

Ways & Means Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 10, 2019 – 4:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder & Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Richard Gerentine, David B. Donaldson, Mary
Beth Maio Joseph Maloney, Laura Petit, and Kenneth J.
Ronk, Jr.
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Kathy Nolan; Legislative Counsel, David Gordon;
Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider; Deputy County
Executive, John Milgrim; County Clerk, Nina Postupack;
Personnel Officer, Sheree Cross; Director of Purchasing, Ed
Jordan; Director of Planning, Dennis Doyle; Deputy
Comptroller, Evan Gallo; Juan Figueroa, Sheriff; Mario
Tagliafierro, Sheriff; Eric Benjamin, Sheriff; Steven Kelley,
Ellenville Regional Hospital; Lisa Berger, Director of
Employment & Training; John Adams, Resident; Dave
Thompson, League of Women Voters

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM**

County Clerk, Nina Postupack spoke from 4:34 PM to 4:51 PM providing an overview of the County Clerk's budget, including the volume of what the offices do, the monies they collect, and changes to personnel lines, answering any Committee questions.

Personnel Officer, Sheree Cross spoke from 4:52 PM to 5:15 PM providing a line item review of Personnel staffing and appropriations, including a description of the duties proposed for the newly added Chief Diversity Officer, and an overview of Health Insurance, answering any Committee questions.

Director of Purchasing, Ed Jordan spoke from 5:15 PM to 5:28 PM providing a description of the department, an overview of the volume of transactions they complete, and a line item review of revenues and appropriations, answering any Committee questions.

Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 427 – Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc. For The Years 2018 And 2019

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc., in accordance with the executed Memorandum of Agreement, and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to amend the 2019 Ulster County Budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislator Ronk acknowledged the hard work of both parties involved on the completion of the MOU.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 374 – Establishing A Policy To Prohibit Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials And Board Of Elections Staff From Holding Any Elective Public Office Of Any City, Town or Village Within Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a policy to prohibit appointees of Ulster County Elected Officials and Board of Elections Staff from holding any elective public office within Ulster County.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Ronk
Voting Against: Legislators Archer and Petit
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 407 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2019, A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform in Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 12, 2019 At 6:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2019, regarding Campaign Finance Reform, to be held on Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:10 PM.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 408 – Confirming The Appointment Of Susan C. Koppenhaver As Director Of The Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Susan C. Koppenhaver as Director of The Office For The Aging.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Committee members inquired as to whether Ms. Koppenhaver has moved into to Ulster County and if she has begun the position.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 412 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County for local flood hazard mitigation and response for the Ashokan watershed Stream Management Program from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$648,870.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:	None
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 413 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock for the provision of emergency residential and related respite services to runaway and homeless youth from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$106,365.00.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Donaldson

Discussion:	None
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 414 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Woods Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Wood Services, Inc. for foster care services from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$350,000.00.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Gerentine

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 417 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rupco, Inc for administration of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Homeownership Program from November 1, 2019 through June 27, 2021 in the amount of \$590,000.00 (100% Federal funds).

Motion Made By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Ronk

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes Abstained:	Legislator Gerentine
No. of Votes in Favor:	6
No. of Votes Against:	0
No. of Votes Abstained:	1
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 418 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to update the types and numbers of software licenses purchased and maintained as part of the Public Safety Enterprise software package and to extend the term of agreement from July 31, 2019 through July 31, 2020 for an additional \$24,120.00, making the contract total \$2,287,847.00.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes Abstained:	Legislator Gerentine
No. of Votes in Favor:	6
No. of Votes Against:	0
No. of Votes Abstained:	1
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 419 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – AssetWorks LLC – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with AssetWorks, LLC to extend the term of an agreement for AVL fleet software maintenance and support from November 30, 2019 through November 30, 2020 for an additional \$21,794.92, making the contract total \$429,684.44.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Ronk

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 10: To discuss Resolution No. 420 – Approving The Reallocation Of Funds Within The Ellenville Million Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the addition of “Health Care Sector Capital Assistance” to the original descriptions and allocations for the Ellenville Million Program.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio

Discussion:	Legislator Maloney requested the Resolution be referred to the Economic Development Committee again for the purpose of hearing from the involved Organizations in Ellenville. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider emphasized that the purpose of the Resolution is to add the “Health Care Sector Capital Assistance” category. Committee members discussed the impact of the
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Resolution. Director of Employment & Training, Lisa Berger, provided a background of issue(s) surrounding the Resolution and the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance's (UCEDA) board's decisions. Committee members discussed the impact of the Ellenville Hospital on the community and the Legislature's role with the Ellenville Million funding moving forward.

Motion No. 11: To amend Resolution No. 420 – Approving The Reallocation Of Funds Within The Ellenville Million Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the addition of "Health Care Sector Capital Assistance" to the original descriptions and allocations for the Ellenville Million Program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: To amend the Resolve to remove the term "unobligated" so that the Resolve reads "...Drawing from the remainder of the unused funds...".

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 420 – Approving The Reallocation Of Funds Within The Ellenville Million Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the addition of "Health Care Sector Capital Assistance" to the original descriptions and allocations for the Ellenville Million Program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 422 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Labor To Allow The Department Of Planning To Act As Census Designated Affiliate – Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Labor to execute a State Data Center Program Affiliate Agreement and any related amendments.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Donaldson asked about the Resolution's impact on the 2020 Budget Recommendation. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that there is an impact, believed to be \$20,000.00. Director of Planning, Dennis Doyle provided a description of the agreement. Committee members discussed the impact of census answers on outcomes, with Dennis Doyle providing a description of the survey process.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 426 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept An Award For A Department Of Homeland Security Preparedness Grant For The Port Security Grant Program – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an acceptance of the Port Security Preparedness Grant from the Department of Homeland Security to cover 75% reimbursement for the purchase of a new boat needed for the Sheriff's Office Navigation Division in the amount of \$350,691.00, with the remaining expense of \$116,897.00 to be reimbursed up to 50% by the Navigation grant which is requested annually.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 423 – Amending Capital Project No. 529 (Purchase Of Mass Transit Buses And Related Equipment) And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 529 for the purchase of two (2) 26’ cutaway buses to accommodate the expansion of service into the City of Kingston, three (3) 35’ transit buses to replace three (3) buses which have reached the end of their useful life, and associated spare bus parts in the amount of \$1,745,480.00, and amend the 2019 Ulster County Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Petit

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 428 – Amending Capital Project 482 – Countywide Radio System –Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2019 Capital Fund Budget in the amount of \$477,385.00 to account for the full amount of a grant which was not expended in the 2017 operating budget which can be applied to the “County Wide Radio System” project.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio

Discussion:	Deputy County Executive Marc Ride informed Committee members that the Director of Emergency Services, Steve Peterson, will be providing an update of the County Wide Radio System project to the Public Works Committee at the next upcoming meeting.
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 430 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Office Of Victim Services For Funding Under The Victim And Witness Assistance Grant Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute and sign an agreement and any related amendments with NYSOVS for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2022 for the administration of the Crime Victims Assistance Program which serves and aids all victims and witnesses of crime for the amount of \$2,239,929.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Petit

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Ronk
Voting Against:	Legislator Petit
No. of Votes in Favor:	6
No. of Votes Against:	1
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 431 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Sexual Assault Crisis And Prevention Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the legislature to execute an agreement and any related amendments with CDJS for \$74,304.00, for the purpose of providing support services of the CVAP Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Program, for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Ronk
Voting Against:	Legislator Petit

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 432 – Approving The Ulster County 2020 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Intermunicipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation (STOP-DWI Division)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the 2020 STOP-DWI Program Plan, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the necessary intermunicipal agreements and any associated amendments necessary to carry out the approved Program Plan.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Ronk provided an overview of the STOP-DWI plan.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 433 – Establishing Capital Project No. 552 (SUNY Ulster – Kingston Center Roof Safety Improvement) And Amending The 2019-2024 Capital Project Fund – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 522 for the roof at the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster, located at 94 Mary's Avenue in Kingston, which is in need of safety platform and railing for OSHA compliance, in the amount of \$90,000.00, and amends the 2019-2024 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Petit
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 435 – Amending The 2019 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 549 Replacement HVAC At Information Services – 25 South Manor – Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2019-2024 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program to establish Capital Project No. 549 for replacement of the HVAC unit for the building housing Information Services at 25 S. Manor in Kingston in the amount of \$74,600.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Legislator Donaldson inquired of the property. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed Committee members that the Department of Information Services will be relocated to complete the repair.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 437 – Authorizing An Application For A Grant From The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) For The Maltby Hollow Bridge Replacement Project In The Town Of Olive And Authorizing The Execution Of Any Associated Grant Funding Agreements With CWC – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to sign the Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program application form from Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), and, in the event funding is awarded to the County, authorizes the execution of the associated grant contract with CWC.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 438 – Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcels – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment from the included bidders for the disclosed properties in the associated values therein, and authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to each bidder making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in said parcel.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 439 – Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment as set forth with respect to the disclosed parcel, and authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to each bidder making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in said parcel.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 440 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – S&O Construction Services, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with S&O Construction Services, Inc. from November 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 for the replacement of four HVAC PTU's at Development Court Complex and one HVAC RTU at Information Services in the amount of \$146,906.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 26: To approve Resolution No. 441 – Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2020 Levy

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, and re-establishes the ratio of percentages which the assessed valuation of real property in each Town and City of Kingston bears to its full valuation.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 27: To approve Resolution No. 442 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Board Of Elections For Expenses Related To The Purchase Of Equipment And Services Necessary For Early Voting In Ulster County – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement and any related amendments with the New York State Board of Elections for the period beginning April 12, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$183,704.04 for new services related to Early Voting including a wireless data plan, software licenses, additional poll inspectors, office supplies, and Early Voting education materials to raise public awareness.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business:

Motion No. 28: To approve the Minutes of September 10, 2019 and September 17, 2019

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Special Joint Meeting: Chairwoman Archer informed Committee members that the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz completed a report on URGENT and a Special Joint Meeting will take place with the Ways & Means Committee and the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the report.

Old Business:

Compensation Study: Legislator Maloney inquired of the County's salary study. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that one Elected Official did not want to participate in the study and did not want their department to participate in the study. Deputy County Executive Rider stated that this issue has led to a pause on the study. Committee members discussed the impact of this issue on the 2020 Operating budget. Legislator Maloney expressed disappointment in the timing of the process and the information not be available in time for the budget cycle.

Discussion on Resolution No. 433 – Establishing Capital Project No. 552 (SUNY Ulster – Kingston Center Roof Safety Improvement) And Amending The 2019-2024 Capital Project Fund – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 522 for the roof at the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster, located at 94 Mary's Avenue in Kingston, which is in need of safety platform and railing for OSHA compliance, in the amount of \$90,000.00, and amends the 2019-2024 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Discussion: Legislator Petit stated concern over the expense value stated on the Resolution. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider explained that the value is based on the results of three (3) quotes which includes railing, padding, and more. Committee members discussed the approval process for Capital Projects.

Chairman Archer asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:13 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

Minutes Approved: November 12, 2019

CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of the Personnel Officer, an employee in this class is responsible for leading the development and implementation of Ulster County's diversity and inclusion initiatives. This position will perform professional level duties designed to improve diversity-cognitive and identity in the County hiring and personnel practices as well as to identify, evaluate and make recommendations to improve teams utilized for certain job classifications. The work is performed according to general policies established by the County with wide leeway allowed to the employee in the scheduling and performance of the work. Supervision is not generally a function of this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Develops and implements the County's Diversity and Inclusion policy and goals;

Makes recommendations to department heads regarding inclusion programs for the workforce;

Conducts various community presentations in all areas of Ulster County;

Conducts and attends conferences, workshops and seminars concerned with issues of the Diverse workforce;

Provides referral services for the diverse population seeking employment with Ulster County;

Conducts research concerning diverse populations and develops proposals and alternative approaches for meeting needs as it relates to Civil Service;

Prepares and distributes reports, press releases and related materials;

Fosters governmental ties with the local community to enhance diversity efforts;

Participates in community, regional and statewide equity collaborations;

Researches and manages the application preparation for grant applications to ensure adequacy and timeliness;

Develops and/or searches out the best available training opportunities for county department heads, management and employees;

Develops and maintains a system for reporting on the progress of the County's diversity and inclusion initiatives;

May organize community groups for civil service instruction;

May assist in County recruitment practices and outreach.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of concepts, national trends and current issues related to diversity, inclusion and equity; good knowledge of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act; good knowledge of the practices and procedures of public administration, especially as they relate to county government in New York State; working knowledge of the New York State Civil Service law dealing with the recruitment, testing and hiring process; ability to instruct employees in community issues and Diversity and Inclusion; ability to understand and interpret complex written material; ability to prepare narrative and statistical reports; initiative to establish effective working relationships with the public and with employees at all levels of county government; competency to develop and maintain a record keeping system; good judgment; initiative; tact; courtesy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Master's Degree in sociology, education, public administration, ethnic studies, communication or a closely related field and three (3) years of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, progressively responsible administrative and management experience; **OR**
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in sociology, education, public administration, ethnic studies, communication or a closely related field and four (4) years of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, progressively responsible administrative and management experience; **OR**
- C. An equivalent combination of training and experience as described in A and B above.

Special Requirement for appointment to Ulster County positions: In accordance with Ulster County Legislative Local Law Number 14 of 2007 or by other State and Federal Statutes, candidates for employment to all Ulster County positions must obtain clearance for appointment from the Department of Criminal Justice Services or other mandated Federal and State regulatory authority based upon fingerprinting and a criminal history background check.

If this is an Ulster County position it will require a criminal background check and a candidate will be required to complete and sign a Criminal Background Investigation Release Form. Upon a conditional employment offer a candidate will be required to be fingerprinted accordingly.

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About the House

The Matthewis Persen House is one of Ulster County's oldest, most significant buildings. Named after its longest residing owner, Matthewis Persen (1739-1819), the House is located within Kingston's Stockade National Historic District. Its earliest portions date from c. 1661 and it is one of four landmark buildings on each corner of John and Crown Streets. Each house at this intersection pre-dates the Revolutionary War.

The Persen House has been the home of doctors, tailors, innkeepers, druggists, grocers, and Ulster County government. It was burned at least twice, saw wars and revolution, and survived to tell its tale. To walk through this remarkable building, is to walk through Ulster County's rich local history!

Restoration of the Persen house began in 1999. During the restoration, the historic significance of the structure was uncovered. The house has been left unfinished to highlight the architectural significance of the different phases.

The Persen House functions as Ulster County's Heritage Gateway. Cultural Heritage Groups from throughout the county Guest Host at the House and share their treasure troves of history & culture with visitors. We look forward to a fun and educational season!



Hours of Operation

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Take a self-guided tour or join one of our knowledgeable Museum Docents for a personal tour. The Persen House can also accommodate large groups and school field trips. Please contact (845) 340-3415 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us to schedule a special group tour!

New York State Path Through History Weekends

Discover the People and Places that Shaped American History
June 15 - 16 and October 12 - 14, 2019!



The Matthewis Persen House Museum is pleased to participate in the 2019 New York State **PATH THROUGH HISTORY** Weekend events. Path Through History Weekends are a showcase of New York State's rich and fascinating history and will feature hundreds of events happening at historic and cultural destinations throughout the state. Look for the Path Through History logo in this schedule for related events.

This year, I LOVE NEW YORK is hosting a giveaway with **PATH THROUGH HISTORY** stickers, which will be distributed at participating sites throughout the weekend. To enter, visitors should post pictures wearing their stickers to social media with the hashtag **#PTHWeekend** and the event location.

For more information, please visit paththroughhistory.iloveny.com and plan your path!

October is Archives Month in New York State



The New York State Archives declares October "Archives Month in New York State". Archives Month is an observance of the importance of archival and historical records in our lives and to our history.

Most often in the exhibits curated by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, high quality reproductions of archival documents are on display to preserve the original records by not exposing them to the harmful effects of light and the fluctuation in temperature and humidity not to mention the security risk of exhibiting the original documents.

However, there is no denying the thrill and exhilaration of seeing and experiencing an original document. Therefore, the County Clerk is pleased to announce a new initiative, "**Original Document Day**". In service to the citizens of Ulster County, the County Clerk will exhibit one volume each of the original Dutch Court Records (c. 1665) and the corresponding English translations (c. 1899) showing the auction of Gysbert Van Imbroch's estate. View these records on Saturday, October 5 at the Matthewis Persen House from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. For more information, see page 6. Please join us for this exciting event!

Season-Long Exhibits

May 25—November 23

Gysbert's Inventory: A Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life

The legacy of the Dutch settlers of Wiltwyck lives on at the Matthewis Persen House. The house sits on Kingston's historic "four corners" and was originally owned by Gysbert Van Imbroch. An inventory listing Gysbert's possessions at the time of his death in 1665 is brought to life through illustrations of clothing, kitchen items, and other articles used in 17th century daily life. The inventory also depicts items Gysbert used in his profession as a barber-surgeon as well as his book collection, one of the largest book collections in the New World. Step back in time with *Gysbert's Inventory*. This exhibit was made possible through a grant awarded to the Ulster County Clerk's Office from the New York State Archives.



May 25—November 23

Gysbert's Auction: The Auction of Gysbert Van Imbroch's Inventory



A companion to *Gysbert's Inventory*, the Ulster County Clerk's Office presents this exhibit which explores the public auction of the inventory created after Gysbert Van Imbroch's passing in 1665. Learn about the value of items to the residents of Wiltwyck. Were books worth more than clothing? Did kitchenware sell for more than livestock? Answer these questions and more while viewing *Gysbert's Auction*.

May 25—November 23

A Fingerprint on History: Kingston Students Keep in "Touch" with Local History

The Matthewis Persen House gives educators the opportunity to merge a lesson with an in-person experience. The Kingston City School District (KCSD) 4th grade students in 2017 did just that. After a lesson on the Persen House and the historic "Four Corners" provided by Instructional Coach Michael Circe, the KCSD 4th grade gifted the County Clerk's Office with their wonderful exhibit "A Fingerprint on History." Students from all 7 elementary schools created "stone" houses made from their fingerprints. The County Clerk's Office now proudly displays this exhibit each year at the Persen House.



May 25—November 23

Pieces of the Past: Ceramic Artifacts from the Archaeological Dig



This exhibit, presented by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, features some of the many ceramic artifacts found in the 2001 Archaeological Excavation at the Persen House. Explore the many types of ceramics found in the archaeological dig, including tin-glazed earthenware, stoneware, redware, porcelain and more. Learn about which types of ceramics were functional and which were ornamental. Step back in time and discover more about Kingston's first European settlers.

May 25—November 23

A History of the Delaware & Hudson Canal

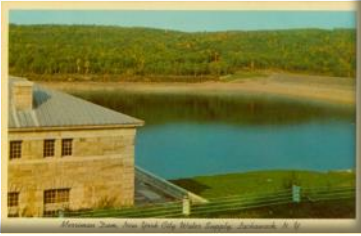
The D&H Canal Historical Society is please to present a display containing photographs, documents, post cards and other items relating to the history of the Delaware & Hudson Canal. Learn about the canal's creation, operation and importance as an engine of economic development in and around Ulster County.



Short Term Exhibits

July 13—August 30

“Lost Hamlets of the Rondout Reservoir ” Exhibit



Ellenville Public Library & Museum is proud to present “Lost Hamlets of the Rondout Reservoir,” recipient of the Greater Hudson Heritage Network Award for Excellence. Between 1936 and 1952, a massive engineering project took place in order to provide New York City and surrounding localities with additional drinking water. The purpose of this exhibit is to raise public awareness concerning

the impact that the Rondout Reservoir had on the displaced communities of the Lackawack Valley. It is hoped that it will provide an appreciation for the pure water we may otherwise take for granted. The exhibit draws from extensive primary source documentation contained in the collections of Ellenville Public Library & Museum.

The exhibit presented at the Persen House is a sampling of the complete exhibit available online at hrvh.org. The online exhibit was created by Sandy Marsh, Digital Archivist for EPL&M, utilizing the wealth of primary source materials held in the library's collections.

July 27—September 7

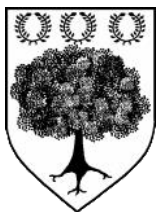
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October 26—November 23

“Culture of the Middle Ages” Exhibit



The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) Shire of Nordenhal invites you to learn about the life and culture of pre-17th century Europe. Enjoy a sampling of items in an exhibit from the SCA collections and explore the cultural differences between the people of 1500’s Europe and those of the 1600’s colonists who once lived at the Persen House.



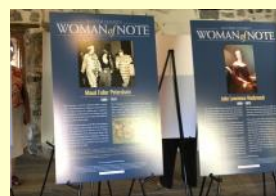
D&H Canal Museum
2016 Exhibit



Kingston Schools
2017 Exhibit



Plattekill Historical
Society 2014 Exhibit



Women of Note
2016 Exhibit



Red Feather Drummers
2013 Exhibit

Special Events

Saturday, May 25, 10:30 am

Four Corners Historic Marker Unveiling

The Ulster County Clerk's Office is pleased to announce the installation and unveiling of an Historic Marker at Kingston's "Four Corners" at the intersection of Crown & John Streets. Each of the stone houses at this intersection pre-date the Revolutionary War. This historic marker was made possible through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation awarded to the Ulster County Clerk's Office. Please join the Ulster County Clerk's Office and the 1st Ulster Militia at the Matthewis Persen House at 10:30 am for the unveiling ceremony.

Saturday, May 25, 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Step Into History: A Scavenger Hunt in Uptown Kingston

Everyone is invited to explore the local area and participate in a fun, family-friendly Scavenger Hunt that takes you to five different historic sites in uptown Kingston's Historic Stockade District: Senate House State Historic Site, Volunteer Firemen's Hall and Museum of Kingston, Old Dutch Church, Fred J. Johnston House and the Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery, and the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center. Pick up your Scavenger Hunt Guide at any one of these locations. Follow the clues in the guide and write down your answers. Good luck and have fun!

Tuesday, July 2—Saturday, July 6

Colonial Game Days presented by the Ulster County Clerk's Office

Visitors to the Persen House are invited to try their hand at many entertaining and historic games including Game of Graces, Jacob's Ladder, Hoop Rolling and Whirligigs just to name a few. Step behind our "Colonial Kids" portraits to see what you might have looked like in colonial dress. Bring your family and see how different or perhaps similar games and toys were in the 18th century as compared to those of today!

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Ulster County Clerk's Office presents "Original Document Day"

In celebration of Archives Month in New York State, the County Clerk is pleased to announce a new initiative, "Original Document Day". The County Clerk will exhibit original documents at the Matthewis Persen House for one day only.

The documents making their way out of the cool, climate controlled and secure archival vault to the Persen House are some of the oldest records in the Ulster County Clerk's Archives. In September of 1665, the first resident of the Persen House, a barber-surgeon named Gysbert Van Imbroch, ordered an inventory be taken of all his belongings upon his death. Within two weeks of Van Imbroch's passing, a public auction was held to sell his property. The exhibit *Gysbert's Auction* will be on display season-long as a companion piece to the permanent exhibit *Gysbert's Inventory*, but for this one day the original Dutch and English translations of the auction will be displayed for public viewing at the very location where the items were once located over 350 years ago.

Guest Host Presentations & Events in May—June

Open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

May 25, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

1st Ulster Militia with Special Guests from the British Brigade

For a glimpse of 18th century life at the time of the American Revolution, join the 1st Ulster Militia for a day in the life of a militiaman. The original 1st Regiment, Ulster County Militia was composed of citizen soldiers from the area now within the boundaries of Kingston, Saugerties and Woodstock. Members promote the education of the public as to military and social life in the colonial and Revolutionary War eras through demonstrations of everyday crafts and skills and the typical life of the militiaman. So join the 1st Ulster Militia, with special guests Don & Hella Beale from the British Brigade, as they bring history alive! Firearms demonstrations will be done throughout the day.

June 1, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Kingston Parks & Recreation

Join Lisa Bruck from the City of Kingston's Parks & Recreation Department. Lisa will have an information table with Parks & Recreation Schedules of all Special Events and Programs. Lisa will talk about the Programs currently offered and assist with questions visitors may have about the Stockade and Kingston history.

June 8, 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Plattekill Historical Preservation Society

Plattekill is home to 19 known burial grounds, most are long since abandoned and overgrown. View maps and information on these 18th & 19th century rural cemeteries.

June 15, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Society for Creative Anachronism presents Life in the Middle Ages

A New York State Path Through History Weekend Event

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an educational organization dedicated to reproducing and exploring the very best aspects of pre-17th century cultures. Join members of the SCA's Shire of Nordenhal for family-friendly activities and discussion on period clothing, calligraphy, armored combat, fencing, archery, dancing and other countless activities of interest. Catapult model firing, inkle-loom weaving, sword and shield combat and diverse arts will be demonstrated throughout the day.



June 22, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Re-enactor

Professor Emeritus of Biology, Don Terpening will present various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during the Revolutionary War, as well as discuss the role that doctors played and their social standing during this period.

Guest Host Presentations & Events in June — July

Open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

June 29, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Kingston Land Trust

Meet & greet members from Kingston Land Trust who will have information about their on-going efforts to secure the Pine Street African Burial Ground site. More than 125 years ago, this burial ground was portioned off for private ownership. Its existence has not since been officially acknowledged despite robust historic documentation.

July 6, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

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July 13, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Ellenville Public Library and Museum presents "*Lost Hamlets of the Rondout Reservoir*"

Meet Sandy Marsh, award winning curator of the digital exhibit "Lost Hamlets of the Rondout Reservoir," as she discusses the inspiration behind this poignant exhibit. Samples from the online gallery will be on display, telling the story of the people and places that once occupied this region. See page 5 for exhibit details.

July 20, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

D&H Canal Historical Society and Museum

Join historian Bill Merchant to learn about the D&H Canal and its contributions to Ulster County's transportation and commercial growth in the late 19th century. The D&H Canal Historical Society maintains a Canal Museum and Five Locks Walk trail to preserve canal-era artifacts, and document the canal's creation, operation, and importance as an engine of economic development in the region and beyond. Presentation at 12:00.

July 27, 1:00—3:00 pm Opening Reception

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Guest Host Presentations & Events in August

Open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

August 3, 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Catskill Interpretive Center presents “The Catskills Art Club”

The Catskill Center’s “Catskills Art Club” is a fun, informal way to make art and seek inspiration from all of the wonderful places in our region. The Art Club is open to all ages and all ability levels. Come draw, paint, or sculpt what you observe using your favorite supplies or the ones they provide!

August 10, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Woodstock School of Art

Join the Woodstock School of Art for a costumed figure drawing demonstration with instructor Les Castellanos. Mr. Castellanos is a traditional painter, and an art educator in the Hudson Valley. He has served as a guest instructor at The School for the Visual Arts and was also part of an arts program for children at P.S. 22 funded in part by the New York Academy of Figurative Art. This is sure to be a fun and educational event!

August 17, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Re-enactor

Professor Emeritus of Biology, Don Terpening will present various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during the Revolutionary War, as well as discuss the role that doctors played and their social standing during this period.

August 24, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

***Uptown Kingston: Looking Back, Moving Forward* Exhibition by Stephen Blauweiss**

This project focuses on Uptown Kingston's diverse architecture from the 1600s to the present. The exhibition discuss the evolution of materials used, from stone to brick and wood, and feature historic postcards, maps, restored photos, video footage, and artifacts. Each topic is accompanied by explanatory historical, cultural and architectural details covering the following categories: Stone Buildings, Churches, Entertainment, Hotels, Shopping, and Public Buildings. Exhibit panels will be displayed throughout the house.

August 31, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Historic Tools and Implement Exhibit by Ulster County Historical Society

The goals of the Ulster County Historical Society (UCHS) are to act as curator and collector of significant Hudson Valley artifacts, documents and cultural items, and to educate the community on the very important role the Hudson Valley and particularly Ulster County has played in the formation of our great nation. Join UCHS board member Bill Merchant for a display of tools and building implements from the UCHS artifacts collections.

Guest Host Presentations & Events in September

Open Saturdays Only 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or by Appointment

September 7, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Art Society of Kingston

Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is a member-supported arts organization serving as an umbrella for all disciplines of arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. ASK features two gallery shows every month in addition to music, theater, dance, stand-up comedy and workshops. In September, our members' visual arts exhibition is titled "What Are Your Roots?" and the opening reception is Saturday, Sept 7 from 5-8pm. Join members from ASK at the Persen House today for information and a preview of this new exhibit.

Stop by our multi-use arts space at 97 Broadway in Kingston. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00-6:00 pm. Or visit us online at askforarts.org.

September 14, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Association of Native Americans ~ Red Feather Singers & Drummers

On display will be some Native American artifacts from Barbara Fox Eyes who will explain their significance. She and her sister, Susan Singing Rain, will assist children in making beaded friendship bracelets and coloring Native symbols. Grandmother Judith Laughing Owl will teach Native American drumming on a drop-in basis.

September 21, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Friends of Historic Kingston

Please join volunteers from the Friends of Historic Kingston as they share their vast knowledge regarding Uptown, the Stockade National Historic District, and Downtown, the Rondout National Historic District, and the Fred J. Johnston House. A special video presentation of *History of Early Dutch in Kingston* by Nancy Chando will be played throughout the day.

September 28, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Re-enactor

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Guest Host Presentations & Events in October

Open Saturdays Only 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or by Appointment

October 5, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild

Henry T. Ford, Board Member, Guild Historian and Woodstock resident will present the important history of the Byrdcliffe Artists Colony and the American Arts and Crafts movement which evolved from the colony. The Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild provides a vibrant center for excellence in the arts and crafts in a beautiful and unique rural community while preserving the historic and natural environment of one of the earliest utopian art colonies in America. It offers an inspiring combination of residency, educational, exhibition, and performance programs that encourage creative collaboration among artists, students, arts professionals, and the public.

October 12, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Save Native Sites presents a Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day A New York State Path Through History Weekend Event

When the first Europeans arrived in Ulster County, in the 1600's, they found indigenous people called the Munsee living here. These Native Americans had occupied this area for hundreds of years, sustaining themselves by hunting, gathering, fishing and farming. By the late 1700's most of these people were gone, driven west and north to Canada by the incoming Europeans. Save Native Sites enhances our understanding of the culture and history of these and other indigenous people through a variety of programs and lectures open to the public and free of charge.



October 19, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

“Peg Leg Bates” a Presentation by Ulster County Historian Geoff Miller

Clayton “Peg Leg” Bates was the first black resort owner in Ulster County in the Catskill Mountains, the famous Borscht Belt of Jewish resorts, hotels, and bungalow colonies. A world renowned dancer and entertainer, he and his wife Alice owned and operated the Peg Leg Bates Country Club in Kerhonkson. Join Geoff Miller for a talk on this unique, historical figure who played an important role in the history of Ulster County.

October 26, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Society for Creative Anachronism—Shire of Nordenhal

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an educational organization which studies the Middle Ages by recreating the pastimes and crafts of the period. Join members of the SCA's Shire of Nordenhal for demonstrations and discussion on period clothing, calligraphy, armored combat, fencing, archery, dancing and other countless activities of interest. Catapult model firing, inkle-loom weaving, sword and shield combat and diverse arts will be demonstrated throughout the day.

Guest Host Presentations & Events in November

Open Saturdays Only 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or by Appointment

November 9, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

1st Ulster Militia

Winter in colonial New York was notoriously harsh and unforgiving. Join the 1st Ulster Militia as they recreate an 18th century colonial encampment at the Persen House, complete with demonstrations of fire-starting, knitting, sewing, open fire cooking, and more!

The original 1st Regiment, Ulster County Militia was composed of citizen soldiers from the area now within the boundaries of Kingston, Saugerties and Woodstock. Members promote the education of the public as to military and social life in the colonial and Revolutionary War eras through demonstrations of everyday crafts and skills and the typical life of the militiaman.

November 23, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Closing Day

School Field Trips & Group Tours

The Persen House gives educators the opportunity to merge a lesson with an in-person experience for students. The Ulster County Clerk's Office offers a document-based curriculum titled "Wiltwyck: A Look at Life in a Dutch 17th Century Ulster County Town" to all educators in conjunction with their visits. Each year the Persen House welcomes hundreds of students from elementary, intermediate, junior-high, college, continuing education, and homeschool classes, as well as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other groups. Educators have used the Persen House as a part of their local history, cultural heritage, community engagement and art lessons.



The Persen House also welcomes groups on guided tours. Many tourists come to the Hudson Valley for the history, art, hiking, beautiful fall foliage and more. Let your tour company know to include the Persen House on your itinerary!

Tours can be tailored to your group's interests or curriculum. Topics we have covered in the past include colonial life, architecture, archaeology, local history, Dutch heritage, and the Revolutionary War.

Please contact (845) 340-3415 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us to schedule a special group tour!

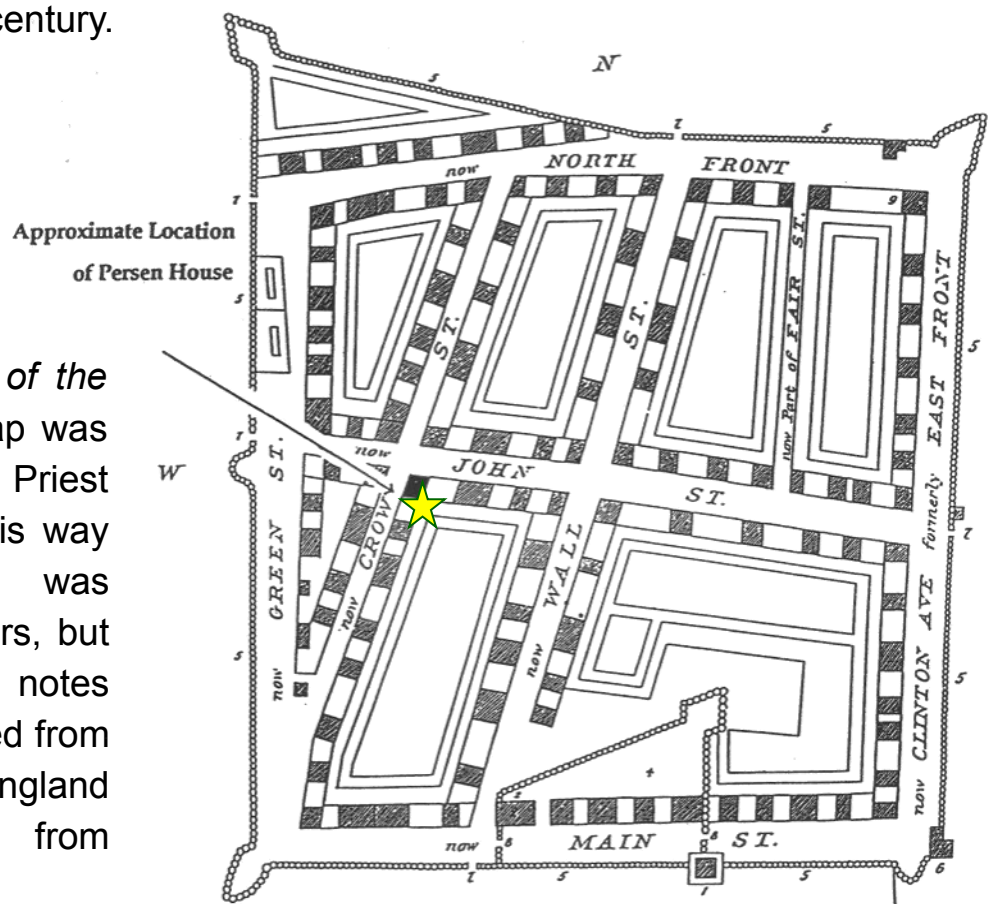
Kingston Stockade National Historic District

The **Kingston Stockade National Historic District** is an eight-block area in the western section of Kingston, New York, commonly referred to as **Uptown Kingston**. It is the original site of the mid-17th century Dutch settlement of Wiltwyck, which was later renamed Kingston when it passed to English control.

It is the only one of three original Dutch settlements in New York surrounded by stockades where the outline of the stockade is still evident due to the raised ground. Within the area are many historic buildings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, including the Ulster County Courthouse, the Senate House where the state of New York was established in 1777, and the Old Dutch Church, a National Historic Landmark. Some survived the Burning of Kingston by British forces during the Revolutionary War. The intersection of Crown and John streets has Colonial-era Dutch stone houses on all four corners, all of which pre-date the Revolutionary War.

From its founding in the mid-17th century to the creation of the modern city of Kingston in 1872, the history of the Stockade District is the history of Kingston. Most of its older buildings were restored and rebuilt in the years after the 1777 burning of the village by the British, and its historic character has been made diverse as significant buildings were erected throughout the 19th century.

The final layout of the original Stockade is shown in the Miller Map (right), which can be found in Volume 13 of *Documents Relative to Colonial History of the State of New York*. The map was designed by an Anglican Priest named Miller in 1695. On his way back to England, Miller was captured by French Privateers, but managed to throw his notes overboard. After being paroled from the French, he returned to England and recreated the map from memory.



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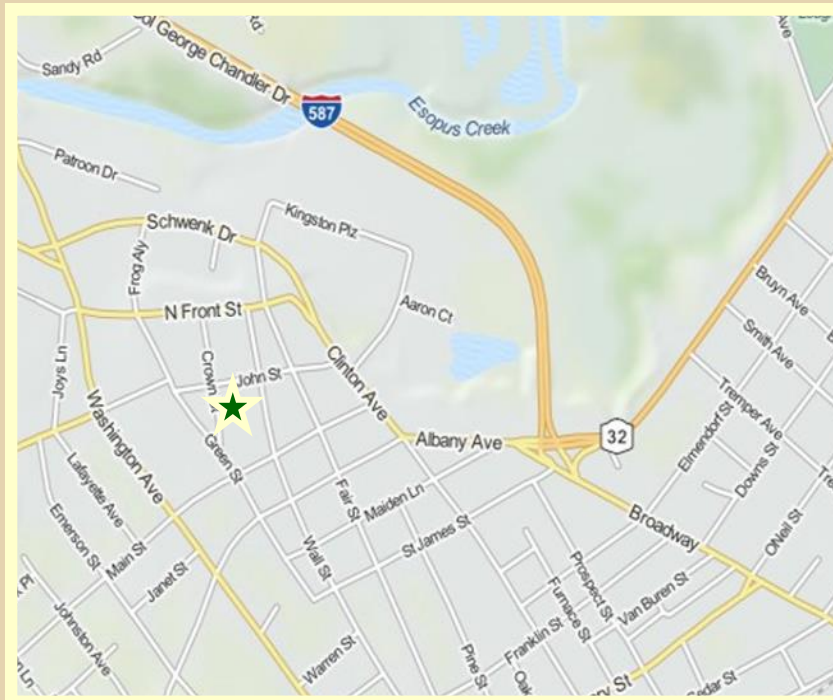
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**74 John Street
Kingston, New York 12401**



Conveniently located minutes from the NYS Thruway on the corner of John & Crown Streets in uptown Kingston's Stockade National Historic District.

Parking: Metered parking lots and on-street parking are available throughout uptown Kingston. The Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street and the Ulster County Office Building on the corner of Main & Fair Streets both offer free weekend parking. There is also free parking at the Kingston Plaza every day, less than a half mile walk from the house.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Office at (845) 340-3415 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us

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