

**Energy & Environment Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 12, 2016

LOCATION: Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall,
SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Richard Parete

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk

PRESENT: Legislators Jonathan Heppner, Ron G. Lapp, Jr and Mary Wawro.

ABSENT: Legislator Tracey Bartels

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:36 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of November 14, 2016

Motion Made By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Parete, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: **4**

No. of Votes Against: **0**

Disposition: Minutes approved as presented

Resolution for the December 20, 2016 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 493 - Confirming Re-Appointment Of Member To The Fish And Wildlife Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution would confirm the County Executive's re-appoint Albert William Wilklow, 319 Pancake Hollow Road, Highland, NY 12525 as a landowner representative of Ulster County on the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board for a term from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 pursuant to Section 11-501 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) of the State of New York.

Motion No. 2: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 493

Motion By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion: The committee had a brief discussion about the role of the NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board, how often they meet, the makeup of the committee and the kind of projects, regulations and funding they are involved in.

Voting on the Resolution

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 494 - Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary: This resolution would confirm the County Executive's appoint Albert Sarah Underhill, 329 Main Street, Kerhonkson, NY as a representative of the Town of Wawarsing on the Ulster County Environmental Management Council for a term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 pursuant to Section C-111 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A35-1 of the Administrative Code.

Motion No. 3: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 494

Motion By: Legislator Lapp

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Discussion: None

Voting on the Resolution

Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Old Business:

- **Proposed Plastic Bag Legislation** – Chairman Parete reported that Legislator Bartels was preparing a draft resolution for discussion and intends to give time and thought to the input of other legislators and concerned citizens
- **Climate Smart Committee** - Legislator Greene reported a great deal of interest in electrical vehicles and charging station. She outlined some of the issues the CSC would focus on in 2017 that included monitoring the Family Court move to the BRC and ensuring environmental improvements were included. She described progress on street lighting consortiums that will assist smaller municipalities make the conversion to LED lighting. She anticipated some new members from the Towns of Olive and Rochester. She reported much interest in NYS Reforming the Energy (REV) program and various solar projects.

Legislator Greene spoke about a challenge to the US Coast Guard’s proposed Hudson River anchorages that described the fact that the USCG did not follow their own protocol and procedures in making the proposal.

Legislator Greene asked the comptroller’s office to calculate what Ulster County government will pay toward the nuclear subsidies and his estimates that it will be about \$45,000 a year.

The committee had a brief discussion about Central Hudson charges and the new billing cycle.

- **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission** - Legislator Greene reported the commission is still working on the report.

Chairman Parete asked if there was any other business, hearing none

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted: Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: March 6, 2017