

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Public Works & Capital Projects Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** April 4, 2011 @ 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Dean Fabiano, Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran, Legislators Roy Hochberg, James Maloney, Kevin Roberts

**LEGISLATORS EXCUSED:** Legislators Frank Felicello and Jeanette Provenzano

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Legislator Mary Beth Maio, Sue Ronga (PW Deputy Commissioner - Finance) and David Bolles (PW Deputy Commissioner - Administrative), Mark Reynolds (Southern Ulster Times), Gregg Swanzey (Mohonk Preserve)

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM**

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2011 MINUTES:**

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) Resolution Draft No. 0401, April 26, 2011 - Abandonment Of Portion Of Old Mountain Rest Road, County Road Number 95, Town Of Marbletown, To Adjoining Property Owner Mohonk Preserve, Inc.

Motion offered by Legislator Hochberg, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Gregg Swanzey from the Mohonk Preserve explained that this project is in regards to a bridge that the Mohonk Preserve is trying to install over Mohonk Road to allow safe crossing for recreationalists. In 1967, Mountain Rest Road, aka Mohonk Road, was widened and realigned by the Ulster County Highway Department. In conjunction with this improvement it was necessary to remove two of the old overpasses that carried the Carriage Roads over the county highway. The elimination of these overpasses has, in effect, created two at-grade crossings that allow recreationalists to cross the highway. He explained that during the process of straightening the road a piece of the Mohonk Preserve land was taken on the side that was straightened. At that time, in return, no land was given back to the preserve. This Resolution will allow said lands (.31 Acres) to be released by Ulster County to the Mohonk Preserve. Gregg had a map and site plan pictures of the location that were shared with the Committee. He also had letters of support from Commissioner Dave Sheeley, Director of Planning Dennis Doyle, Town of Marbletown Municipal Endorsement (Resolution No. 106-2008), The Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and The Palisades Interstate Park Commission. There is no financial impact with regards to this Resolution.

Legislator Hochberg stated that this project is in his District and that he strongly supports the Resolution. He stated that this Resolution really benefits the Trail Community.

The Committee is requesting from both the Commissioner and the County Attorney a written opinion with regards to the following:

- Will the County be relinquishing any rights to the County Road by building the bridge over it?
- Statement that the parcel is of no further use to the County.
- Statement that this action does not pose any environmental impact.

**2) Resolution Draft No. 0407, April 26, 2011 - Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget - Unexpended Funds From Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: No Discussion

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:** Update given by Sue Ronga & David Bolles

**Lloyd Bridge Update:**

- Distributed Photos
- Spoke with both Contractors while at the site today.
- First Bridge is set to be paved between the 25<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of April.
- Guard Rail & Fence Crew to follow immediately after the paving is complete.
- Bridge should be open by the latter half of the first week of May to the beginning of the second week of May.
- Always weather dependant.
- Surveyor is coming this week to lay out the road to be constructed across.
- Fill needs to be compacted around the arch and explained that this has to be done in dry weather and that it is critical to be compacted evenly on both sides.
- The storage boxes and construction trailer will be moved off the site this week.
- The Bridge can open before they are done; they will still have some peripheral work to do (grading, ditching, grass, site clean-up).
- Work on the second Bridge will begin; while weather permitting, the peripheral work on the first Bridge can be completed.
- Rail Trail will still be closed; concrete barriers will be put at the ends.
- New Signage will go back up stating the closure.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> is the completion date (for second Bridge), no extensions have been requested.
- School Superintendent has been kept up to date with the project details.

**Kerhonkson Bridge Update:**

- Doing drainage work this week.
- Next step is to pour grout between the beams.
- Grout cannot be poured if it is raining or too cold.
- Have decided to blanket the grout when it is poured because of the cold temperatures.
- Next step is to pour the deck, this is also weather permitting, has to be above 40 degrees over night for a period of days.
- Completion date is May 31, 2011.
- No requests for extensions have been made.
- Explained the process when extensions are requested and how they are determined.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) gave the Engineer on this project an A+.

Mark Reynolds from the Southern Ulster Times had the following questions with regards to the Lloyd Bridge Project:

- Q/Referred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge and asked if the Cable had already been moved. A/Yes
- Q/Referred to comments made about an Audit and asked if the Lloyd Bridge was mentioned in that Audit. A/Yes
- Q/How can he obtain a copy of that Audit. A/PW has not received a copy of the Audit yet. The Audit report would go to the State first, and then the State would forward a copy to the Public Works Department. They explained to Mr. Reynolds that this was not an Audit with regards to the work; it is a record keeping Audit.
- Q/Asked what the status of payment was at this point? A/Explained the payment process and that payments are only made for work completed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Legislator Hochberg spoke about an article on page three of the March 28, 2011 NACO County News, titled Narrowbanding is happening; here's how to prepare. The article touches on, What is Narrowbanding, Overview of FCC Narrowband Mandate & Deadlines, Who is affected, and How to Prepare for Narrowbanding. The Article lists Narrowbanding deadline information resources. The FCC's narrowband deadline is January 1, 2013. Public Safety agencies will be devoting significant resources to planning for and executing a coordinated transition. Legislator Hochberg suggested inviting Art Snyder, Director of the Emergency Communications/Management Department to the May Committee meeting to explain where Ulster County is in this process and what changes will be made. He added that Art Snyder has already attended the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee meetings and feels that it would be equally beneficial for him to attend a Public Works and Capital Projects Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Snyder to their May 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting.
- Legislator Roberts made the suggestion that because they are the Public Works & Capital Projects Committee that with all that is happening with regards to a decision being made about the future of Golden Hill, asked if this is something that this Committee should start to discuss with the possibility that a new structure could be built. The Committee agreed that at this point until a decision is reached, they would not explore the options.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **Motion to adjourn @ 7:35 PM**

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor, Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee**