

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION, CULTURE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE, HELD AT DOMINICK'S RESTAURANT IN NEW PALTZ ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1998.

LEGISLATORS PRESENT

VINCENT DUNN, Chairman
FRANK FELICELLO, Deputy Chairman
DAVID DONALDSON
JOAN EVERY
RICHARD GERENTINE
SAM MAGARELLI
JOHN NACCARATO
JEANETTE PROVENZANO

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

GORDON HOWATT, Dean of Administration, Ulster County Community College.
DENNIS DOYLE, Principal Planner, UC Planning Department
PETER CAROFANO, Director, UC Tourism

A quorum being present, Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and recognized Gordon Howatt, Dean of Administration of Ulster County Community College to give his report. Dean Howatt presented a packet of four resolutions regarding contracts awarded for work to be done on the Hasbrouck Building. This building is located on the campus at Ulster County Community College. Leg. Provenzano commented that she was pleased to see that two out of the five contractors winning bids were from Ulster County. The committee agreed as well. Chairman Dunn called to move on the first of the four resolutions. Leg. Gerentine moved to approve the first resolution and Leg. Donaldson seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Dunn called for a voice vote and the resolution passed unanimously. Dean Howatt then discussed the next three projects and asked the committee to refer to page six outlining the ABA compliance which discusses access to the art gallery. This was submitted a year ago to both the County and State. Leg. Provenzano moved to approve the second resolution and Leg. Donaldson seconded. Chairman Dunn called for a voice vote and the resolution passed unanimously. Dean Howatt presented resolution number three outlining the approval of the

Biology Lab. Leg. Gerentine moved to approve the resolution and Leg. Magarelli seconded. Chairman Dunn called for a voice vote and the resolution was passed unanimously. Dean Howatt then presented resolution four outlining Network Infrastructure. Upon discussion, Leg. Provenzano asked if there was a need to get a architect and engineer. Dean Howatt responded that there was not. Leg. Gerentine moved to approve the resolution and Leg. Magarelli seconded.

Chairman Dunn then recognized New Paltz High School senior students Anne Conter and Christina Tantillo who were attending the meeting for their course, Participation in Government.

Chairman Dunn then recognized Dennis Doyle, Principal Planner at the Planning Department who had requested time to come before the committee to discuss grants that are relative to education. Mr. Doyle thanked the committee for their time and explained that he was here under the recommendation of both Chairman Alfonso and Majority Leader Todd. Chairman Dunn explained that this was originally presented by Leg. Magarelli. Discussion followed on several slight changes that needed to be made to the resolution. Leg. Gerentine recommended an additional 'where as' and where stated first Resolve to add the Tourism Department. Leg. Donaldson stated that to have both the Planning Department and Tourism Department is a good-will gesture, one that will certainly help the museum out. He further added that the Watershed should have an oversight committee. Leg. Magarelli stated that there is some cost involved for the County through particular offices or agencies accessed. Peter Carofano, Director of Tourism, stated that cooperative funds may be utilized. Leg. Donaldson and Leg. Provenzano asked Mr. Carofano if those funds could be utilized toward advertising, to which he responded that it could. Leg. Magarelli shared that it was suggested by Chairman Alfonso that a 'point person' be appointed to connect as a liaison with Shandaken. Upon discussion, Leg. Donaldson suggested Peter Carofano and moved to approve the resolution as presented and Leg. Magarelli seconded. Peter Carofano shared that there would be a lot of people who would want to contribute to this museum. Leg. Magarelli hoped that it would have the quality of other world class organizations such as Disney World and The Museum of Natural History. Chairman Dunn called for a vote which was unanimous. Leg. Gerentine complimented the working relationship between the municipalities.

Dennis Doyle then asked the committee to refer to the handout for the proposal for the application. He explained it would be related to the NYC Watershed with five million dollars available. The project team would include the Planning Board, Health Department and the Environmental Council. The County would utilize the GIS system through the College with the outreach program called the "Whole Farm Planning Process." The primary focus would be mountain communities. A letter of support has been prepared by the Chairman and municipal support is needed. Leg. Provenzano moved to approve the resolution and Leg. Donaldson seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Dunn called for a voice vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Gerentine and seconded by Leg. Felicello and Chairman Dunn declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vincent Dunn, Chairman
Education, Culture and Economic Affairs Committee