

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 4, 2014, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Thomas J. Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators James F. Maloney, Chris Allen, Lynn Archer, Herbert Litts, III, Mary Beth Maio, and Hector Rodriguez

EXCUSED: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Kenneth Wishnick and Majority Leader Donald Gregorius, League of Women Voters Representative Vic Melville, Ulster County Resident Josh Honig, Town of New Paltz Supervisor Susan Zimet, Ulster County Planning Department Director Dennis Doyle, Ulster County Department of Tourism Director Rick Remsnyder, League of Women Voters Representative Tom Kadgen, Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Steve Rice, Woodstock Land Conservancy/Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail Representatives Kevin Smith and John Grossbohlin.

Chair Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of February 4, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Guest Speaker: Town of New Paltz Supervisor Susan Zimet

Supervisor Zimet spoke about the Town of New Paltz Town Board's experience with the Park Pilot Developer, a pro-forma document request, the old and new pilot documentation, and the Board's communications with the developer, Wilmerite. She provided a written summary addressed to Mr. Griffin of Harris Beach in response to a letter he wrote to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee. She stated the developer was seeking an \$11 million assessed value on a Town Assessor assessed property estimated at \$44 million in order to make the project work. She stated the Town Board asked the developer to meet with the Town Assessor as they have never met with the Town Assessor. She noted there were intended discussions with the developer regarding soil and water and that the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has determined, in category 5, the units will be per bed and not kitchens, which brings it to 696 units instead of 292. She noted the IDA is scheduled to meet next Wednesday. She indicated ultimately the Town Board and the IDA will not make their determination based on the County's resolution and reiterated the Town Board and the Park Point representatives will continue their discussions.

Legislator Rodriguez asked what the IDA is going to do or not going to do. He stated it appeared the developer is putting out a lump sum to cover the municipal services and asked if this would cover all the municipal services. Supervisor Zimet spoke about the police impact studies by the Town and the developer and explained the differences between the two estimated expenditures. She stated the developer did not delineate the call numbers and get into the numbers to understand the impact. She stated the \$300,000 amount would only cover the Town costs.

Chairman Briggs indicated based on his attendance at the recent IDA meeting, he did not think they had made any decisions as of yet.

Chairman Briggs noted the Committee had postponed this Resolution for the past few months. Legislator Rodriguez stated he was willing to postpone another month but that it appeared the developer was trying to play one off the other by going to the Village and then the Town.

Legislator Wishnick stated the IDA is continuing to process the developer's pilot application. He asked if the Committee completed the communication as discussed two months ago to the IDA suggesting that they table the application to see what happens. The Committee discussed the Committee's role in the IDA's decisions and the impact of the IDA's decisions on the Committee and the Town.

Mr. Honig noted there was no report received from the Town Planning Board to date.

Motion No. 2

Resolution No. 10 – March 18, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolved to postpone Resolution No. 10 to the next meeting of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee - Opposing The Granting Of A

PILOT Agreement By The Ulster County Industrial
Development Agency For The Park Point New Paltz
Application

Resolution No. 10 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature joins the Town of New Paltz and the New Paltz School Board in opposing the Park Point New Paltz application for a 25 year PILOT tax exemption from the UCIDA and requires a copy of this resolution to be sent to each member of the UCIDA.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed to the next Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 96 – March 18, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 96** - Amending Capital Project No. 370, STRIVE – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus, To Include The Costs of Building Acquisition, Design of Green Infrastructure Elements, And Additional Architectural Services

Resolution No. 96 Summary: This Resolution amends the Capital Project No. 370 and the Capital Fund as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H4-0370-2904 (Appr.#)	Building Acquisition	\$300,000.00
H4-0370-2961	Architectural Services	\$75,410.00
H3-0370-5710 (Rev.#)	Serial Bonds	\$366,085.00
	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H4-0370-2909	SEQRA Review	\$4,775.00
H4-0370-2973	Legal	\$4,550.00

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Planning Department Director Doyle stated this Resolution amends the Capital Project relative to the STRIVE by adding dollars associated with the acquisition of the school building which has a known cost based on the referendum as well as additional money for design fees. He noted the design fees were directly related to a green infrastructure grant received by the County for approximately \$30,000 and the rest being for items determined as they went through the building. He discussed the various changes identified as needed for the building. He stated the County was receiving \$439,000 for the green infrastructure grant.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 Resolution No. 99 – March 18, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 99** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Cooperative Agreement With The New York State Department Of Conservation For The Implementation Of Environmental Benefit Projects On The Lower Esopus As Provided For In The DEC Order On Consent - Amending The 2014-2019 Capital Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 407 - Lower Esopus Environmental Benefits Project – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 99 Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 407 and amends the 2014 – 2019 Capital Program as follows:

ADD		
Capital Project No. 407	Lower Esopus Environmental Benefit Project	\$290,000.00
INCREASE		AMOUNT
H3-0407-2797	Other Local Government Revenue	\$290,000.00
(Rev.#)	NYC Department of Environmental Agency	
H4-0407-2974	Administration Costs	\$290,000.00
(App.#)	Fish Stocking Program	(\$10,000.00)
	Technical Review Consultant	(\$80,000.00)

Stream Management Plan (\$200,000.00)

This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a Cooperative Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the NYSDEC (NYS CA No. D007-0001-11), in order for Ulster County to act as fiscal agent to implement the Environmental Benefit Projects, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Planning Department Director Doyle highlighted this is work being down following the releases to the Lower Esopus from the Ashokan Reservoir and the resulting order of consent that was agreed to by the NYC DEP and the NYS DEC. He stated the order of consent provided funding for the Ashokan Release Working Group to review a draft environmental review impact statement and the scope of that statement as well as funding for the environmental benefit projects that are associated with the order on consent. He noted one of these orders provided for a stream management program as well as a fish stocking program. He stated the monies are provided to Ulster County upfront and are deposited into a separate account. He stated the County was acting as a fiscal agent with respect to this grant and would look to other parties in regards to the implementation of the program. He stated they are currently writing a request for proposals for the technical consulting working with the Ashokan Release Working Group.

Legislator Rodriguez stated he was glad to see NYC putting some money up and asked why this was being done as a Capital Project. Planning Department Director Doyle replied they needed a budget line for the estimated 18 months to 2 years to draw down the funds for implementation and there would be no bond.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

Follow up Discussion: Legislator Maloney asked what the qualifications for the technical consultant. Planning Department Director Doyle replied the current RFP was seeking qualifications relative to draft scope which was difficult as the draft scope was not being shared by the NYS DEC or NYC DEP. He indicated

the RFP qualifications were hydraulics, hydraulic modeling, socio-economic work, stream geomorphology, fisheries, biology, and a couple others but these were the main items. He noted the County would manage the consultant but the direction of the consultant would be through a technical advisory committee which is a subcommittee of the Ashokan Release Working Group. Legislator Maloney clarified this group was a formation of the Towns. Planning Department Director Doyle confirmed this. He noted this RFP was run through the County's procurement process as the County is the Fiscal Agent.

Motion No. 5

Resolution No. 106 – March 18, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolved to approve Resolution No. 106 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Inter-Municipal Agreement For Computer Skills Education At The Ulster Works OneStop Center With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) - Department Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 64 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the County Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Ulster County BOCES in the amount of \$4,800.00, to provide computer skills education to customers of the Ulster Works OneStop Center for the period beginning April 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2014, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or modified with the approval of the County Attorney.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Follow-Up Discussion: Legislator Maio asked how clients of OET would know this was available to them. Legislator Archer asked if this was for County employees.

Legislator Rodriguez clarified it was for 130 Ulster County one-stop customers and stated he assumed it would be advertised through the One Stop.

Chairman Briggs noted the next resolution, number 107, was pertaining to Resolution No. 96. Planning Department Director Doyle confirmed this.

Legislator Rodriguez noted the Resolution mentioned 75% of cost would be paid through the State grant. Planning Department Director Doyle confirmed this.

Motion No. 6 Resolution No. 107 – March 18, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 107** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –J. Paul Vosburgh Architect P.C. – Department Of Planning

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Resolution No. 107 Summary: This Resolution notes the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment , and hereby approves the amendment of \$75,410 and the revised scope of services to include additional architectural and engineering services for the SUNY Ulster Extension Center in Kingston in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Legislator Archer clarified this funding was in addition to an existing architectural design project. Planning Department Director Doyle confirmed this was a contract change order. Legislator Archer confirmed this change was due to the green infrastructure grant. Planning Department Director Doyle replied it was the green infrastructure grant as well as some other issues that came up with the respect to the building.

Legislator Maio clarified the amount was the same in this Resolution as it was in the last Resolution. Legislator Rodriguez replied the Resolutions were linked together.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 **Resolution No. 108 – March 18, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 108** - Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 108 Summary: This Resolution designates the Ulster County Department of Tourism as the official tourism promotion agency for Ulster County thereby making it eligible to apply for and accept matching tourism promotion funds on behalf of Ulster County during calendar year 2015, and to represent Ulster County for the promotion of Tourism.

Discussion:

Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder noted this Resolution not only designated the Department of Tourism as the official Tourism promotion agency and allow them to apply for matching funds. Legislator Rodriguez noted the County does this Resolution every year.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8 **Resolution No. 109 – March 18, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 109** - Pledging Matching Funds For The “I Love New York” Tourism Promotion – Department Of Tourism

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 109 Summary: This Resolution pledges to match funds received from the “I Love New York” Matching Funds Local Assistance Program during New York State fiscal year 2014-2015 in an amount no more than \$135,250.00 and no less than \$30,000.00 and reserves the right to accept or not accept funds from the Program.

Discussion:

Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder noted they use the matching funds when they get them. He stated they won a national design award for their 2013 travel guide. He showed the Committee the 2014 Travel Guide Cover.

Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder stated since 2009, the Department has promoted Ulster County via radio ads on 1010 WINS and they have demonstrated evidence of increased tourism from these promotional events. Legislator Rodriguez noted the effectiveness of radio program advertising and asked about it's cost. Planning Department Director Doyle replied it cost approximately \$60 – 75,000 annually for one 5 week campaign and then a second 6 week campaign. He stated there was a direct correlation between the campaigns and the hits to the County's google and internet searches. He stated with radio they have been able to track. He noted the NYC subway campaign was more about a branding campaign and indicated if a marketing campaign does not do well, they change. He highlighted there were not good results from their ABC TV ads and they switched to CBS TV and the results were better.

Chairman Briggs spoke about the direct link between the Tourism budget and the County's revenue generated by the Department. He stated he would support a requested increase.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

Motion No. 9 Motion to group and vote in the affirmative for the block

Text of Motion: Motion to group Resolutions No. 110 and 111 into a block and vote in the affirmative for the block

Resolution No. 110 Summary: This Resolution notes the Ulster County Legislature finds the following persons met the training requirements for re-appointment to the Ulster County Planning Board and hereby re-appoints Keith Holmquist of Phoenicia as the Town of Shandaken representative member and Robert Kalb of Big Indian as the Town of Shandaken alternate member to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term to end December 31, 2017.

Resolution No. 111 Summary: This Resolution appoints Eric Cafaro of Ellenville as the Village of Ellenville representative member to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term to end December 31, 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Archer, Litts, III, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

New Business:

Chairman Briggs introduced Mr. Steve Rice of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and noted a more in depth presentation would be presented at the April Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee meeting. He offered Mr. Rice an opportunity to speak about the Rail Trails in general.

Mr. Rice indicated he was not prepared to present the full Committee list for the Resolution creating this year's Committee as he was still hearing from members' interest in serving. He provided a review of the Ulster County Trail System. He distributed a status map from the County which provided a 10,000 foot view of the trail system as it exists now. He explained the red indicates where there is no trail but it is planning or could be planned and the green is where existing trail is. He noted the green growth from Kingston to Rosendale which was directly attributed to the opening up of Williams Lake thanks to the Planning Department and the Rosendale Trestle which was a huge financial effort underwritten by the Open Space Institute and the Wallkill Valley Land Trust. He stated the areas that really needed focus were the areas in red and highlighted the only areas that are owned by the County are the U&D corridor. He stated they hope to grow the U&D corridor. He stated the Trail Advisory Committee met with representatives from the Catskill Mountain Railroad at their last meeting. He stated they Railroad was willing to start rail operation at Washington Avenue and build their train yard in Westbrook Plaza. He state he was catching up with his annual report from last year.

Legislator Rodriguez thanked Mr. Rice for his presentation and noted another issue was the Walkway to the Rail Trail trail. He noted the trail on the map showed it proposed to run along Route 299 but that this was not an ideal solution. Legislator Rodriguez and Mr. Rice discussed the availability of better back roads. Mr. Rice stated they would need the Department of Transportation and the County involved in this segment of trail. He highlighted the need to get the trail to the traffic circle. The Committee discussed with

Mr. Rice and Planning Department Director Doyle making Route 299 an option for a trail. Planning Department Director Doyle highlighted the synergies that would be needed with the Mohonk Mountain House and the Shawangunk Ridge that would be needed to make this work.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:18 PM

Dated the 6th day of March, 2014

Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: April 1, 2014