

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Labor Relations and Negotiations Committee

DATE and TIME: June 11, 2008 at 4:00 PM

PLACE: Administrative Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Honorable Philip C. Terpening (Co-Chair)
Honorable David B. Donaldson (Co-Chair)
Legislator Jon Decker
Legislator Richard Gerentine
Legislator Wayne Harris
Legislator James Maloney

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Peter Kraft
Legislator Joseph Stoeckeler

OTHERS ATTENDING: Joe Libonati, LIUNA
John Nilsen, BSOIW & UHCLC
Brittany Turner, HVALF

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all committee members by Brittany Turner via e-mail. If anyone requires additional copies, they are available.

3. Contractor Licensing Committee

Legislator Terpening explained that the Contractor Licensing Committee has yet to be rescheduled. He added that he has information on the testing process and it appears that most counties simply use the Westchester County model. There is a separate company that charges the individual taking the test, but it is free to the county. The company also creates the tests and study materials.

4. Ulster County Film Commission & Festival

No update.

5. Labor Day House Renovation Project

The issue of confidentiality was raised by Legislators Maloney and Harris and it was agreed that information on all potential projects be kept confidential.

Legislator Harris provided an update on the Veteran's Cemetery. The formal agreement is underway and a memorial is going to be built at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery. Kingston and Shandaken are also considering cemetery options. The corrections officers at Shawangunk will likely purchase a veteran's memorial. John Nilsen added that he just got a new memorial for his legion post and there are many memorial options available. There is no need for labor on this project and it will be completed in time for Veteran's Day. The memorial is about four feet high and very simple and includes the five branches of the military with their insignia and dedication language. Lew Kirshner is looking into Montrapose and Shandaken. Saugerties is also a possibility so that all regions are covered.

Legislator Maloney agreed to look at neighborhoods with Jen Fuentes and a representative from the Building Trades. The group agreed that all wheelchair ramps should be assessed immediately and a report be given at the July meeting so that these projects can be finished quickly. Legislator Harris also suggested that weatherization be considered in conjunction with the Community Action Committee.

The Ulster County Legislature will explore grant options for materials. Advertising will also be handled by Ulster County. Legislator Donaldson will write a letter to Assemblymembers Cahill and Kirwan and Senators Larkin and Bonacic requesting \$25,000.00 to assist in moving the project forward. Member items will also be sought in the future. It is also a good opportunity for apprentice training and funds may be available through the Workforce Development Institute. Partnerships will also be explored. Once the prototype is created, the program can apply for regular grants in future years.

Decisions on all projects will be made at the July meeting.

6. Paint the Town Day, Des Moines, IA

Brittany Turner contacted the City Clerk in the Des Moines, IA. She was unaware of any program fitting the description and was willing to research this program, however due to severe flooding in the area and the subsequent state of emergency, this has been delayed indefinitely.

7. Check Possible Kingston Locations

See item 5.

8. Workers' Rights Law Center Raffle, BBQ and Silent Auction

The Workers' Rights Law Center Raffle, BBQ and Silent Auction is on June 15 from 4 pm until 7 pm. Brittany Turner will send directions to Legislators Terpening and Decker.

10. Additional Business

John Nilsen spoke to the issue of Belleayre Mountain. He provided an informational packet and explained that he would be speaking during public comment in the full legislative meeting. He urged the legislators to see what needs to be done in order to compete with the efforts of Greene County. Joe Libonati added that the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) will be meeting with Dean Gitter again in the near future. A number of committee members explained that legislators representing

that area don't want the projects proposed for Belleayre. But it needs to move forward and UCDC is also moving forward. Greene County is arguing that the state is competing against private industries; however, Belleayre was present before either Hunter or Wyndham.

9. Set Up Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on ***Wednesday, July 9 at 4:00pm*** on the 6th floor of the Ulster County Office Building, located at 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

6. Adjourn

No formal motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm.

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