

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:18 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Minority Leader Ronk.

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: 23 Absent: 0

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Jonathan Heppner, February 2nd
Legislator Lynn Archer, February 22nd
Deputy Clerk Jay Mahler, February 23rd

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

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

UC Republican Legislature

Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk
Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Legislator Mary Beth Maio
Legislator John Gavaris
Comptroller, March Gallagher

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Appointment Tracey A. Bartels,
Legislative Vice Chairwoman
2020 Standing Committee Appointments
Appointment UCELB, Leg. John Parete
Press Release, NYS Certified Ag District
Stewart Airport Commission
Representative
Certification/Designation Minority
Leader for 2020, Kenneth J. Ronk Jr.
Designation of Southern Ulster Times as
Official Publication for 2020 Election
Notices Designation of Shawangunk
Journal as Official Publication for 2020
Local Laws, Notices
Appointment UC Human Rights Comm.
Letter, Clean Water Infrastructure Act
Funding SFY2020-21 Budget
Press Release, Climate Action, Zero
Waste
Letter, Revisit Bail & Discovery Reform
HGTV Ellenville Community Makeover
Order of Succession, UC Comptroller,
Evan R. Gallo
Press Release, Transparency First
St. Patrick's Parade, Kingston 3/15/20
1PM

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Personnel Department

Barbara Hill

Town of Gardiner

State of New York, Department of State

New York State Association of Counties

NACo

Catholic Charities Community Services

Charles Landi

Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc.

New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR)

Drescher & Malecki LLP

Burton Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance

EFPR Group LLP, Certified Public Accountants

UC Office For The Aging

LeRoy Hogan Jr.

Gregory A. Hill

Concerned Citizens, Braymer Law, PLLC

Barbara Stemke

Town of Ulster Supervisor James Quigley

The Brand Family

Catskill Forest Association, Inc.

Aaron Ross

Catholic Charities

Civil Service Exam Canceled #60189

Civil Service Exam Announcements

Resignation from Ulster County
Community Services Board

Proposed Local Law: A Law To Amend
Chapter 220 And Chapter 200 Of The
Town Code Regulating Certain Tourism
Relate Accommodation Uses

Filing of UC Local Laws 8 & 9 of 2019

Filing of UC Local Law No. 1 of 2020

The County Perspective: NYSAC
Partners with School Bus Camera
Company to Improve Safety for School
Children

Advocacy Day, 2/12/2020 SFY 21
Budget

NYSAC News: Winter 2020 Issue

2020 Legislative Conference 2/29-3/4/20

Opiate Addiction Peer Support Services

UCRRA Board Re-appointment request

Bouquets of Anemones for Mental Health
Reception for Member Subscribers'
Invitation

Independent Accountants' Report On
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

List of Properties Eligible for Foreclosure

UCCC Independent Auditors' Report
August 31, 2019 and 2018

The Buzz, January 2020

Email, 2020-21 Exec. Budget Proposal

Email, NYS Bridge Authority-Thruway
Merger

Email, HV Bridge Toll Increase/Merger

(5) Email, 850 Route 28 LLC Project

Email, Support Fiber Optics/Oppose 5G

Email, New Officers Elected UC
Supervisors & Mayors Association

Thank You Note

2020 CFA Programs & Services

Email, Raise The Age To 25 Tobacco

14th Anniversary Celebration 3/19/20

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Trails Advisory Committee	Sign In Sheet, 1/27/2020
County News	January 20, 2020, February 3, 2020
Central Hudson	Flyer January 2020
Cornell Local Roads Program NY LTAP Center	Spring 2020 Workshops Brochure and Registration Form
UC Safety Office	DOSH 900 & 900.1 File Copy, Calendar Yr. 2019
UC Eating Disorder Coalition	Meeting Minutes 1/3/20 & Agenda 2/4/20
Town of Shandaken, Clerk Joyce Grant	Resolution #52-20 Cellular Service
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting, MASA 3/1/20 12 Noon
UC Department of Finance	Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund UC 2019
UC Attorney's Office	County Litigation, January 2020
NYS Department of Health	NYS County Opioid Quarterly Report

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Agenda & minutes from Nov 20, 2019 Ulster County Corporate Compliance Committee
Appointments to Electrical Licensing Board
Appointments to Board of Health
Reappointment to Fish & Wildlife Management Board
Reappointments to Ulster County Office for the Aging Advisory Council
Designating Arson Coordinator/Task force Board Chair to the Ulster County Arson Task Force Board
Press Release, UC Complete Count Kick-Off
Press Release, State of County Address 1/30/20
Appointments UC Youth Board
Press Release, UC 2020 Census Awareness
Press Release, Zero Tolerance For Discrimination
Budgetary Transfer List, January 2020
Reappointments to the UC Environmental Mgmt. Council (EMC)
Appointment to the Board of Ethics
Press Release, Village New Paltz Water Safety
Press Release, Coronavirus Statement D. Health
Press Release, Public Defender Resignation

ANNUAL REPORTS:

DATE:

UC Board Of Elections

2019 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,
Planning & Transit
Energy & Environment
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services
Public Health and Social Services
Public Works and Capital Projects
Ways and Means

December 3, 2019
December 5, 2019
December 9, 2019
December 16, 2019
December 9, 2019
December 5, 2019
December 4, 2019
November 20, 2019
November 25, 2019
December 10, 2019
December 18, 2019

Hon. David B. Donaldson – Chairman’s Address

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were (16) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. John Adams, Wawarsing: Mr. Adams spoke in support of Colony Farm, located in Wawarsing being sold to Ulster County and operated by others creating a 1,000 acre farmland preserve. (see attached)
2. Andy Bicking, Esopus: Mr. Bicking, representing Scenic Hudson, opposes the Danskammer plant, noting it’s not needed and their application is incomplete - hoping for a quick resolution.
3. James Halloran, Marbletown: Mr. Halloran opposes having a new Marbletown park built near wetlands near SUNY Ulster.

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4. Charles Landi: Mr. Landi asked for legislative support for his reappointment to the UCRRA board.
5. Jim Gordon, New Paltz: Mr. Gordon, with Extinction Rebellion, opposes all fossil fuel infrastructure / production.
6. Janet Apuzzo, Wallkill: Ms. Apuzzo opposes the Danskammer plant expressing we live in a climate emergency and need to act now.
7. Eli Kassiner, Gardiner: Mr. Kassiner opposes the Danskammer plant noting drastic measures need to be taken now to save the earth - asking that a resolution be passed declaring a climate crisis.
8. Amanda Sisenstein, Kingston: Ms. Sisenstein expressed we have a national housing crisis. Ms. Sisenstein also opposes the Danskammer plant.
9. Christopher Iversen, Kingston: Mr. Iversen a farmer in Ulster County opposes the Danskammer plant and Cricket Valley.
10. Mark Sanchez-Potter: Mr. Sanchez-Potter spoke on behalf of Orange County Legislator, Kevindaryan Lujan, District 4 – Newburgh, opposing the Danskammer plant and asking for Ulster County support.
11. Allan Goldhammer, Esopus: Mr. Goldhammer asked to help save the world from extinction.
12. Kiera Conroy, Woodbury: Mr. Conroy, a lay minister, opposes the Danskammer plant and fracking, and asked to honor the treaties set by our Esopus ancestors.
13. Holly Shader, Gardiner: Ms. Shader spoke on behalf of Jess Mullen with the Climate Action Coalition, of New Paltz opposes the Danskammer plant and supports clean and sustainable energy.
14. Mike MacIsacc, Saugerties: Mr. MacIsacc would like to have internet - fiber optic cable brought to homes in Saugerties. Mr. MacIsacc asked the county to help support and nurture this opportunity. Saugertiesbroadband.net
15. Anne Ames, Kingston: Ms. Ames choice not to speak when called upon.
16. Clare Flemming, Marbletown: Ms. Flemming opposes having a new Marbletown park built near wetlands near SUNY Ulster.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

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RESOLUTION NOS: 10 – 60, 62 – 64, 66 - 83; 7, 9, 59, 60, 65 – POSTPONED; 8 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 61 – WITHDRAWN

Resolution No. 7- Adopting The Ulster County Code Of Conduct
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 8 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Located In Ulster County With Six Or More Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 10, 2020 At 6:00 PM
NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 9 - Establishing A Special Committee To Define Ulster County Housing Needs
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 59 - Establishing Capital Project No. 564 – Purchase And Implementation Of A Real Property Tax Collection & Delinquency Enforcement System – Department Of Finance
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 60 - Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of A Real Property Tax Collection And Delinquency Enforcement Software System, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$575,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$575,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 61 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. – Department Of Probation
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

Resolution No. 65 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 18, 27, 42, 46 and 81 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda, and move Resolution No. 39 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

- 11 Appointing Chairman David B. Donaldson As The Ulster County Legislature's Member To Serve On The County Jury Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 12 Commencing The Process to Extend The Additional Sales Tax Rate Of One Percent As Previously Authorized By Chapter 200 Of The Laws Of 2002 For An Additional Period Of At Least Twenty-Four Months**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 17 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 18 Confirming Appointment Of Tyrone E. Wilson As Ulster County Commissioner Of Human Rights**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 19 Confirming Appointment Of Lisa M. Berger As Director Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 20 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept One-Time Only Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) For Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment Services (MAT) – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 21 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 22 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Minimum Wage And Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustment– Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 23 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 24 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 25 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Health To Sign Annual Renewal Provider Agreement And Profile With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Adult (VFA) Program – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 26 Authorizing The Commissioner of Health To Sign An Annual Renewal Provider Agreement And Profile With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 27 Approving The Execution Of A Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) Related To Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project – Amending Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project For Jacob Hardenbergh Hall – Amending The Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 29 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Apply For Grant Funding To The New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets To Develop An Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan For Ulster County – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 30 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Request That The New York State Department Of Transportation Release Jurisdiction Over Unused Highway Lands Along Route 9W (Ulster Avenue) In The Town Of Ulster, At And Adjoining 1905 Ulster Avenue – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 31 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Public Defender**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 32 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Project GIVE – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 33 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2019-20 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 34 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services, Office Of Interoperable And Emergency Communications, For The 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) – Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 35 Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 37 Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Construction Of A Public Safety Radio Tower And Appurtenances To Be Located At 35 Quarry Road, Saugerties, New York – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 38 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 The Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) – District Attorney**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 39 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney**

MOVED TO NON-CONSENT

- 40 Amending Capital Project No. 519 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Energy Upgrades – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

- 42 Establishing Capital Project No. 556 Relocation Of Various Departments – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 44 Establishing Capital Project No. 558 – Card Readers For Substations – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 46 Establishing Capital Project No. 559 – Bridge Flag Response – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 48 Amending The 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 560 – DPW Large Culvert Inspections – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 50 Establishing Capital Project No. 561 – 2020 DPW Bridge Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 52 Amending The 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 562 – Various Embankment Repairs – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 54 Establishing Capital Project No. 563 – Pavement Preservation Of Various Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 56 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Marlborough Solar, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Corcoran)

- 57 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Sell Real Property Acquired By Court Order Pursuant To Article 11 Of The Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 58 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Agreements With The Villages Of Ellenville, New Paltz, And Saugerties Relating To The Enforcement Of Real Property Tax Liens Under Article 11, Sections 1102, 1110 And 1150 Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Petit)

- 62 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 63 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 64 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Spacesaver Systems, Inc. D/B/A Infolinx System Solutions – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 66 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 67 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 68 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Southeast Plumbing Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

- 69 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 70 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 71 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Callanan Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 72 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 73 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 74 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 75 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 76 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 77 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 78 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – L.W. Tree Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 79 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering, L.L.P. – Department Of Environment**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 80 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 81 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MorphoTrust USA, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 82 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 83 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Pitney Bowes – Department Of Purchasing**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

- 10 Reaffirming That The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) ~~Requires~~ Has The Authority To Require Prevailing Wage And Local Labor Provisions As Requirements For Securing IDA Assistance**

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit, to amend the Resolution title, strike the existing Resolved clauses, and add a new Resolved clause as indicated.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

13 Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy and Environment Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 12
(Ayes: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Delaune, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner, Petit, Uchitelle, and Walter)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

14 Confirming Appointment To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy and Environment Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 12
(Ayes: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Delaune, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner, Petit, Uchitelle, and Walter)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

15 Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board

Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Greene, to amend the Resolution by inserting the name of Kenneth Ronk into the TBD slot.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

16 Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to amend the Resolution by replacing the name of Craig Lopez with Laura Petit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

18 Confirming Appointment Of Tyrone E. Wilson As Ulster County Commissioner Of Human Rights

MOVED TO CONSENT

27 Approving The Execution Of A Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) Related To Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project – Amending Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project For Jacob Hardenbergh Hall – Amending The Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 28 BOND Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$150,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Replacement Of Windows At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 36 BOND Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$563,271.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 39 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney**

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to strike the last Resolved.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 41 BOND Authorizing Installation Of Natural Gas Piping To The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$108,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$108,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

- 42 Establishing Capital Project No. 556 Relocation Of Various Departments – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 43 Authorizing Improvements To County-Owned Office Building Space For
BOND Departmental Relocations, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York,
 At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$165,000.00, And Authorizing The
 Issuance Of \$165,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 45 Authorizing Purchase And Installation Of Card Readers At Substations,
BOND For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of
 \$44,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$44,000.00 Bonds Of Said
 County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 46 Establishing Capital Project No. 559 – Bridge Flag Response –
 Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 47 Authorizing Emergency Improvements To Various Bridges, Throughout
BOND And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum
 Estimated Cost Of \$100,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of
 \$100,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 49 BOND Authorizing Preliminary Planning For Future Capital Improvements (Culvert Inspections), In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$48,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$48,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 51 BOND Authorizing The Replacement Of The Floyd Ackert Bridge Superstructure, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$175,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$175,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 53 BOND Authorizing Slope Stabilization On Various County Roads In The Town Of Hardenburgh, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$153,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$153,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 55 BOND Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$650,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$650,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 59 Establishing Capital Project No. 564 – Purchase And Implementation Of A Real Property Tax Collection & Delinquency Enforcement System – Department Of Finance**

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

- 60 BOND Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of A Real Property Tax Collection And Delinquency Enforcement Software System, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$575,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$575,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

- 81 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MorphoTrust USA, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

MOVED TO CONSENT

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Tracey Bartels.

Joseph P. Roberti, Sr., Saugerties, NY
Theresa M. Cuff, Rosendale, NY
Steven F. Ross, Kingston, NY
Albert Covello, Shokan, NY
Loretta A. Doolittle, Copley, OH
Jeffrey P. Hoppenstedt, Plattekill, NY
June L. Davidson, Sarasota, FL
Joseph M. Beitzl, Cottekill, NY
Joan M. White, Lake Katrine, NY
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George T. Oswald, Saugerties, NY
Cathy Smith, Ellenville, NY
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Ronald A. Costello, Ruby, NY
Michael Kruglinski, Gardiner, NY
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Charles E. Parkes, Elkton, FL
Bradley Manor, Kingston, NY
Marie G. Alio, Tillson, NY
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Mary Ellen Plant, Saugerties, NY
Christa Kohler, Saugerties, NY
Peter U. Nieffer, Saugerties, NY
Christine E. Schrader, Kingston, NY
Joseph R. McGrane Sr., Kingston, NY

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.
All in favor.

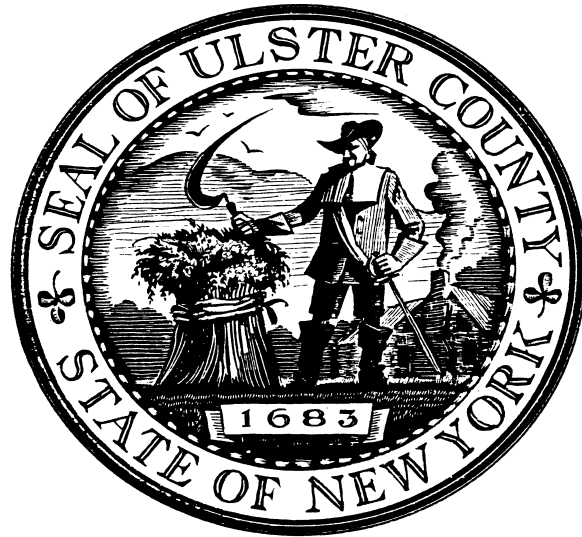
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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Friday, February 21, 2020 at 12 Noon.



DAVID B. DONALDSON
CHAIRMAN
ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

In Ireland, the County you're from is the most important geographic identifying mark of who you are. From County Donegal to County Cork each has its Hurling Team and each citizen knows their team members.

I am from County Ulster and proud to have Ulster County, New York to be one of my most important identifying marks and we need to work towards others to think the same.

TEAM ULSTER COUNTY

As we begin this new Legislative Session, let's embrace an atmosphere of team Ulster County among our caucuses and with all elected officials. Collectively, with our combined intelligence and experience, we have a far better chance of creating a better Ulster County, than any one of us would individually. We will have differences in opinion and approach, but we must listen to each other and be willing to change our position when presented with new information and ideas. We must let go of the small differences for the greater good.

We have a unique opportunity before us that I have not seen prior. We have a new Comptroller that understands the need to be our partner and to help us with our fiduciary responsibilities, we have a new Executive, we have a set of new Legislators with skills that are impressive by any standard, and we have the wealth of knowledge and experience of our returning members that can make this session of the Legislature a truly exciting time for us and our County.

It wasn't long ago that my friend John Parete stood before this body and used a tailor's tape as an analogy of our life line, acknowledging that his tape isn't as long as it used to be. I can use that same analogy for myself. I have little time for the politics, petty bickering, personal agendas and highlighting our differences. I can't afford it, we can't afford it, Ulster County can't afford it. We have too many issues we must address for the good of our constituents and our future.

HOUSING

We are facing a housing crisis that stretches across many demographics; lower income, working middle class, seniors, and empty nesters looking to downsize. We have had out-of-area corporations buying up apartment complexes only to increase rents as much as 50% because the market will bear it. They have no ties to our communities and have little empathy for what their greed brings.

This beautiful place, where the Hudson River meets the Catskills, loses its attractiveness when housing needs can't be met at an affordable price. It makes it difficult to attract development, create jobs, and provide our children and grandchildren the chance to raise their families here.

Our Economic Development Committee will be addressing this issue over the next several months keep in mind:

1. The culture of the towns need to be changed to embrace affordable and workforce housing. Let's look into if we can establish incentives without stepping on local rule.
2. We should examine the use of a Land Bank for pulling out tax sale properties where added housing may be an option. We may offer tax sale properties to organizations like Youth Build or Habitat for

Humanity to create more workforce homeownership. Each rehabilitated a home within a block of my home. The homes were sold without down payment with the help of a local bank to local blue collar working mothers that demonstrated their ability to pay the mortgage. Both properties have been well kept and enhanced by the proud owners over the past several years.

3. We need to rethink the IDA's charge and policies to give them an ability to help increase the housing stock and bring more livable wages to Ulster County while keeping in mind that pilots or other incentives must not be welfare to the wealthy, but function to truly address our needs.

4. Although we all know there is a housing problem, first we need concise information to understand the true nature of this crisis so we can create policies and incentives that increase our housing stock.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

The Criminal Justice Reform Task Force has been created and will begin its work to help us explore policies and procedures. The task force of Legislators, the DA, Public Defender, Sheriff, and other stake holders will address implementing bail reform laws, the shrinking use of our jail, pretrial services, including help with court appearance, and how we may create restorative justice policies and programs to reinvent our criminal justice model.

If closing a pod at the Jail becomes a reality we must intelligently repurpose the space to ensure flexibility, and availability to surrounding counties should they decide they would be better off boarding inmates in our facility. If staff reduction is called for it must be done through attrition and incentives

OPIOIDS

Almost six years ago, John Parete created a task force to study the depth of the opioid crisis and to recommend actions we could take. As a result, we understand the problem in a more comprehensive way. NARCAN kits were put in every emergency responder's tool box and kits are placed in all county owned building. Despite the fact that I and other members of this body have been trained to administer a dose to save a life, I am confident saying that most members of this body continue to be affected by the suffering or loss of a friend or family member from opioids.

The County Executive has made it a priority to reduce overdose deaths by one half. To lend to that goal our Legislative Programs Committee helped SUNY Ulster create a new opioid educational poster program in our high school art classes with the winning poster to be tagged on one of our UCAT busses. The involvement of these young adult artists in this creative awareness program without expanding on an overburdened curriculum in High Schools is a win we need to duplicate wherever possible.

Solid Waste

Last year the Legislature voted unanimously to establish a Solid Waste Planning Commission, the first of its kind. The commission that included membership representing the Legislature and the UCRRRA worked to review and create a draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan will soon be in the hands of the NYSDEC and then back for legislative approval. A commitment to implement the plan to invest in our sustainable future will require political courage and financial capital.

We have made great strides at expanding efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle, but our practice of shipping the remaining waste to the present site will run its course within the next five years. The issue is quickly moving towards a crisis and we need a solution by the end of this term. This may be our most difficult task this Legislative Session.

Legislative Organization & Budgets

This past year the Ways & Means Committee has been working on the creation of a financial team by developing relevant reports and conducting in-depth analyses to better control the costs of county government. In the coming months, we will work with the Executive and Comptroller to move to a more data driven decision-making process including performance based requirements. We owe our constituents a transparent and tax-payer friendly spending plan that requires mission statements, service delivery goals, objectives, and performance measures at the program level.

This year we will continue to upgrade our Ethics Law to create a more inclusive appointment process that will in turn create more trust in that board. Rather than making it a territorial issue, the new Executive has embraced the need for change. The Laws & Rules Committee will soon complete this as well as review, evaluate, and improve on a Code of Conduct for the Legislature. Our Code may be similar to those of other organizations but there is a unique challenge when understanding and recognizing the nature and power of elective office. Regardless, we must be held to a higher standard for our conduct both in the Legislature and within our communities.

Last year we ran out of time addressing the reduction of the Legislature to 21 members. This is a common-sense size that doesn't change the workings or nature of the body, but empowers it within the model of checks and balances. Let us move this forward for implementation with the new census data so it can be completed with the next redistricting.

COUNTY ULSTER

We are from County Ulster and the only way we will be able to solve our many problems and build on our many successes is to work as a team and to trust that each of us has the County's best interest at heart.

I know that you all join me in the pride and privilege of having Ulster County, New York being one of your most important identifying marks.

For 20 years I've made the 50 mile round trip to Kingston to champion the cause of creating a 1000 acre farmland preserve in Wawarsing. The preserve is called the Catskill-Shawangunk Greenway, and half of it would consist of the defunct prison farm (Colony Farm). A European style Ulster County AgPark, would produce food, and have a farm to table restaurant, trails and farm tours.

The whole point of AgParks is that they are parks maintained by farmers, so that taxpayers don't have to pay for their maintenance. Here is the way forward that I have been proposing since last June based on the recommendation of the Colony Farm Agritourism Feasibility Study, that it remain public property.

1) Colony Farm should be surplussed by the Corrections Dept. (DOCCS) and transferred to Ulster County for a nominal fee, possibly \$1, with the help of NYS Office of General Services. Like the Ulster County Fairgrounds, it would be owned by the county but operated by others.

2) NYS Office of General services has offered to help write legislation to allow agritourism on the municipal property. The legislation could be offered by Senator Metzger, who supports the project.

3) The value of the property can be used as matching money for a NYS Parks Development Grant, as suggested by their grants administrator. "Parks" supports the project.

4) A Request For Proposals would be offered to farmers to create enterprises at Colony Farm for agritourism, and recreational tourism.

We already know farmers who want to bring their operations to Colony Farm. The Town and DEC have created the Catskill-Shawangunk Greenway Corridor Critical Environmental Area. The Town created an Agriculture Zone there that allows farm restaurants. The Town and NYS Open Space Plans call for agritourism there. The 1970 Ulster County Open Space Plan called for ^Acounty park in Wawarsing. We've prepared for what to do and know how to do it. Ulster County can transform our hopeless prison town into a "recreational gateway community", but we must act before it is too late.

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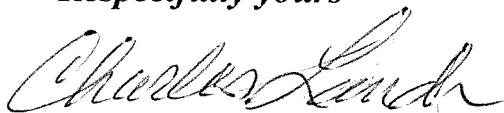
DEAR CHAIRMAN DONALDSON: RE: UCRRA BOARD APPOINTMENT

Most recently (1/16/20) the UCRRA has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States & Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Having served as a UCRRA Board Member/Treasurer 8 years since 2012 I am respectfully requesting your support for my re-appointment so that I can continue working with the management team that made this all happen. Thanking you in advance I remain;

Respectfully yours



**Charles Landi
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(Chicago, Illinois)—The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency** by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 20,500 members and the communities they serve.

PRESS RELEASE

Fred Wadnola, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, has been notified that the Agency has been awarded “The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting”. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government agency and its management. The award is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year 2018.

The award recognizes the outstanding effort and hard work of the Agency’s Controller Timothy DeGraff, C.P.A. and his staff who generate the financial reports for the Agency. Mr. DeGraff was also presented with an “Award of Financial Reporting Achievement” for his efforts in earning the award for the Agency.

The comprehensive annual financial report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the comprehensive annual financial report.

Executive Director Timothy Rose, P.E., states “The Agency’s Controller Timothy DeGraff and his staff have done an outstanding job in ensuring that the Agency’s governmental accounting and financial reporting practices not only meet acceptable standards, but far exceed them. It’s prodigious to see the staff and Agency receive such recognition.”

Clare Flemming, February 18, 2020

Some leaders of Marbletown wish to pave the forests on a parcel of 52 acres near, but not contiguous with, SUNY Ulster in order to install ballfields, concessions, bathrooms, parking and all that comes with local stadiums.

Marbletown's own Environmental Conservation Commission stated its concerns about this fragile parcel in 2017 when it wrote

QUOTE environmental impacts, such as wetlands degradation, degradation of wildlife habitat ... water runoff, and soil impacts.

QUOTE The site itself includes a thriving wetlands and the nearby area is habitat for apex predators

such as barred owls, black bear, coyote, and fishers, the presence of which is evidence of a particularly rich eco-system.

QUOTE the ... site contains economic value for its natural beauty, wetlands, and habitat, indeed it is our County's great natural beauty that generates a robust tourism economy for us. END QUOTE

Why trade this fragile-yet-thriving natural ecosystem for pavement, sewage, garbage, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, lights, crackling speakers, crowds, and traffic ... when Marbletown already has a beloved town park on Tongore Road, replete acreage, ballfields, parking, and a pavilion?

May I point to Dietz Stadium here in Kingston on a game night if anyone ponders the impacts of a ballfield to the local region?

Submit

**Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission Public Statement of Concern
Regarding the Proposed Fire Training Station in Cottekill
May 1, 2017**

We, the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC), appreciate the heroic life-saving contributions of Ulster County's firefighters and the need for fire training. We thank all firefighters for their indispensable public service. We are also deeply concerned about the choice of a site for the proposed fire training center on Cottekill Road in Stone Ridge. In particular:

- The potential human health impact, such as the effects of smoke and particulate matter on those with respiratory illnesses
- Environmental impacts, such as wetlands degradation, degradation of wildlife habitat, air quality impacts, water runoff, and soil impacts
- Quality of life impacts such as smoke, noise pollution, light pollution, heavy truck traffic, and idling vehicles, all of which are likely to occur on nights and weekends because training sessions for volunteer firefighters cannot be scheduled during business hours.

The site is in a residential area, close to dozens of homes. The site itself includes a thriving wetlands and the nearby area is habitat for apex predators such as barred owls, black bear, coyotes, and fishers, the presence of which is evidence of a particularly rich eco-system. The proposed site contains economic value for its natural beauty, wetlands, and habitat; indeed, it is our County's great natural beauty that generates a robust tourism economy for us.

To quote an article from *Fire Rescue Magazine*: "Be very cautious about selecting a site next to residential areas.... I've witnessed air inversions and winds that keep smoke at ground level for a half-mile from the burn. It's best to find a location where there's a buffer between the site and a neighborhood. Better yet, find an area that's nowhere near a neighborhood... Think about your training facility like it's a manufacturing facility capable of creating pollution. Why? You have heavy trucks and numerous cars entering your facilities, and these vehicles require parking areas. You have water runoff that may need to be captured, and you produce airborne particles. With this in mind, consider these possible neighbors: rail yards, sewage treatment plants, industrial areas, warehouses and used gravel-producing areas.... My experience has shown that facilities near rail lines, green spaces, sewage plants or warehouses operate without constraints. But put a few single-family homes or a major roadway within view, and the compromises and restrictions begin to take hold."

<http://www.firerescuemagazine.com/articles/print/volume-3/issue-12/training-0/design-a-great-training-facility.html>

In order to satisfy our concerns, the Marbletown ECC recommends that:

- 1) The most rigorous, complete, and independent environmental study be carried out before any decision is made to site a fire center in Cottekill or in any residential neighborhood in the County; selection of an impartial entity to carry out the study is crucial.
- 2) Alternative sites for this project be sought, with a preference for industrial sites without nearby residents.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission

Tom Konrad Ph.D,CFA[®], Chair

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