

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** September 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 Tracey Bartels, Jonathan Heppner (arrived 6:12), Ron G. Lapp, Jr and Mary Wawro, Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (departed 6:10)

**ABSENT:** None

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell (departed 6:10), Tom Konrad, Marbletown ECC; Tim Rose, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA), Vic Melville, League of Women Voters (LWV), Dave Haldeman, Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:00

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**Motion. 1            RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of August 8, 2016**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Parete, Bartels, Lapp, Wawro and Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

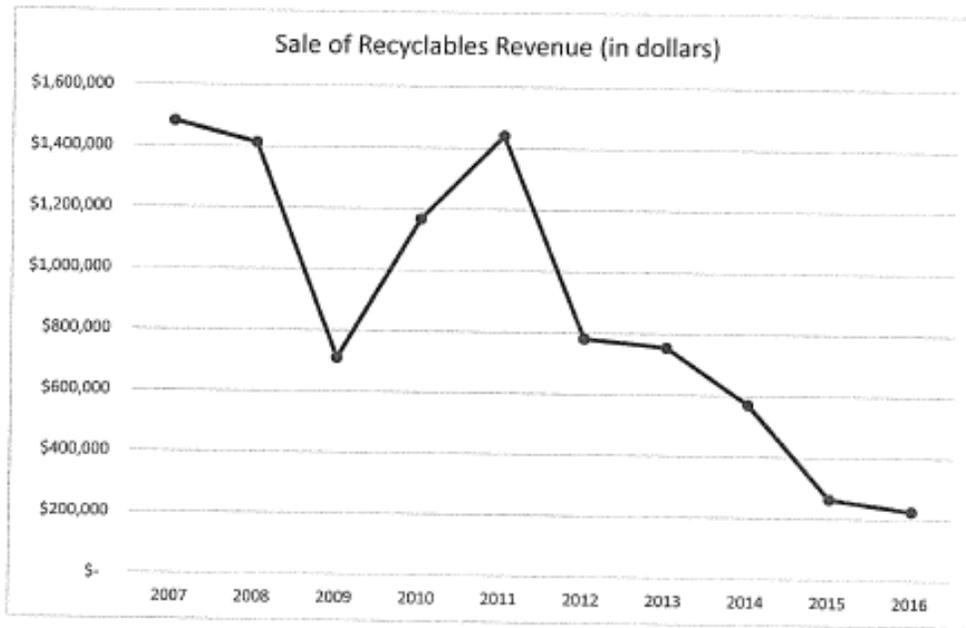
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Minutes approved as presented

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Mr. Rose gave the committee a detailed update of the UCRRA operation and budget. He anticipates the tipping fee will increase in 2017 from \$62 to \$75 per ton. Last year towns were told to expect a tipping fee of \$77 and he was pleased to be able to come in with a lower tipping fee.

Mr. Rose reported that the agency plans to begin to charge a fee for single stream recycling. He distributed a chart (attached) that demonstrated the revenue from the sale of recyclables continues to drop dramatically and the committee discussed the reasons for this shift.



2007	\$	1,482,297
2008	\$	1,413,397
2009	\$	711,042
2010	\$	1,166,674
2011	\$	1,440,978
2012	\$	781,548
2013	\$	755,508
2014	\$	571,278
2015	\$	263,367
2016	\$	225,000 estimated

#### Additional information

- 2008 (4th Quarter) - recycling market crash
- 2010 (end of June) - County Waste converted to SSR
- 2011 - recycling market prices spiked
- 2012 - No recycling from WM
- 2012 - City of Kingston implemented SSR conversion which was completed in 2014
- 2016 - Towns of Saugerties, Ulster & Marbletown converted to SSR

The committee had a discussion about the pros and cons of flow control on various solid waste commodities and issues regarding regionalization that the Solid Waste Improvement Commission was examining.

Chairman Parete noted that Mike D'Arcy of Rural Ulster Preservation Company had asked to address the committee regarding NYSERDA programs. Mr. D'Arcy was not in attendance so Chairman Parete will invite him to a future meeting.

Chairman Parete announced he was taking the discussion of proposed plastic bag legislation out of order from the agenda and invited Legislator Bartels to give the committee an update on her plans.

Legislator Bartels introduced Dr. Konrad and distributed a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) he prepared along with samples of legislation adopted in other areas. She briefly described the sample legislation and the experience of those municipalities since adopting the legislation.

Legislator Bartels plans to develop a draft and asked for the committee's input on three topics

1. What facilities should the ban include?
2. Should people on public assistance or food supplemental programs be exempt?
3. If a fee should be charged for paper in conjunction with a ban on plastic single use bags and if so, how much should the fee be?

The committee members and Dr. Konrad discussed these topics in detail.

### **Resolutions for the September, 2016 Session of the Legislature:**

**Resolution No. 387** - Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would confirm County Executive Mike Hein's appointment of Judith Karpova, Kerhonkson, NY to the Ulster County Environmental Management Counsel.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 387**

**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 388** - Requesting The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation And The New York Thruway Authority Assure Opportunities For Meaningful Public And Municipal Participation In The Scoping Process For The State Environmental Quality Review Of The Pilgrim Pipelines Project

**Resolution Summary:** This memorializing resolution supports public informational meetings and public hearings being held in every county in the proposed pipeline pathway and a minimum 90-day comment period.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 388**

**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed the continuing concern that the NYS Thruway Authority will benefit financial from the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project and the need to insure they act responsibly throughout the SEQRA process.

Chairman Parete noted this was the third resolution regarding opposition to the pipeline and expressed concern that most of the memorializing resolutions to come to this committee were against something. He would like to see more resolutions that supported some project or idea.

Legislators Bartels, Heppner and Wawro asked to be added as sponsors of Resolution No. 388.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 389** - Opposing The Proposal To Establish Several Additional Anchorage Grounds For Commercial Vessels In The Hudson River

**Resolution Summary:** This memorializing resolution opposes the United States Coast Guard proposal to establish formal anchorages in the Hudson River in the Kingston area as described in USCG Docket 2016-0132.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 389**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels offered an amendment previously approved by Legislator Berky the sponsor of the resolution. The amendment was to change the first “RESOLVED” to a “WHEREAS”. This was seconded by Legislator Wawro.

On the amendment:

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment ADOPTED**

Legislators Bartels, Heppner and Wawro asked to be added as sponsors of Resolution No. 389.

On Resolution No. 389 as amended:

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED as amended**

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**Old Business:**

- **Climate Smart Committee:**

Legislators Greene and Heppner gave the committee an update on several topics the CSC is addressing including the Clean Energy Communities Initiative, Building Code Enforcement Officer training to increase awareness of Clean Energy practices, progress toward helping local municipalities with the Climate Smart Community Pledge, electric vehicle meet-up events, siting and zoning for solar projects, nuclear plant subsidies and efforts to create a plan for the eventual closing of these plants.

- **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission**

Legislators Bartels and Greene reported that progress was continuing on the report.

Chairman Parete noted that the October meeting fell on Columbus Day and needed to be rescheduled. After a brief discussion the committee chose to tentatively move the October meeting to October 13, 2016 at 6:00 and will confirm with the clerk.

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 8:07

**Respectfully submitted:** Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
**Minutes Approved:** October 12, 2016