

**Energy & Environment Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** November 14, 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, Ron G. Lapp, Jr and  
Mary Wawro.

**ABSENT:** None

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Vic Melville, League of Women Voters  
(LWV)

Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 6:25.

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**Motion No. 1:           RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of October 12, 2016**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Lapp

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wawro

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** **0**

**Disposition:** Minutes approved as presented

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**Resolution for the November 22, 2016 Session of the Legislature:**

**Resolution No. 453 -** Authorizing An Additional Six Month Extension For Reporting To The Ulster County Legislature The Findings Of The Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would authorize an additional six month extension to the Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission giving them until May 1, 2017 to report its findings to the Ulster County Legislature and the Ulster County Executive.

**Motion No. 2:**                    **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 453**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:**            The committee had a brief discussion about the progress the SWMIC was making on the report and the tentative time line they planned for public comment before delivering the report.

### **Voting on the Resolution**

**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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Chairman Parete discussed Resolution No. 479 – “Amending The Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy To Exclude Personal Use By County Employees” that he introduced for the December session. He explained that his main motivation is to ensure these free electric charging stations will be available to the public/tourist and not taken up by employees who might park there all day while they are at work.

There was a brief discussion about the current \$1000 funding sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and what happened if or when those funds were expended.

### **Old Business:**

- **Proposed Plastic Bag Legislation** – Legislator Bartels said she is working on some of the language discussed at the last meeting. She said she would provide language that could be circulated to the committee and the respective caucuses. She is hoping to introduce a proposed local law in January.
- **Climate Smart Committee-** Legislator Greene discussed her efforts to ensure that any capital projects include energy efficiencies and plans to continue to reduce the County’s carbon footprint. She believes clear bench marks would be a useful and informative tool when considering the county budget, operations and capital programs.
- **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission** - Legislators Bartels and Greene reported most of the SWMIC plans in the discussion of Resolution No. 453.

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Heppner

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 7:36

**Respectfully submitted:** Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk

**Minutes Approved:** December 12, 2016