

Reauthorizing And Retasking The County Railroad Advisory Committee

Legislators Decker and Loughran on behalf of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Loughran and Legislators Decker, Hochberg, Sheeley, Fabiano, Felicello and Roberts) offer the following:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to encourage the development of the County owned Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is desirous of seeking the advice of the citizens of Ulster County in these matters, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Mountain Railroad has a long-term plan for the utilization of such property, and

WHEREAS, the administration and oversight of the County Railroad requires an increased level of such administration and oversight in light of the expanded operations thereon, and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 70 of 1985 which established the Railroad Advisory Committee is hereby rescinded, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby reauthorizes and retasks a County Railroad Advisory Committee, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to appoint a County Railroad Advisory Committee to be comprised of no more than eleven (11) voting members, said members to be appointed by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature or appointed by the County Executive, consistent with the following:

Three members of the Ulster County Legislature are to be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature – two Majority Legislators and a Minority Legislator (**3 Members**);

Two current operating Railroad representatives appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature (**2 Members**);

An individual from the Historical community appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature (**1 Member**);

A representative from the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), recommended by the IDA Board and appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature (**1 Member**);

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A City of Kingston representative, recommended by the Mayor and appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature **(1 Member)**;

A representative from the County Department of Planning to be appointed by the County Executive **(1 Member)**;

An engineering representative from the County Department of Public Works to be appointed by the County Executive **(1 Member)**; and

A community member appointed by the County Executive **(1 member)**,

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that several State agencies, from the list below, will be asked to recommend individuals to be appointed to the Committee as non-voting members by the County Executive:

New York State Department of Transportation	(1 Member*)
New York City Department of Environmental Protection	(1 Member*)
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	(1 Member*)

*Denotes non-voting members,

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the terms of office for said committee members shall initially expire December 31, 2009 and every two years thereafter, coinciding with the terms of the Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature shall designate a member of said committee to be Chairperson after consultation with the members of the committee, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all matters regarding the County owned Railroad shall first be put before said advisory committee for its consideration, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Railroad Advisory Committee shall advise the Ulster County Legislature or any committee thereof on all matter submitted to said advisory committee by the Ulster County Legislature, or any of its committees, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that said committee shall be responsible for advising the Ulster County Legislature on 1) the adoption, amendments to or repeal of Laws and Regulations as they relate to the County owned Railroad and 2) opportunities for funding for the upkeep and further rehabilitation of the County owned Railroad, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Railroad Advisory Committee shall be afforded the resources of the Office of the County Attorney for the purpose of administering the various licenses, leases and other legal matters as may be required,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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