erner and others who worked on Local Law #12 and I am in enthusiastic support of it.

Between the muddy releases from the Ashokan and regular storm run-off, the creek's health is going downhill rapidly and a lot of us have seen massive erosion and loss of wildlife.

Add to that, our septic is over 20 years old, as are many other creekside residents who border the Esopus, and when I inquired about septic replacement assistance, like some who live upstate receive, I was told the Esopus Creek was not on the list of impaired bodies of water. Given the turbidity empties into the Hudson River where many towns get their drinking water, I would argue that residents deserve "impaired" status and the funding to stave off multiple septic failures.

I also represent about 50 people that live around the border of the new Central Hudson Training Facility on 9W. Our neighborhood has been completely decimated with them flattening 50 acres of forest for what essentially is a corporate park with no sustainable landscaping plans or design. We've lost wildlife and our dark sky and our quality of life as the center is being constructed.

This project was fast-tracked and greenlit without being properly vetted despite being adjacent to a wetland, which was not disclosed on their original application. As a result, Central Hudson was issued a DEC warning violation in 2021 for dumping construction waste into the site pond feeding the Esopus.

I bring this up, because how many countless other commercial sites and big businesses are doing the same in the County without any regulation or consequences or regard for the residents who swim, recreate or live in the Lower Esopus or along the Hudson River?

The Esopus Creek and the Hudson River are why I moved here and I have since become an accidental activist trying to save them. It's time we start protecting our watershed and restoring it and most of all, saying "no" to those who would abuse it for their short-term profit maximization.

Sincerely,
Caylin Sanders
Town of Ulster Resident



Testimony of Daniel Krupa, Legal Intern, Riverkeeper, Inc.

before the Ulster County Legislature

on The Hudson River / Mahicannituck Restoration and Protection Law

July 18, 2023

Thank you, Chairperson Bartels, members of the Ulster County Legislature, and community members who brought this idea forward for your leadership in addressing the health of the Hudson River and for the opportunity to testify today. Riverkeeper is especially grateful for your willingness to take a leading role in protecting and restoring the Hudson River and fighting for the rights of Ulster County residents through the proposed Hudson River / Mahicannituck Restoration and Protection Law.

I am Daniel Krupa, a Legal Intern for Riverkeeper. Riverkeeper is a member-supported watchdog organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Hudson River from source to sea and safeguarding drinking water supplies through advocacy rooted in community partnerships, science, and law.

We appreciate the Ulster County Legislature's acknowledgment of the benefits that stem from the Hudson River and the importance of protecting and restoring it. We commend your commitment to doing your part as one of many counties that border the Hudson River and taking a proactive role as a steward of its environment.

I. Riverkeeper strongly supports the Hudson River / Mahicannituck Restoration and Protection Law, which will place accountability on a county level to help protect and restore the water body.

The proposed law sets forth clear policy goals for the county to “protect and, to the extent practicable, restore the health, cleanliness, and productivity of the Hudson River for the benefit of its residents and visitors as well as the River’s natural components and ecosystems.” By passing this proposed law, it would increase protection efforts and remedial oversight on a county level by adopting and enforcing state law, such as the antidegradation policy. Greater oversight will help raise public awareness of the current conditions of the Hudson River, increase the number of entities working to solve the same environmental issues, and provide localized solutions to prevent unlawful and detrimental actions from occurring within the county borders. Additionally, the proposed law may incentivize neighboring counties to pass similar laws emphasizing local awareness and accountability to collaborate in reaching a common objective.

While the proposed law before the Ulster County Legislature is thorough, I want to mention four recommendations that Riverkeeper believes will increase the strength of the law if passed.

II. The law should be amended to cover additional waters, especially the Black, Esopus and Rondout Creeks.

The proposed law addresses the Hudson River generally and emphasizes restoring and protecting shallow habitats. However, to align better with paragraphs A and H in the Legislative Intent and Findings section and acknowledgment that “the River is a deeply interconnected ecological resource,” the Ulster County Legislature should expand the language to encompass additional waters. Although the county may already implicitly protect additional waters, it should explicitly include other geographic features such as tributaries, shorelines, adjacent wetlands, and intertidal areas with reasoning showcasing the importance of their protection. For example, tributaries, such as Black Creek, Esopus Creek and Rondout Creek, provide significant benefits for Ulster County residents and the health of the Hudson River. Particularly, the tidal portions of each of these creeks are considered part of the Hudson River Estuary, and state-designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats include the entirety of the tidal reaches of the Black, Esopus, and Rondout Creeks.¹ (Note that Ulster County includes several other Hudson River Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats, including Esopus Meadows, Kingston-Poughkeepsie Deepwater, and The Flats.) If the Ulster County Legislature expands the language, it will broaden the geographical scope of the law and align better with the findings in the DEC Hudson River Estuary Habitat Restoration Plan. Also note that, since publication of the DEC Hudson River Estuary Habitat Restoration Plan, several other related and similar plans have been published, including the Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan, which includes specific targets for restoring various ecosystem types.²

III. The law should expand on and detail the implementation of the Antidegradation Policy.

We are thankful to the Ulster County Legislature for adopting the New York State antidegradation policy specifically to protect the Hudson River, regardless of how it is currently implemented by DEC. The county's adoption of a state level policy introduces the potential to closely monitor activities within the county to control sources of water pollution. However, the Ulster County Legislature should expand the antidegradation section to include additional language outlining implementation measures. The Legislature should clarify how the county will ensure that the water quality of the Hudson River will not diminish and what actions the county will adopt to carry out its goal. More specifically, the language could reflect what requirements

¹ N.Y. Dep’t of State, Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats, https://dos.ny.gov/significant-coastal-fish-wildlife-habitats?f%5B0%5D=filter_term%3A2301.

² Partners Restoring the Hudson, Ecosystem Goals, The Hudson We Share, <http://thehudsonweshare.org/about-the-plan/ecosystem-goals/>.

the policy will place on existing sources of pollution and further specify how the county will evaluate new potential sources that may impact water quality.

IV. The law should clarify potentially ambiguous terms.

The Ulster County Legislature removed the definition section from a previous version of the proposed law, which may introduce concerns regarding vagueness. We urge the Legislature to include an updated definitions section that helps the public understand ambiguous terms such as “clean,” “healthy,” “productive,” and the like. Similar to paragraphs E and F under Section 4, which briefly describes specific terms, including a definitions section could help the public to better understand what conduct may violate the provisions by having clear standards for each word mentioned above. This could be beneficial in conjunction with the implementation section, which states, “The County, upon resolution of the legislature, or any County resident acting on their own behalf or that of the River, may bring an action to enforce the provisions of this local law in Supreme Court in any appropriate venue or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.” If the county or a resident brings a claim to enforce the provisions of the law, it is best practice to have explicit language to support that a violation occurred.

V. The law could address current threats and priorities.

The law names PCB remediation and habitat restoration as explicit goals the county should support, and Riverkeeper shares these goals and supports their inclusion. Several other issues could similarly be named, including recreational water quality, drinking water quality, invasive species, and climate change impacts to species, habitats, water quality and shoreline communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of Riverkeeper’s testimony. We look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature and our partner organizations to ensure New Yorkers and their waters are protected.

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Fw: Comments for Rights of the River .

Victoria Ann Fabella

Tue 7/18/2023 1:36 PM

To: Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>

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Cc: Phil Erner <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Comments for Rights of the River .

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Ms. Gavels,

I do hope my thoughts on this issue will be considered.

Knowing of the past degradation of the Hudson River and knowing that there is and will be future threats to the River and to the life within it (Radioactive waste water from Indian Point and jet-plowing for installation of The Champlain Hudson Power Express for example), I was very happy when the Ulster County Legislature wrote the original Local Law 12. I even sent it to my local Legislator Harriet Cornell, as a potential example of what Rockland County might propose.

I wrote called in and wrote in on this topic to the Ulster County Board of Legislators and encouraged other individuals and organizations to do the same, to support Local Law 12.

Since then there have been many meetings and discussions, some of which I have attended through Legislator Erner and I have found that what was a beautiful piece of legislation has changed dramatically into a "Rights of the People to Have a Productive River as a Resource" bill, but NOT a Rights of the River In Its Own Right bill, as an ever evolving and flourishing entity.

I am sad to say that I do not support the bill as it now stands.

Thank you,

Jacqui Drechsler

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Valley Cottage, NY 10989
1-845-270-5837

Sent from my iPhone

Fw: Public Comment: Local Law #12 "Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem"

Victoria Ann Fabella

Wed 7/19/2023 7:06 AM

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Subject: Public Comment: Local Law #12 "Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem"

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To the Ulster County Legislature,

Thanks for this opportunity to submit public comment on Local Law #12, "Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem"

We appreciate the community members from the Ecoassembly bringing Rights of Nature forward into conversation and our consciousness as well as Ulster County's effort to find a way to make this important concept into a local law at this time. KingstonCitizens.org supports it as a positive step forward.

With its passage, Ulster County will have created an opportunity for us all and there is work to be done. Rights of Nature is a new concept that can't be understood by colonial law. It is not meant to provide rights for people to use as a resource, it is meant to protect the environment.

We must continue to have these conversations, and work to remove the barriers on the state level so that Rights of Nature is possible throughout our municipal and county governments in New York State.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment on Ulster County Local Law 12 -- for July 18, 2023 public comment

Date: 18 July 2023 at 12:58:03 PM GMT-4

To: cvil@co.ulster.ny.us

Ulster County Legislators (c/o Chelsea Vilalba, with thanks):

I am one of a handful of people who first introduced Sponsor Phil Erner to a legal template for what came to be known as Ulster County Local Law 12. Yet I will not be supporting it.

To explain:

All of our core group of organizers bringing Mr. Erner the template for a new law are from a NY State recognized disadvantaged community (as of 3/2023 a designation that the CLCPA, was designed to "ensure that frontline and otherwise underserved communities benefit from the state's historic transition to cleaner, greener sources of energy, reduced pollution and cleaner air." Because our water source is the Hudson River (Port Ewen water district) many of us felt an unmet need to be heard and protected by action from our Representatives and people in

power. But, importantly, we realized too that our health was the same as the River's health, as sure as the River was our relation.

There were many people who organized and spent many hours, weekends and evenings thinking and talking about the first version of the Local Law. Like us, many of those supporters were from NY State-designated disadvantaged communities burdened with pollution and most especially water degradation.

We were and are interested in a public and democratic conversation not **just** about human entitlements to healthy water and waterways, as the Legislature has now framed it, but also about the so-called Hudson River as a living being, an idea that the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee, where the Law was first introduced, ultimately refused to entertain. We wanted those who we elected to represent our County to think deeply about a paradigm shift that would first and foremost honor rights of community to serious consideration of the legal, cultural and philosophical idea we brought to Mr. Erner. Instead what we got was an unelected County Counsel writing the law to fit in with existing western frameworks that have resulted in the devastation of rivers and ultimately their regulatory capture as "productive" entities. Local Law 12 as rewritten by the EES Committee with David Gordon's assistance, seems to frame the crisis of water as a crisis of the productivity, human entitlement, and commerce. It is in keeping with looking at water as a resource to be managed, instead of liberated to be and support life. Mr. Gordon seems to have privileged Green Amendment enforcement rights, an legal idea begun decades ago in PA, but that NY only recently passed and which, according to the March 2023 NY Law Journal, has pretty dismal prospects.

The River is in fact an assembly of many living beings in relation **with** us, including all the more than human organisms known and unknown within it. What arrogance on the part of Ulster County Legislative attorney Mr. Gordon to presume to list even a fraction. One paragraph can't contain them.

We wanted the Legislature to begin to look more globally at our predicament. We wanted the Legislature to see the River beyond colonial county boundaries, to understand the ways energy infrastructure projects such as the Blackstone's Champlain Hudson Power Express, the Hydro-Quebec ratepayer subsidized partner project, and Holtec International decommissioning of Indian Point connect us globally, as surely as water connects all life, to ecocidal and genocidal projects of big hydropower and toxic nuclear power for the profit of the few. These are urgent crises for our community and for those to whom we are connected. Specifically, we must acknowledge how hydropower projects on Indigenous land in Canada and accelerating methane that come with rivers being contained and managed, and how the existential rights of the Hudson River are the existential rights of all.

Yet corporations have the rights of personhood the living persons do not. We wanted to give our Legislators a chance to act where our state and federal government has failed, as so many localities have begun to do in desperate response to crisis. I personally did not feel that the Hudson 7 Intermunicipal Drinking Water Council, nor any major Hudson River NGOs were responding adequately to our sick River relation.

We learned: We didn't stand a chance. The words of one Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee ring and reverberate in my head, from when the Law was introduced in concept and I attended a Winter EES Committee meeting "Can we get to real business now?" This process has certainly helped me understand how entwined democratic crisis is with environmental crisis. The County Attorney "had a better way," we were told by Mr. Erner.

The new Local Law 12 enshrines organized abandonment of our community and of the River.

The recognition of existential rights of personhood for the River would have been a powerful platform to enable us to form community to act on our responsibilities of repair, to become next friends of the River and act for justice, and regenerative ecological community. This Local Law 12 is not that.

I will not be supporting Ulster County Local Law 12. Incrementalism and failed precedents are not enough.

Lee Gough
Mother, water guardian, low waste educator

Local Law 12 comment

Nina Nichols

Tue 7/18/2023 3:23 PM

To:Chelsea Villalba <civil@co.ulster.ny.us>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Mrs. Villalba,

I hear you are the person to submit comments to for the Legislative meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Thank you so much.

Here is my comment:

Regarding Local Law 12. I commend David Gordon's efforts to write an environmental law that falls within the existing structures of precedent for New York State and believe that this has been an educational and worthwhile process to try to protect the water and ecosystem.

However, my critique is that the current legal system has grown so far removed from the present day dilemma of climate change and cumulative impacts of pollution that existing precedent no longer serves us. When an ecosystem collapses, reviving this ecosystem is not as easy as reducing the amount of pollution that is put into the water. Complex system collapse is known as "hysteriosis". Though years of pollution may push an ecosystem over an imperceptible precipice into hysteriosis (massive die offs of all contributing bacteria, insects, fish, amoebas, plant life, avian life etc.), it is almost impossible to bring an ecosystem back to life once it has reached a tipping point. It requires a massive amount of funding, balance and labor to bring back a complex ecosystem.

We seem to be living in the fantasy that we can continue to push the ecosystem of the Hudson River to the brink of death and then pull back at the last moment so that the river can regenerate when we notice things have gone too far afield. Why would we play Russian roulette with the largest contributor to our livelihood, knowing that the final bullet is somewhere in the barrel?

Our legal system exists in the fantasy that the water that flows tidally in the Hudson river is a stable, immovable body bound by county lines. How does the legislature think rain, mist, groundwater and tree root systems work? If we poison the Hudson River, these pollutants will contaminate all surrounding reservoirs and watersheds in the same fashion that Canadian wildfires have poisoned our air. Nature knows no boundaries. To define our watershed as a quantifiable resource is not to live in reality.

I and countless other citizens are rallying to push our legal system in the direction of conservation. This is not unrealistic. It is an inevitability. Energy conservation is an inevitability. A shift from extractive land use is an inevitability. We only ask that this shift in our state's environmental law happens before the collapse of our complex ecological systems.

I know that passing more realistic environmental laws would require our county to challenge the state of New York's existing laws but this battle is necessary. New York State law serves to protect business interests and easy permitting for the sake of development but the state needs to address its issues with development and energy consumption before it agrees to destroy all of its ecological systems. These two issues always put us in an either/or position but this is a false paradox. We can mitigate our energy consumption and protect our ecology. Killing our river is not a cheap solution to a financial problem.

Thank you.

Nina Nichols

Town of Esopus Environmental Board Member

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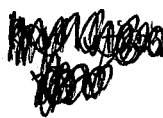
Hi, my name is Rachel Gans. I've owned a home in Bloomington for about 25 years.

I am not an expert in these matters, but I don't need to be an expert to have a basic understanding of the world around me. I only need to live and to observe to know the importance of clean water and a healthy earth.

I have learned through reading and through visiting a number of native museums in NYS a bit about our own history here. From Chief Irving Powless, of the Turtle Clan, of the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy I learned about the treaties that were made between the British and the Haudenosaunee and how the non-native people and the native people agreed to live alongside of each other and to live in accordance with the natural world. Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution states that all the treaties with the native nations here are required to be followed as the law of the land.

I mention these points to say that protecting our waters including the Hudson River shouldn't even have to be restated here, but because of the repeated failure of NYS to protect our waters our county must move to pass proposed local law #12 of 2022. For thousands of years people lived on this same land and maintained a balance together. In a short amount of time so much has been polluted. It's beyond belief.

John Mohawk of the Seneca Nation has spoken across North America about the Haudenosaunee relationship with the Earth. He explains that "so must those who are living in this place conduct themselves in a way that will support Life of the future generations." We should really think about the knowledge that is here with our elders. We should think about the future generations and start living to sustain them.

 On another topic, I have been speaking to this legislative body about the housing crisis in Ulster county. It continues to get worse. Elizabeth Manor is a mess. I'm asking you to change course now and make the old Kingston Hospital a shelter this year. We need it now. Tell me how I can help make that happen.

Fw: Comment for Local Law 12

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Mon 7/17/2023 5:58 PM

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Mon 7/17/2023 8:20 AM

To: Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>

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From: Dave Haldeman <davehaldeman48@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 4:49 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Fwd: LL#12 of 2022

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

As you can see above, Phil Erner asked me to send you a copy of my views on Proposed Local Law #12.

You can read my comments above.

Dave Haldeman. Chair, Ulster county EMC

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Phil Erner** <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us>

Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 2:27 PM

Subject: RE: LL#12 of 2022

To: davehaldeman48@gmail.com <davehaldeman48@gmail.com>

Just verifying, have you sent your comments to Clerk of the Legislature Victoria Ann Fabella vfab@co.ulster.ny.us so that they become part of the official record?

From: Phil Erner

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 8:43 AM

To: Dave Haldeman <davehaldeman48@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: LL#12 of 2022

Dave,

Thank you very much for your comments.

From: Dave Haldeman <davehaldeman48@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 7:42 AM

To: Phil Erner <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Re: LL#12 of 2022

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Thanks for asking us to comment on this proposed legislation.

I believe any and all efforts to restore the health of the river should be actively pursued.

This includes the efforts to remove the PCB's, restore the shallows, increase funding for these projects, and promote regulatory authority to monitor and enforce all regulations designed to protect and restore the river.

Not necessarily included in the law would be to continue all efforts to improve the health of all the tributaries that enter the Hudson, in my case the highly polluted Wallkill river, and ensuring that buffers are required and protected, which would also include restoring wetlands and planting native trees, shrubs and grasses along the banks of the river. This law should also include prohibitions against any destruction of these buffers (like taking down trees along the river to provide a better view).

Overall, any efforts to improve the health of the river are welcomed and necessary.

Dave Haldeman

Chairman of the Ulster County Environmental council

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 3:37 PM Phil Erner <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us> wrote:

Dear Environmental Management Council:

Won't you please tell the Legislature your opinion on Proposed Local Law #12 of 2022?

<https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/Proposed%20Local%20Law%20No.%2012%20of%202022%20-%20Rights%20Of%20The%20Residents%20To%20Clean%20Water%2C%20And%20Rights%20Of%20The%20Hudson%20River%20-%20AMENDED%20CLEAN.pdf>

A public hearing is scheduled for the beginning of July legislative session, Tuesday, July 18, at 7 pm:

<https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=uccalendar&op=cal&month=7&year=2023#>

Sincerely,

Phil Erner

Legislator, District 6: City of Kingston wards 3, 5 & 9

Health, Human Services & Housing (HSHS) committee

Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation (PWCPT) committee

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, Legislative Representative

Fw: Proposed local law #12 of 2022 - Restoration and Protection of the Hudson (Mahicannatuck) River

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Tue 7/11/2023 1:19 PM

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From: Roberta C <robertaaclements@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 1:14 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Phil Erner <Phil.Erner@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Proposed local law #12 of 2022 - Restoration and Protection of the Hudson (Mahicannatuck) River

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To Ulster County Legislature,

Thank you for drafting this law. I think it is good. I would like to add a statement indicating that sources of contamination or disruption etc., as described in the draft, that occur outside the boundaries of Ulster county that impact the river inside the boundaries of Ulster county, may be held accountable or liable for such actions and responsible and financially responsible for mitigation of negative impacts caused by such actions. (i.e. if someone dumps something upriver or down river that pollutes Ulster county's river they are held liable to clean it up and for damages)

I'm often thinking of the Wallkill river. I am aware of industry in Orange County that discharges into the walkill and flows down to gardiner where I live and of course onward to new Paltz. Algae blooms , pollutants etc. And of course the proposed discharge from the decommissioned Indian Point nuclear facility into the Hudson. But there is no recourse to the companies that have permits to do what they do.

Additionally, I think we could declare the river to have rights, just like a corporation. What if we make the river a corporation? The idea to give nature rights has been batted around before. I can send you information about that if you're interested. Thank you.

Roberta Clements

Gardiner Environmental Conservation Commission

Fw: Letter to the legislature

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Wed 6/28/2023 2:21 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:08 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Tracey Bartels <Tracey.Bartels@co.ulster.ny.us>

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Fw: Support for Local Law 5

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:09 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Newpaltzpridecoalition@gmail.com <Newpaltzpridecoalition@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Support for Local Law 5

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hey there! I just wanted to make another public comment on behalf of the Village of New Paltz in enthusiastic support of Local Law Number 5. Our Village Board memorialized this support in our Pride resolution last month. Please pass this law, as gender expression is in fact a human right that we must protect. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Alex Wojcik

Village of New Paltz Deputy Mayor

PS supporting all the resolutions regarding housing is another way to support our marginalized communities. Please support the housing resolutions on this agenda as well. Thanks!!

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 4:55 PM Alexandria Wojcik <awojcik@villageofnewpaltz.org> wrote:

Hi!

I just wanted to reach out and reiterate support for local law 5 of 2023, the "drag is not a crime" act.

The Village of New Paltz passed a resolution on 5/24 memorializing our support of this effort too:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Pud1vzOK3jfVu1RltlhLdczpRXoSQyICId-Bf9lPik/edit>

Please share with the legislature. Thanks so much for all your work to support our LGBTQIA+ community!!

Sincerely,

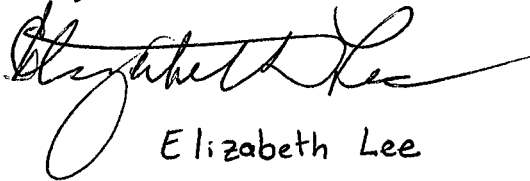
Affordable Housing

Good evening. I am also here to support Resolution 303 establishing a Housing Action Trust Fund.

This Trust Fund will provide affordable housing for young people to live and work in the Hudson Valley. Ulster county economy and taxes will benefit from their presence because they may settle here with families.

As grandparents the fund will give an opportunity to play a role in their children and grandchildren's lives as affordable caregivers.

Thank you.



Elizabeth Lee

Written Public Comment About Hart Voting Machine

7/18/23

Topic: Purchase of the Hart Verity Scan and Verity Touch Writer with Access devices for voting use in Ulster County.

Good evening everyone. My name is Elizabeth Lee, Chair of the Election Reform Committee of Ulster Activists, and I live and vote in New Paltz. I have attended the 3 public demonstrations by the UC BOE of the voting machines being considered for purchase. The Hart Verity Scan and Verity Touch Writer with Access devices have been certified for use by the State Board of Election in December, 2022. The Hart machines are cost effective. The cost for each machine is \$5,000-\$6,000 including a scanner; whereas the ES&S Express XL machines are about \$9,000-\$10,000 for each of their voting machine, the Ballot Marking device, and the scanner. The Hart machine allows for paper ballot voting, the gold standard for voting. The Hart machines are secure and battery operated.

- Even if the ballot is marked incorrectly, i.e. mark outside the circle, check or X mark, the scanner will still accept the vote.
- The scanner will ask the voter if their selections are correct. If yes their vote will be counted. If no the scanner will spit their ballot out and they can request another ballot.
- Even though our electronic pollbooks prevents voters from voting twice, the scanner also does this.
- The Ballot Marking Device can be used not only by the disabilities community but also other voters who wish to use a touch screen for voting.

In conclusion the Hart machines are cost effective, efficient, safe, and secure.

I am requesting that the UC legislature approve the purchase of the Hart voting machines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Elizabeth Lee
Chair of the Election Reform Committee
Ulster Activists**

July 18 2023

Hi, my name is Rachel Gans. I've owned a home in Bloomington for about 25 years.

My father and grandmother both received reparations as survivors of the holocaust in Hungary. My grandparents on both my father and my mother's sides have had huge impacts on my life. I also knew my great grandparents on my mother's mother's side and they impacted my life directly. I am sure that each of you can directly see impacts of your grandparents and great-grandparents on your own lives.

Why I say this is that sometimes when we speak about slavery in this country it is said that it was a long time ago, ancient history, not related to people alive today. That is unequivocally false and we can see that on a very basic level by looking at our own family history and timelines.

It's been very important to take the first step of remembering the history of this country by recognizing Juneteenth locally and then federally. That was a good step, but not close to the end of the work. We, locally and as a nation, need to reckon with the injustices of the past and need to pay reparations to the descendants of enslaved people here. There is a lot to be figured out and it's important to see California taking initial steps toward this. Let's take action here.

We cannot possibly think that just creating a holiday where some people get a paid day off (and many others don't) and have sales and things to buy will really free us from our terrible history in this country and in this very county where the slaveholders fought hard to keep slavery intact.

And we have to look at what is happening now, NYS has been slow to make progress in voting rights which disproportionately impacts people of color, NYS locked up a huge number of people, disproportionately black people, and the racist system also disproportionately denies parole to black incarcerated people. Monica Goods was an 11 year old black girl who was killed when a state police officer did not hold her life as the precious thing it was when he rammed into the car she was in, killing her. In Buffalo a racist murdered 10 people in a supermarket.

Let's imagine a different world and make real changes. Let's start with paying reparations now.

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To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>; exec <exec@co.ulster.ny.us>; Brendan Masterson <bmas@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Jackie Hintz <jackie@catskillmountainrailroad.com>; Fawn Tantillo <ftan@co.ulster.ny.us>; info@catskillmountainrailroad.com <info@catskillmountainrailroad.com>

Subject: extension of CMRR

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Ulster County Legislature and Ms. Metzger,

I am a resident of Red Hook, NY writing to let you know that I believe the Catskill Mountain Railroad is a valuable asset to our community that not only allows community members to enjoy the beauty of our region, but also provides a service that draws tourists to our area as well.

It is my understanding that CMRR is seeking permission to extend its operable track another two miles to MP 10 and build a new Rail and Trail station there which will allow passengers to combine their train ride with a short walk, or bike ride, to access the Ashokan Rail Trail, and give the CMRR a proper destination, and I would like to show my support for this request as I think it will add value to the service that CMRR provides, will make the experience more memorable for visitors, and will draw more people to our area, highlighting the Ashokan Rail Trail, which visitors might otherwise miss.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this message.

Bianca Verrilli

Fw: Thank you for Supporting Freedom Of Choice In Relation To COVID-19 Shots

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Subject: Thank you for Supporting Freedom Of Choice In Relation To COVID-19 Shots

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To: the Ulster County Legislature

I realize many of you were opposed to this resolution. To you I say thank you for your input and professionalism in your discussion.

To those who saw the value in upholding the choice of citizens in this county to make personal medical choices for themselves and their loved ones, I say a heartfelt thank you. I am a registered nurse. I did not get the shot. I was infected with the initial strain of covid. I received monoclonal antibodies and fared very well. I have not had another

incident. I did not receive the vaccine due it's lack of in-depth study of which we see the ill effects now, some very serious, and are finally being reported.

I am not anti-vax. I attended nursing school when iron lungs were still in use for polio patients. I know the benefits of some vaccines. Unfortunately, we were presented and coerced with an experimental injectable in the midst of a pandemic and fear was the main tool to dispense it regardless of a person's susceptibility, while treatments which showed some value were denied a place to be useful. I hope we have learned from this event, and it never happens again. I worked in infectious disease for 20 years. We knew better than this. So disheartening we didn't do better.

Our health care system was under tremendous strain at the time. Health care workers may have been grateful for the shot but that was then and not now. We are way past that. Thank you for rightly assessing the present conditions. I hope you will advocate for reasonable treatments going forward, if they are needed for any illness and continue to uphold our right to choose good medical care for ourselves.

Thank you,
Barb Yusko
Woodstock, NY

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From: Alexandria Wojcik <awojcik@villageofnewpaltz.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 4:55 PM
To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Support for Local Law 5

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi!

I just wanted to reach out and reiterate support for local law 5 of 2023, the "drag is not a crime" act.

The Village of New Paltz passed a resolution on 5/24 memorializing our support of this effort too:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Pud1vzOK3jfVu1RltlhLdczpRXoSQyICId-Bf9IPik/edit>

Please share with the legislature. Thanks so much for all your work to support our LGBTQIA+ community!!

Sincerely,
Alex Wojcik

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VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution #29 of 2023

The following was presented by Deputy Mayor Wojcik; Sec'd by Trustee Weisburd ; Date of Adoption 5-24-2023

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Rogers	X			
Deputy Mayor Wojcik	X			
Trustee Weisburd	X			
Trustee Wheeler-Murray	X			
Trustee Zipp	X			
Totals	5			

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMORIALIZING JUNE 2023 AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, in June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBTQIA+ Americans were commonly subjected, marking the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQIA+ Americans; and that LGBTQIA+ people continue to suffer discrimination, hostility and exclusion at almost every level of society, including in areas of housing, education, employment, healthcare, family law, immigration and marriage equality; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month has been celebrated each year since in the month of June to honor the commitment of the LGBTQIA+ pioneers who fought for civil rights in the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, a critical tipping point historically for the LGBTQIA+ community in the United States; and during this month we celebrate the progress we have made in creating a community more inclusive and accepting of LGBTQIA+ people; and,

WHEREAS, throughout much of the history of the United States, same-sex relationships were criminalized in many states and many LGBTQIA+ people in the United States were forced to hide their LGBTQ+ identities while living in secrecy and fear; and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges, 135 S. Ct. 2584, that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and acknowledged that “[n]o union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family;” and,



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WHEREAS, the Village of New Paltz made history in Peace Park on February 27, 2004, as the location of the first same-sex marriages in the country (outside of San Francisco) under former Mayor Jason West who was subsequently arrested, whose efforts led to widespread national public attention resulting in greater acceptance and enacted laws granting same sex marriages; and,

WHEREAS, New Paltz has been hosting the annual Hudson Valley Pride March & Festival in June for going on two decades; and in continuation of this tradition the Village of New Paltz has served as a leader in the growing Hudson Valley Pride Coalition which has planned the march and festival held in our community last year and this year on Sunday June 4; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States face disparities in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and many other areas central to the pursuit of happiness in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, many states have no explicit ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, housing, or public accommodations, and many states have no explicit ban on discrimination against LGBTQIA+ individuals in education; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people, LGBTQIA+ youth especially, are at increased risk of suicide, homelessness, and being the targets of bullying and violence; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community has faced discrimination, inequality, and violence throughout the history of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States, in particular transgender individuals, face a disproportionately high risk of becoming victims of violent hate crime and higher likelihood of being homicide victims; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (division E of Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2835) into law to protect all people in the United States from crimes motivated by the actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual; and,

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions to the United States in various expressions of Pride; and,

WHEREAS, the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the United States continues to expand every day and LGBTQIA+ people and their allies in the United States remain determined to pursue equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and,



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees declares June 2023 LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and memorializes it as such in this resolution, as a symbol that we stand as allies in an intersectional LGBTQIA+ movement that continues to struggle with ongoing issues of racial and economic justice, and challenges to civil and human rights; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees stands committed and united to help break down the walls of fear and prejudice, and will work to build a bridge to understanding and acceptance until all LGBTQIA+ peoples are afforded the same rights and responsibilities as all Americans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees hereby calls upon residents, employers, public officials, and all community members to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and does further encourage all to observe the month of June with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity and recognize LGBTQ+ Americans whose many and varied contributions have enriched our lives; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees commends the Ulster County Legislature for introducing the Drag is Not a Crime Act which would expand the existing Human Rights Law to include gender expression as a protected category from discrimination; and

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Congressman Pat Ryan, Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator Michelle Hinchey, State Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, County Executive Jen Metzger, City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Ulster County Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Legislator Trici Bowen, and Ulster County Legislator Megan Sperry.

The Resolution was thereupon adopted.

Nicole MacLean, Deputy Clerk of the
Village of New Paltz

May 24, 2023

Date

Fw:

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Tue 6/13/2023 11:23 AM

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From: Dawn Naccarato <dawnshealthyfitness@gmail.com>

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Please put a ban on the use of and sale of fireworks during this season unless it has trained and authorized personal and fire department on site. Our county is too dry besides the other obvious obnoxious use of fireworks by the untrained that do it all hours of the night. The sale of fireworks should not be to the extent that it is or has been in the past. It's time to prohibit those companies coming in and selling on the side of the road. These dangerous fireworks.

Tax payer, voter and concerned citizen!

Dawn Naccarato

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