

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

**AUGUST 14, 2018**

### REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY and  
1111 N. Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019

**7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:07 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AUGUST SESSION THEME:** This month Chairman Ronk is highlighting Women's Equality Day. Celebrated each year on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Women's Equality Day marks the day Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby signed the proclamation declaring the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution ratified.

### **FIRE EVACUATION PLAN**

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**ROLL CALL:** Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Collins)

**7:09 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:**

On an Application under the Economic Development and Small Business Assistance program for US Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) Administered by the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (OCR)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was (1) one speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Gregory Shifrin: Mr. Shifrin thanked the Legislature for considering his application that will help expand local jobs, purchase equipment and general economic prospects.

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:10 PM**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Amber Feaster, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Legislator Mary Wawro, August 20<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Majority Leader Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Rodriguez to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez  
Legislator Mary Wawro

UC Planning Dept. Director Dennis Doyle

UC Comptroller, Elliot Auerbach  
State Of New York Department Of State  
The Assembly State of NY Kevin A. Cahill  
The Senate State of NY John J. Bonacic

Solarize Esopus

Concerned Citizens  
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NYS Department of Taxation & Finance

UC Attorney, Mark Longtoe  
UC Purchasing Director Edward Jordan

Central Hudson Gas & Electric  
OTB, President & CEO Donald Groth  
UC Community Action Committee, Inc.

UC Economic Development Alliance  
Community Advocates for Sustainable Energy (CASE)  
Kate Reese Hurd  
Allen Moses  
Peter Baker, West Hurley  
Evelyn Gross Whitebay, M.Ed., CDP  
NYS Dept. of Public Service

UC Department Of Public Works

UC Tourism Department  
Epilepsy Foundation Northeastern NY  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Letter, Senators Schumer & Gillibrand  
Memo Seeking Recycling Oversight  
Committee Community Members  
CDBG Public Hearing, Peak Trading  
OCR Application Economic Dev. Funds  
Response, Resolution No. 24 of 2018  
Local Law No. 3 of 2018 Filed 7/27/18  
Receipt, South Dakota v. Wayfair -Taxes  
Receipt, NYS DEC Interest In Public  
Stakeholder Input Drafting of 6 NYCRR  
Oil & Gas Sector Emissions Criteria  
Flyer Solar Program – Esopus Town Hall  
8/8/2018 5:30 PM

(24) Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2018  
(6) Ashokan Rail Trail  
Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2018  
(4) Lists Of Certified 2018 State  
Equalization Rates 7/19, 7/30, 7/31, 8/3  
County Litigation July 2018  
Appointment, Deputy Dir. of Purchasing;  
Dean Rylewicz Effective 8/13/2018  
Brochure, July 2018  
Support for Catskill OTB Products  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Senior Dinner  
Midtown Neighborhood Center 4PM  
Ellenville Million Funds SUNY Program  
Geothermal Energy Open House 8/11/18  
Wifi-VGCC Documents  
Email, Denmark Life Cycle Bag Report  
Email, \$22 Million Paid Out To Oregon  
Students With Learning Disabilities  
Public Hearing, 8/7/18, 6PM, Central  
Hudson Rebuild Transmission Lines  
Frank Greco Bldg. Saugerties  
Wallkill Bridge Rehab Project Closure  
8/6-8/10/18 Deck Seal  
Trending August 2018  
Summer 2018, Vol. 13 Issue 3  
July 2018 Ulster Current Brochure

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

County News  
Peter Baker  
UC Regional Chamber Of Commerce

Food Industry Alliance Of NY, CEO Mike Durant  
The Upper Delaware Council  
Shadowland Stages  
Gateway Community Industries, Inc.

Keane & Beane P.C., Joel H. Sachs Senior Counsel  
Parish & Weiner Inc., Nathaniel J. Parish, P.E., AICP

Vol. 50 No. 15 & 16  
In Support of Railroad  
Ribbon Cutting, SPCA Renovations 8/21  
Ribbon Cutting, Crown Lounge 8/16 2 PM  
Proposed Local Law No. 10 Testimony  
Newsletter, August 2018  
2018 Season Program  
Power Point Presentation Meals on  
Wheels  
Proposed Fire Training Center UCCC  
Proposed Fire Training Facility UCCC

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Executive Order No. 2-2018  
Press Release, Veterans Travel Memorial  
Wall, Saugerties  
Press Release, UC Vets Host Veterans  
Service Agency Stand-Down  
Press Release, Banning Conversion  
Therapy LL Signing 7/20/18  
Reappointment UC EMC; John  
Sansalone Term Expires 6/30/2021  
Budgetary Transfers, July 2018  
Press Release, Renewing Greenhouse  
Gas Reduction Commitment

**MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:**

Ulster County Legislators

NYS DEC Interest In Public Stakeholder  
Input Drafting of 6 NYCRR Part 203,  
Oil & Gas Sector Emissions - New  
Regulations To Reduce Criteria  
Pollutants & Methane Emissions From  
The Oil & Gas Sector

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	July 3, 2018
Energy & Environment	July 9, 2018
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	July 3, 2018
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services	July 16, 2018
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services	July 10, 2018
Public Health and Social Services	July 2, 2018
Public Works and Capital Projects	July 11, 2018
Ways and Means	July 9, 2018
	July 10, 2018
	July 17, 2018

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were (23) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Mark Gottesman, Gardiner: Mr. Gottesman representing Friends of Tillson Lake Inc., a non-profit, spoke in support of protecting and preserving Tillson Lake located in Gardiner, NY.
2. Jeff Rindler, Kingston LGBTQ Exec. Director: Mr. Rindler thanked the Legislature for their service and support of PLL No. 17 of 2018, Human Rights Legislation.
3. Susan Sprachman, Stone Ridge: Ms. Sprachman spoke in opposition to building a fire training center at the SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.
4. Paul Sprachman, Stone Ridge: Mr. Sprachman spoke in opposition to building a fire training center at the SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.
5. John Currle, Stone Ridge: Did not speak.
6. Gloria Waslyn, Ruby: Ms. Waslyn spoke in support of PLL No. 17 of 2018, PLL No. 20 of 2018, and in opposition to the company Glide Path in the Town of Ulster. Ms. Waslyn provided fundraiser information on Parrots For Peace.
7. Vivi H. Lavsa: Ms. Lavsa spoke in opposition to building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.
8. Claudine Brenner, Stone Ridge: Ms. Brenner spoke in opposition to building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.

9. Marjorie Shelley, Stone Ridge: Did not speak.
10. Edward Shelley MD, Stone Ridge: Did not speak.
11. Brian Appleton, Stone Ridge: Mr. Appleton opposes building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge. Mr. Appleton requests on behalf of local residents a review of executive filings, and actions and protocol to date taken by the lead agency regarding the FTC.
12. Kathy Casey, Stone Ridge: Ms. Casey opposes building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge.
13. John Avery, Ellenville: Mr. Avery a 29+yr. firefighter spoke in support of having a fire training center centrally located at the SUNY Ulster campus.
14. Lou Cardinale, Kingston: Mr. Cardinale a longtime firefighter supports building a fire training center at the SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge.
15. Laura Cunningham, Stone Ridge: Ms. Cunningham opposes building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge.
16. Cynthia Bell, LWV President: Did not speak.
17. Margot Becker, Accord: Ms. Becker spoke in support of PLL No. 17 of 2018, PPL No. 20 of 2018 - Plastic Beverage Straws and PLL No. 10 of 2018 - Regulating Plastic Carryout Bags
18. JoAnne Myers, Kingston: Did not speak.
19. Dare Thompson, Marlboro: Ms. Thompson is the LWV State President who spoke on behalf of the local chapter asking the Legislature not to rush to judgement amending the UC Charter – Resolution No. 331.
20. Susan Murphy, Saugerties: Ms. Murphy a member of the Climate Smart Task Force spoke in support of PLL NO. 10 of 2018, Regulating Plastic Carryout Bags.
21. Jonathan Papin, Stone Ridge: Mr. Papin opposes building a fire training center at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge.
22. Jennifer Berky, Kingston: Ms. Berky spoke in support of PLL No. 17 of 2018, Human Rights Legislation and also the opportunity to work with the Legislative body.
23. Penny Coleman: Ms. Coleman spoke on behalf of Town of Rosendale Councilperson Jennifer Metzger in support of PLL NO. 10 of 2018, Regulating Plastic Carryout Bags.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 283, 322, 323, 325 – 328, 330 – 333, 335, 336, 338 – 347;  
334 – WITHDRAWN; 212, 275, 279, 281, 324, 329, & 348 – POSTPONED;  
265 - NO ACTION TAKEN; 337- SEPTEMBER INTRODUCTION**

**Resolution No. 334** - Confirming A Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board  
*WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS*

**Resolution No. 212** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2018, A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform In Ulster County, To Be Held On Thursday, September 20, 2018 At 7:00 PM  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 275** – Amending The Rules Of Order To Permit Memorializing Resolutions  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 279** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 19 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law 4 Of 2015 (A Local Law Regulating The Use Of Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Ware By Food Service Establishments In Ulster County), To Amend Penalties And Provide Certain Exemptions, To Be Held On Thursday, September 20, 2018 At 7:05 PM  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 281** – Establishing A Policy To Prohibit The Use Of Public Funds To Place The Likeness Or Name Of Elected Officials On All Promotional And Informational Signage On County Owned Property  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 324** – Repealing Resolution No. 24 Of 2018, Establishing A Policy To Prohibit The Use Of Public Funds To Place The Likeness Or Name Of Elected Officials On Public Service Announcements, Non-Commercial And Non-Political Advertising By Ulster County  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 329** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2018, Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 348** - Urging Governor Cuomo And The New York State Senate To Approve The Appointment Of Hillary Smith To The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) Board In Accordance With Chapter 60 Of The New York State Laws Of 2012  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 265** - Requesting That The New York State Assembly And New York State Senate Introduce Legislation Amending New York Public Authorities Law Article 8, Title 13 G, Section 2050-t (3) To Include Recycling Material  
*NO ACTION TAKEN*

**Resolution No. 337** - Establishing A Policy To Prohibit The Use Of Recording Devices By Elected Officials And Personnel Of The County Of Ulster Without All-Party Consent  
*SEPTEMBER INTRODUCTION*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Maio, seconded by Minority Leader Rodriguez, to move Resolution Nos. 322, 326, 330, 340, 341, 345, and 347 out of the Non-Consent and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

**Consent**

**322      Establishing New Fees For Parking At The County Office Building**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22            NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**325      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Netsmart Technologies, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22            NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**326      Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22            NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)



- 327 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Computer Professionals International Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 328 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc. D/B/A Newcastle Communications – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 330 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 332 Confirming A Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 333 Confirming A Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**335 Confirming An Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**336 Confirming An Appointment To The Ulster County Arson Task Force Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**340 Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2018 Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**341 Amending the 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging For The Medicare Improvements for Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**342 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Ulster County Public Defender**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 343 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Division Of Criminal Justice Services Grant – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 344 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide Access To The CCTV System For Emergencies – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 345 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey The Poor Farm Reservoir Property, Tax Map No. 86.1-1-41, To The City Of New York Without Consideration Pursuant To Section 72-h Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 347 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**Non-Consent**

**283 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2018, A Local Law Promoting The Use Of Reusable Bags And Regulating The Use Of Plastic Carryout Bags And Recyclable Paper Carryout Bags**

Legislator Bartels motioned, seconded by Legislator Greene, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy and Environment Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

*REFERRED BACK TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE*

**322 Establishing New Fees For Parking At The County Office Building**

MOVED TO CONSENT

**323 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 20 Of 2018, A Local Law Requiring Restaurants And Fast Food Service Establishments Provide Plastic Beverage Straws Solely Upon Request, To Be Held On Thursday, September 20, 2018 At 7:10 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18                      NOES: 4  
(Noes: Legislators Gerentine, Lopez, Maio, and Woltman)  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**326 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services**

MOVED TO CONSENT

**330 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law**

MOVED TO CONSENT

**331 A Local Law Amending Ulster County Charter Section C-106, The Code Of The County Of Ulster Section 44-8 And The Ulster County Administrative Code Section A 33-2, Board Of Ethics**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17            NOES: 5  
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Gerentine, Haynes,  
Nolan, and Woltman)  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**338 Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services For Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustments– Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20            NOES: 2  
(Noes: Legislators Joseph Maloney and Petit)  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**339 Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing And Vital Access– Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20            NOES: 2  
(Noes: Legislators Joseph Maloney and Petit)  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

**340 Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2018 Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 341 Amending the 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging For The Medicare Improvements for Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) – Office For The Aging**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 345 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey The Poor Farm Reservoir Property, Tax Map No. 86.1-1-41, To The City Of New York Without Consideration Pursuant To Section 72-h Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Department Of Public Works**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 346 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective To Be Made Up Of Various Counties For The Purposes Of Exploring Potential Savings On Stop-Loss Insurance – Personnel Department**

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez, to amend the Resolution by adding three additional RESOLVED clauses as indicated in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Collins)

- 347 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance**

MOVED TO CONSENT

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Legislator Delaune.

Waltraud H. Brown, West Hurley, NY  
Doreen L. Porter, Ellenville, NY  
Peter E. Miller, Glenford, NY  
Luiz Silva, Saugerties, NY  
Margaret Ryan, Saugerties, NY  
Joan M. Gardner, Saugerties, NY  
Clarence D. Bement, Pine Bush, NY  
Robert T. Wolf, Town of Ulster, NY  
Timothy J. Ahearn, Wallkill, NY  
Robert Greene, New York, NY  
Joseph J. Vassallo, Wallkill, NY  
Eileen M. Quick, Kingston, NY  
John Savago, Englewood Beach, FL  
Rafael Danger, Kingston, NY - 100 yrs.  
Michael C. Drummond, Kingston, NY

Evelyn V. Davis, Accord, NY  
Joan L. Beck, Ellenville, NY  
Janet M. Teitter, Saugerties, NY  
John Carpino, Sr., Cornelius, NC  
Robert J. Auchmoody, Wallkill, NY  
Sophie Borghere, Kingston, NY  
Ora G. Freer, Kingston, NY  
May Kowalenko, Kingston, NY  
Pietro Cordani, Marlboro, NY  
Louise M. Garrison, Wallkill, NY  
Dorothy K. Thiel, Washington, D.C.  
Carol Ann M. Lohrman, New Paltz, NY  
Marc C. Phelan, Port Ewen, NY  
Joseph Hockx, Saugerties, NY  
James Catalano, Milton, NY

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Donaldson to adjourn Legislative Session. All in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:36 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **THURSDAY, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 12 Noon.**

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**From:** Morey A Gottesman <mgottesman@hvc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Victoria Ann Fabella  
**Cc:** tracebartels@earthlink.net; traceybartels@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Comments at tonight's session

Good day Victoria,  
My name is Morey Gottesman and I will be attending the Session this evening and signed up earlier by phone to speak. I'll be addressing the issue of Tillson Lake in Minnewaska State Park in Gardiner.

I have been talking to Tracey Bartels and Manna Jon Greene and they suggested that I send you a copy of my comments for the record so I have taken the liberty to attach them to this email. My comments at the meeting will be much shorter than the attached due to the 2-3 minute limit. Thanks for your time and consideration, if there are any questions, please feel free to call me. All the best,

Morey G.

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**RECEIVED**

**AUG 14 2018**

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**



Good evening, I am here tonight representing Friends of Tillson Lake, Inc. a 501c3 not-for-profit incorporated to preserve and protect Tillson Lake in Minnewaska State Park Preserve now and for future generations. I'm here to ask for your help in doing so.

**A brief history-**

The lake was formed in 1929 when Hassie Tillson constructed a dam on the Palmaghatt Kill to create a recreation area for people from the community and those from outside of the area. He advertised in local and New York City newspapers and the lake flourished. Since then the lake has been a centerpiece of community activity for those living in Gardiner and for Ulster County residents, NY State residents, and visitors from out of the area.

Over its long history the lake has provided a place for those who enjoy fishing, hiking, boating, bird-watching, at one time swimming, roller skating and golf were part of the lake property.

Threatened in recent years by development and changes in private ownership, the lake has survived. Drained in the 80's, it was restored in the 90's to its current state and then, to the relief of all those who use and love the lake, it was acquired by New York State to dramatically enhance the Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

Under the ownership of the Palisades Interstate Parks Commission the Minnewaska Master Plan was updated to include Tillson Lake and the Commission made a commitment to, and I quote:

Initiate the design development of the Tillson Lake Dam

Conduct necessary repairs to Tillson Lake Dam

Improve the Tillson Lake parking area and boat launch.

Tillson Lake was to become an important, vital part of Minnewaska, the only lake in the park to offer fishing, easy access, boating, hiking, and bird-watching in one central location.

The PIPC made some modest improvement to the parking lot, and made minor changes to the boat launch, and since then, nothing. In April of this year, local residents learned in a letter from PIPC that the first major investment the commission was going to make was to secure permits to breach the dam, "dewater" the lake, and have nothing left but the Palmaghatt Kill running through what would be a dry lake bed. They cited the inability to secure the necessary funding to upgrade the dam, a figure they placed first at 7 to 9 million dollars, and then when pressed, Jim Hall the executive director of PIPC produced documentation from 2017 showing a cost of \$2.37 million to a high of \$4.3 million. The cost to dewater the lake and restore what's left hovers at over \$2 million dollars.

It would be a travesty to allow this to happen. Close to a thousand people, those who live in the area, those who grew up here and moved away from the area, and those concerned with the environment have joined FOTL to work and help the PIPC get the funding necessary. It has been a non-partisan effort, getting support from Congressman Faso, Senator Bonacic, Assemblyman Cahill, Executive Hein, and Legislator Bartels, the Town boards of Gardiner and Shawangunk, and advocates in the environmental community.

The ecosystem the lake has developed is both unique and vital, as evidenced by studies commissioned by FOTL from Hudsonia, a respected environmental group, and Karen Schneller-McDonald, an aquatic environment specialist.

If this dam is breached, and the lake drained, there would be incalculable damage to the region,. The loss of property values, the blow to the tax base, the possibility of the release of phosphorous into an already threatened Walkill River, the impact on the wildlife that live near and use the lake for sustenance, the loss of a high value recreational area in Ulster County, all these should be taken into consideration and balanced against unlikely benefits to bodies of water 45 miles away, separated by 5 dams, including the Hydroelectric Dam at Sturgeon Pool.

For more information please go to our website "save tillsonlake.org" or go to our Facebook page "Save Tillson Lake" and see the many comments posted by those who love this lake.

In closing, I ask the county make its voice heard and join the FOTL in our mission to preserve this priceless asset to our County, our Towns, our State, and its people.



# PARROTS FOR PEACE

A New York State registered charity

## Summer Cocktails and Fundraise

A soirée to support the Parrots for Peace and their mission to spread understanding and universal harmony among all sentient life on Earth.

Saturday August 25th, 5–8pm \$65 per person, \$100 per couple  
Wine, beer, appetizers, live music (make checks to: Parrots for Peace)

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For tickets and RSVP: [gloriawaslyn@gmail.com](mailto:gloriawaslyn@gmail.com) 845.663.2002

Tickets may be purchased and donations accepted via PayPal at [ParrotsForPeace.org](http://ParrotsForPeace.org), or may be mailed to:  
Parrots for Peace, PO Box 241, Ruby, NY 12475. Tickets are also available at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com)