



Commentator

MARCH 2012

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CALENDAR		
2012		
FEBRUARY		
28	Tues. 5:30 pm	Solid Waste Study Committee, Gateway Diner, Rt 9W near Mid-Hudson Bridge in Highland. Primary topic: plans for March 29 event (below). Future meetings TBA. Meetings usually Tues. at this time and place.
MARCH		
View the "Women's History Month" pages at the Library of Congress: http://womenshistorymonth.gov/		
6	Tues. 7:15 pm	LWV MHR Board Meeting, home of Esther Stickley, 147 Griffin Dr., Hurley, 845-331-2919
8	Thurs. 2 pm	Resource Development Committee, home of Margaret Sellers, 80 Ringtop Rd., Kingston, 339-3180. Please call to confirm time, date.
9	Fri. 11:30 am	Dutchess County Shared Services Study Committee, home of Ellie Charwat, 7 Creek Bend Rd., Poughkeepsie 845-462-7061
28	Wed. 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Enjoy Dutch treat dinner at the Rosendale Café. Call the Café to join LWV reservation: 845-658-9048 Film "Iron-Jawed Angels" at the Rosendale Theatre. Free admission. Discussion to follow: Why, 92 years after winning the vote, are women still under-represented on legislative bodies?
29	Thurs. 6:30 – 9 pm (Sign in at 6 pm)	"Zeroing In on New Paltz: How Our Community Can Be a National Model for Waste Reduction" at Coykendall Auditorium, SUNY New Paltz. LWVMHR a co-sponsor. Free and open to all. REGISTER online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9V9FNNC More info: 845-255-8456 or recycling@townofnewpaltz.org Program flyer: http://lwvmidhudson.org/files/ZeroWasteFlyerRevised.pdf

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PREZ SEZ...**Happy Women's History Month!**

We don't generally make a big deal about this occasion; men have been members of our organization since the '70s but our name already makes so many assume we still are all women, and we hate to reinforce that misconception. Nevertheless we are proud that we arose from the women's suffrage movement and we think it's about time we showed the film "**Iron-Jawed Angels**" that so many Leagues have raved about. The centennial of the 19th Amendment is only 8 years off – we need to get ready!

So please notice the details elsewhere in this newsletter, and on **March 28** bring along some family and friends (including potential members!) and remind yourselves how much some people sacrificed to win the vote. If you can join us for dinner beforehand, do. Last time we surprised even ourselves when about 25 people showed up at the **Rosendale Café**. The food and the company were great. We also really enjoyed working with the very supportive **Rosendale Theatre** and are so glad to be going back.

Speaking of membership (I was – look carefully), we're delighted to have gained 19 new members in the past 12 months. This month we highlight 5 new and re-joining members from Dutchess who came in through the Shared Services study there. Next month we'll highlight 8 who came in via our solid waste study, which serves both counties. FYI, anyone who joins now gets a bonus – his/her membership will be good through May 2013. Spread the word. Shouldn't everyone want to be a League of Wo/Men (!) Voters member?

*Dare***MEET TERRY BERNARDO**

On February 22 I had the pleasure of interviewing Terry Bernardo of Accord, NY, the first woman to be elected chairperson of the Ulster County Legislature. We congratulate her!

Ms. Bernardo has hit the ground running and it is good to see that she is trying to make the Legislature and its work more accessible. Over the next several months, she has scheduled visits to as many city, town and village board meetings as she and they can manage. She will eventually be trying to get around to other organizations as well. At each visit she will be (or was) accompanied by the legislators who serve that area.

The League encourages you to attend the meeting in your home area, ask questions, and get to know your county representatives. Ms. Bernardo has already visited Marlborough, Esopus, and New Paltz, and you will probably receive this Commentator after her Hurley visit on Feb 27. But the following MARCH visits are still coming up. Be aware that these dates are somewhat tentative, so confirm before going. You can reach Ms. Bernardo's office at 845-340-3699 or ask your local government officials when she will be visiting.

T. Bernardo's City, Town and Village Board Meeting Schedule (tentative) for MARCH 2012	
1st: Wawarsing	12th: Ellenville
5th: Shandaken	14th: Rosendale
6th: Denning	19th: Village of Saugerties
8th: Hardenburgh	21st: Town of Saugerties

As you probably already know, for some time the public has been able to go on the Ulster County government site (<http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/legislature.html>) to view the meetings of the County Legislature. Ms. Bernardo is now trying to make the minutes of all the legislative committees available to you as soon as possible. For the previous month, they are ALL available with just one click - you don't have to go to each committee to access them.

She expressed a great interest in technology and its ability to inform the legislators as well as the public in a more complete and timely fashion, and we can expect to see more.

On a very different note, Ms. Bernardo is very interested in the 2020 celebration of women getting the vote and she and Susan Zimet (Town of New Paltz supervisor) are establishing a non-profit organization to help in this effort. We hope to see both of them at our March 28th showing of "Iron-Jawed Angels."

Dare Thompson, President, LWVMHR

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Minutes of the last monthly Board meeting can be found at http://lwvmidhudson.org/files/Board_Minutes_Feb_2012.pdf

Meet a Few New LWV Members!

The Dutchess Shared Services study group has pulled in several new members. Most are returning after having taken a break from LWV involvement and all but Nan live in Poughkeepsie. We are delighted to have them and their many talents!

Anne Conroy recently retired as President and CEO of Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation but she is still actively involved in planning, community development, and pro-choice issues. She serves on several boards: the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley advocacy organization, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill.

Nan Fogel, a Vassar graduate with a degree in urban studies, lives in Hyde Park. She has administered federal and state programs, edited yearbooks, and written articles for the Dutchess County Historical Society.

Diane Jablonski first joined the LWV in the early '70s when she moved to Dutchess County to join IBM, for whom she worked for 26 years including technical and management assignments in Poughkeepsie, Somers, and Santa Teresa Lab in California. Following IBM, she was a consultant for Cap Gemini Ernst and Young. She finished her professional career in technology by working on an anti-trust lawsuit for IBM for 2 years. From 2006-09 she served a 4-year term as Dutchess County Comptroller and she is now happily retired and traveling the world. (This bio came to us from Casablanca, though she's home again now.)

Gina Klein was also a League member in the '70s and is returning after a hiatus caused by work and other personal circumstances. "I'm looking forward to helping make a difference on local issues," she says.

Suzi Stoller is a newly retired school social worker, past president of the New York State School Social Workers' Association, a member of the NYS Education Department's Pupil Personnel Advisory Committee, and a former trustee of Dutchess Community College.

This year has been a *good* year for new and renewal of old memberships. Keep tuned here...

More Mini-Bios to come!

PROGRAM NEWS

Coming To A Theater Near You

Iron-Jawed Angels



Celebrate **Women's History Month** and the event that started the League of Women Voters - the 1920 approval of the amendment to give women the vote.

Join us for a showing of the 2004 HBO film, "**Iron-Jawed Angels**" at the **Rosendale Theatre on Wed., March 28 at 7 pm.**

With Hilary Swank as Alice Paul and Angelica Houston as Carrie Chapman Catt (LWV's founder) - what more can you ask? Houston won a Golden Globe for her role as well as an Emmy nomination (one of 5 nominations the film received).

Terry Bernardo, who in January became the first female chair of the Ulster Co. legislature, along with other women politicians, will be on hand to make remarks and participate in a discussion on why women are still not well-represented on legislative bodies.

We invite you to kick off the evening with dinner just down the street at the Rosendale Cafe at 434 Main. We did this last year for the film "Gerrymandering," and a good time was had by all. To reserve for dinner, call the Cafe at 845-658-9048 and say you're coming for the League of Women Voters event.

We thank both Rosendale landmarks for welcoming us back to celebrate this highly dramatic and inspiring turning point in the history of American women.

**Lindsay Carille,
newly appointed
Solid Waste
Coordinator
meets
community
members at a
League of
Women Voters'
"Hot Topic"
event held at the
Crafted Kup in
Poughkeepsie**

I revisit an old friend: The Garbage Issue.

By: Anne Needham

Although – or possibly because – I was a member of the Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council during the Battle of the Landfill, this whole solid waste discussion has cowed me terribly. Too much to learn, too technical, too dismaying! But the Hot Topics Event Thursday, February 16th featuring Lindsay Carille, Dutchess County's newly appointed Solid Waste Coordinator, had me, much to my own surprise, excited, impressed and happily not intimidated. First, parsing: What we used to call "the burn plant" is now the "recycle and reuse center." I love discussions of more palatable names for scary or politically tense concepts!

Most important, Coordinator Carille brought me up to speed on both history and future plans for the county's solid waste. The need to expensively refurbish the Reuse and Recycling Center was discussed along with the problem of what to do with the ash. Yes, way back in the day, the citizens of Northern Dutchess defeated the landfill. We won! It was never built. You can blame NIMBYs like me but sloppy work by the consulting company meant that chosen sites were almost laughably inappropriate. We had great ammunition!

So, as I say, we won. But whereto the ash? Ms. Carille gave us the particulars of the hideously expensive costs of shipping to parts far-flung, to communities that might soon consider taking our garbage a really bad deal, and, of course, the need for a sustainable solution demanded by the state.

While both Ulster and Dutchess Counties are facing the same issues, "Hot Topics" was all about Dutchess with Ms. Carille leading the discussion and fielding questions. The group at the Crafted Kup included many environmentally-minded community members who have been tireless in the cause of recycling and reuse. There were county legislators, Vassar students, a former Poughkeepsie mayor, a Cornell Cooperative Extension representative, a transfer station operator, and of course many League members and others. The questions and comments, well informed (no surprise) and moderately optimistic (surprise!), focused on the need for recycling education.

Speaking of education, some of us had to rethink just how knowledgeable we really are. The technical advances have overtaken our sophistication. Ken Kraft, owner of the Crafted Kup and an avid recycler, and I both expressed surprise at recently learning that we can now recycle plastic up to #7!

Ms. Carille and the group were of one mind that the new advances in recycling need to be aggressively presented to the public. And above all, the excitement and dedication to recycling that were apparent when the concept was new need to be rekindled. There are sparks: the young Vassar participants noted the success of the college's composting of food waste. There is also the remarkable community excitement about Beacon's Zero-to-Go Program for electronics, and Dover's enthusiastic effort to deal with household hazardous waste.

This League of Women Voters "Hot Topics" event was the first community meeting by Coordinator Carille who plans to have ongoing contact with county groups. I hope to get to the next one. Meanwhile I'll pay close attention to the good people who are working to lure our communities back onto the recycling bandwagon.

ADVOCACY & STUDY COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dutchess County
Shared Services
Study**

This Committee, led by Ellie Charwat, is continuing to look for ways that towns and the County can increase efficiency and reduce costs by sharing services. In the process they have interviewed many interesting elected and appointed officials (most recently state Senator Saland and Assemblyman Miller) and they welcome your participation.

The next meeting is on Friday, March 9, 11 AM at the home of Ellie Charwat, 7 Creek Bend Road, Poughkeepsie, 845-462-7061, echarwat@yahoo.com. Please contact Ellie if you plan to come and/or need directions.

**Ulster County
Shared Services
Study**

DOCUMENTS ONLINE: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/municipal.html>.

Additional links of interest include

- The Draft Report can be found on the County Website at www.co.ulster.ny.us/municipalities/FINAL%20DRAFT%20Highway%20DOC%20with%20charts%20and%20maps.pdf
- Frank Cassetta's concise summary is at our website at lwvmidhudson.org/files/Highway_Service_Cooperation_-_Summary.pdf
- the Shared Services Program within the NYS Department of State Division of Local

**LWV Golden Hill
Health Care
Center**

Government Services <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/sharedservices/index.html>
Best Practices page of the NYS Association of Counties. www.nysac.org/County_Corner.php/
October 19, 2010 the League Consensus Report to the Ulster County Legislature and various reference materials can be found at: http://www.lwvnet.org/lwv/ny/midhudson/Action_Study.html#s03
For continuing coverage on this critical issue see our Observer Corp notes below

OBSERVER CORPS - ULSTER COUNTY

**Ulster County
Legislature**

To view monthly proceedings, go to <http://www.totalwebcasting.com/view/?id=ulster>;
Archived and upcoming resolutions: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/resolutions/index.html>
Committee Agendas/Minutes: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/committeesinfo/index.html>
Legislative Calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/uccalendar> . There are links available to send an e-mail reminder to yourself and to download an event to your computer based calendar.

**Golden Hill
Legislature &
Committee
Meetings**

For those with an abiding interest in LDCs, the following links may be useful:
Municipal Use Of Local Development Corporations And Other Private Entities: Division Of Local Government And School Accountability Background, Issues and Recommendations
www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/ldcreport.pdf
Procedures For Forming And Changing Not-For-Profit Corporations In New York State
www.ag.ny.gov/bureaus/charities2/pdfs/how_to_incorporate.pdf

**Golden Hill Local
Development
Corporation
(LDC)**

On Friday, February 17, 2012 an initial meeting of the Local Development Corporation (LDC) was convened by Marshall Beckman. He and Robert Sudlow and Arthur Smith, all directors of the LDC, previously appointed by County Executive Michael Hein, introduced themselves. Following that, Mr. Beckman entertained two motions that were individually voted upon and passed: one ratifying the certificate of incorporation of the LDC and the second one passing the By-Laws of the LDC. Mr. Smith then resigned from the LDC. With that, Mr. Hein then convened a second meeting at which he appointed J.J. Hansom, the current Budget Director as Arthur Smith's replacement.

Following that, Mr. Hein then spoke to the situation involving the LDC of Golden Hill. Among the points that he made:

- he made it clear that he was concerned about the slow progress that had been made in getting the LDC to the point that it could proceed with its charge to sell Golden Hill, which is already behind schedule. If the nursing home is not sold and the state approval process has not been completed by the end of 2013, the cost to the UC tax payer will be \$667,000 per month;
- the changes that had been made in the By-Laws of the LDC will enable the Legislature to select its representatives to the LDC Board: 2 from the majority and one from the minority. Even so this has not been done. Further, additional meetings were held in January and again in February, 2-17-2012, to try and iron out the differences with no results, other than the grid lock and the possibility of a law suit threatened by the minority.

An additional change to the By-Laws would enable the 7th and independent member of the LDC Board to be selected by the other six appointees from a pool provided by the County Executive and the Legislature. Should the directors not select an independent director within 30 days of the initial meeting that director will be randomly selected by the LDC Board by drawing a name from the available pool.

Mr. Hein reiterated his concerns that the delays would result in additional problems and he will not sit by and "allow the situation to spin out of control."

Further, "these two procedures are also designed to ensure that the UC taxpayers are protected from unnecessary partisan delays and that both parties will have their interests adequately represented regardless of their party affiliation."

Following Mr. Hein's talk, the session was ended.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

**Environmental,
Energy &
Technology
Committee**

February 9, 2012 at Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Rd., Kingston
Attendees: Carl Belfiglio (chair), Tracey Bartels, Craig Lopez, John Parete, Mary Wawro, and Ken Wishnick. (Ken Ronk came early but had to leave.)

From about 6 - 7 pm the group toured the UCRRA facility with Executive Director, Timothy Rose, and staff members Charlie Whittaker and Michelle Bergkamp.

At 7:15 Carl Belfiglio called the committee meeting to order. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

All legislators now get the minutes of all the legislative committees in one document so they can clearly see what everyone is doing. Several committee members asked that they be sent this committee's minutes individually as well.

The committee approved unanimously a resolution to amend the 2012 budget to accept funds from the New York State Department of Education for a Local Government Records Management Improvement grant for a Comprehensive Review Management Plan for the county's Department of Information Services. Staff members from the County Executive's office explained that this grant would pay for a consultant to help the County develop a plan to protect vital records (and access to them) during and after disasters.

Under New Business, K. Wishnick said that he hopes to present create a resolution to prohibit the use of waste water from hydrofracking from being used on county roads. There is talk that companies doing the fracking will offer this water to counties to use in lieu of salt, thus solving a waste disposal problem for the companies and (presumably) saving counties money. Environmentalists have expressed concerns about the safety of this waste water, and while committee members also had concerns, they felt they needed more information. J. Parete wondered what standards the DEC has set for materials applied to roads. T. Bartels said that taking more time to review this issue might make it possible for them to extend this prohibition to ALL roads in the county.

The committee discussed appointments to the Climate Smart Committee. James Littlefoot had been recommended as a representative from an environmental organization but no one knew which organization he is affiliated with. Julie Noble of Kingston was suggested as a Town or Village Government representative. Kevin Roberts was suggested to represent the Public Works Committee. Someone from the business community is also needed but no clear name emerged. T. Bartels has asked to represent the Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee.

The committee also discussed appointments to the Soil and Water Conservation Committee which should have two legislators (C. Belfiglio and one other TBD), two "practical farmers" (1 recommended by the Grange, Wm Wicklow, to be reappointed, 1 recommended by the County Farm Bureau, Frederick Van Nostrand, Sr, will be asked by C. Belfiglio if he's still interested in serving), and one at-large member who should be an urban/non-farm person. Several names were mentioned but no appointments made.

The Fish & Wildlife Board also needs one appointment. T. J. Briggs and Wm. Wicklow will apparently be reappointed. Mark Loete will be asked by J. Parete if he wants to continue to serve. Other appointments TBD.

Following an update on the state-wide briefing on Hazard Mitigation Programs that took place January 19 at SUNY New Paltz (and which can be viewed on the NYS website), the committee spent considerable time discussing the challenge of getting the DEC and especially NYC's DEP to address issues with the Esopus River and other parts of the county. The committee will try to get answers to the many questions residents have about the Esopus's turbidity and other environmental problems.

The chair distributed documents showing the various UCRRA bonds and how much will need to be paid out each year from now through 2026. The total is \$32,861,149 (\$21,028,756 in principal, \$11,832,393 in interest). J. Parete said that the bonds extend out so many years because the County refinanced them when there was a large county budget deficit several years ago.

There was a discussion about how to tackle the RRA issues. The committee decided against having a subcommittee, but knowing that interviews would need to be conducted, worried about whether 2 legislators conducting interviews would violate the Open Meetings law. While most felt less than 3 was all right, C. Belfiglio said he'd check into it. He also stressed that he and other legislators were committed to transparency.

Finally there was considerable discussion about wi-fi on the 6th floor (it's in the works; the general public will not have access to it - just legislators, press) and legislators' email addresses. Apparently there is still some confusion about the latter and training will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 Next meeting is March 8, 5:45, 6th floor, COB.

Submitted by Dare Thompson

Economic Development and Tourism

Date: February 8, 2012 Start Time: 6:03 p.m. Finish Time: about 7:00 p.m.

James F. Maloney, Chairman, called the meeting to order, took roll call and the minutes of the meeting on Jan. 11, 2012, were approved.

Carl Meyer, President and co-CEO, The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), presented and discussed the status of the solar industry and local companies. Overall, the industry is going through a shakeout, due to economic conditions and the supply-demand imbalances (which drive prices even lower) in which 75% of the companies are not expected to survive. The local companies are under stress leading to some downsizing and failures, with some notable exceptions (e.g. Fala Technologies) where companies are trying to build new markets through product innovations. The greatest local success is Linuo locating in a former IBM complex in East Fishkill – this venture will help the area including Ulster.

There was discussion of the economic and employment opportunities. A trip to China is planned. Even though the Ulster County high tech manufacturing center was not selected by the New York Regional Council, the proposal is still being developed.

About 100 companies are in TSEC, including about 75-80 in Ulster County. Legislator Ken Wishnick asked how many local jobs: Mr. Meyer will try to find out. Mr. Wishnick also asked about the SUNY Ulster courses and if they aligned with the demand: most of the courses are for installation training and there is money available to support them.

Rick Remsnyder, Director Tourism, announced the Diamond Mills ribbon cutting to be held Thursday at the new venue in Saugerties. He reviewed recent and upcoming travel events: this is a busy season of attending travel shows and preparing the next travel guide and topical brochures. He is pleased with the Valentine's Day theme of Pop-the-Question at covered bridges photo contest initiated by Lisa Berger, Director of Marketing, on his staff. The current Travel Guide received a Gold Award.

A proposed resolution designating the Ulster County Tourism as the official tourism promotion agency of Ulster County was tabled and held for next month. This action was taken following discussion and comments from Legislative Counsel Langdon Chapman.

All other proposed resolutions on the agenda were adopted.

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell addressed the committee regarding a grant application resolution that was not on the agenda. Mr. Crannell wants on record the proposed resolution was prepared and properly filed, and timely for the agenda.

Mr. Maloney circulated a document of a proposal for the Industrial Development Agency, Ulster County Development Corporation and the Ulster County Planning Department to be more efficient.

Document prepared by Vic Melville, 2/24/12

Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services

Date: February 7, 2012

Start Time: 5:04 p.m.

Finish Time: 6:16 p.m.

David Donaldson, Deputy Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Donaldson announced there were no resolutions to consider.

Mr. Donaldson introduced James Cosgrove, President, Ulster County Library Association, to present an overview and discussion of the libraries and the association. There are four kinds of libraries in districts defined by New York State. Current Ulster County funding is \$67,500 which is well below the peak of some years ago.

A major service introduced in 2007 is the InfoPortal to provide equalization of access for all the libraries, available to all card holders across five counties. The content is mostly on-line, some only in libraries.

Mr. Donaldson asked about e-books: they are available thru the Overdrive Library at no cost to the user with some of the content downloadable to Kindle, etc.

Legislator Craig Lopez asked about audio books: individual libraries offer them.

Dr. Donald C. Katt, President of the Ulster County Community College (UCCC), could not attend as he is to have back surgery the following day.

Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration, briefed the committee on the budget: the budget process begins this month toward a budget in June. Currently the enrollment is flat and the funding also flat. The site selection for the Business Resource Center relocation is expected to be addressed with the County Executive in couple of weeks. The importance of the previously discussed capital projects was highlighted by the Feb. 13th power outage that led to phone problems.

Marianne Collins, Dean of Advancement & Continuing Education, discussed the ExpressSemester program. This program is under the direction of Ann Marrott, Vice President & Dean of Enrollment Management. The Howard C. St. John Lecture will be held on Mar. 20, featuring Michael Oates, President and CEO, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation.

Kathy Kaiser, head of the Reaching Independence through Supportive Education (RISE), described

**Health and
Personnel
Committee**

the program including a 2012 update. The program is funded by the Department of Social Services from New York State thru Ulster County at about \$80,000. The program has currently about 15 students with a capacity of 24. Mr. Donaldson commented the program is a model for New York State, as it creates a productive social cycle. Marianne Collins said they will be meeting soon with the new county commissioner of social services.

Lydia Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of UC, discussed the CCE relocation to the former Blockbuster building in the Kingston Plaza. They are very pleased with the new accommodations. The location is convenient and the relationship with county tourism will continue.

CCE received a substantial grant from the New World Foundation and is now hiring to fill up 8 positions (in conjunction with growers) with 4 now filled. The specialty crops and livestock programs are going well.

The minutes of the Jan. 20, 2012, meeting were approved.

Document prepared by Vic Melville, 2/11/12

The Health and Personnel Committee was convened by the chairman, Legislator Robert Aiello, at 5:35 on 2-6-12 and adjourned at 6:42. The next meeting will be Monday, March 5.

Present: Aiello, Provenzano, Bellfiglio, Ronk, and Parete, Rob.

Other attendees: DCE Crannell, Budget Director JJ Hanson, Erica Guerin, Legislative Counsel, Dr. Hasbrouck, Director UC Department of Health and Commissioner of UCMH, Deputy Commissioner of UCMH Cheryl Qamar, Minority Leader Donaldson, Acting Commissioner of DSS Michael Iapoco, Deputy Commissioner DSS Pat Jelacic

Following the approval of the January, 2012 minutes, Mr. Aiello noted a change in the monthly meeting calendar: the September committee meeting would take place on September 10 rather than September 5 (Labor Day)

There were five resolutions all of which passed: four involved the amending of the 2012 county budget to accept additional funds in order to expand services at UC Mental Health, UCMH and DSS and the WIC program

The fifth resolution dealt with how those county employees who are unrepresented by any union: department heads, managerial staff, legislative employees, and Board of Election employees, who will be hired after April 1, 2012, would have such time as they accrued handled. This referenced leave time (vacation), vacation buy back, sick leave and sick time buy back. It was noted this involves about 100-110 employees at present. This resolution revised the UC Personnel Policy Manual.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Aiello advised the committee that at the next meeting one item on the agenda would be a discussion on Lyme disease and the establishment of a committee to handle this topic to educate the public on it.

Additionally, members of the committee engaged in an exchange on the status of the selection of members for the LDC (to handle the sale of Golden Hill). Mr. Crannell advised the committee, on being asked, that the county executive would be announcing his 3 selections shortly.

As yet the county legislature has not selected its 3 appointments. These would be new appointments, as the previous 3 had not been accepted. Apparently at some point the concept of selecting those who might volunteer to be appointed was checked on as to whether it was legal or not. It was determined that it would be legal.

Given the above status, it was also noted during the discussion that the 7th member also had yet to be selected and the by-laws had to be developed and approved.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

Board of Health

There was no quorum at 7PM, the published start time for the monthly meeting of the UC Board of Health. Dr. Tack, the President of the Board called for reports to start with on February 13, 2012.

Present initially: Dr. Tack, Marianne Hilderbrant, Joan Authenrieth

Other attendees: Dr. Hasbrouck, Director DOH, Cheryl Qamar, Deputy Commissioner, UCMH, Erica Gifford, Director Environmental Health Services, Nereida Veytia, Director of Patient Services, Douglas Heller, UC Medical Examiner, Katrina Kouhout, secretary to Dr. Hasbrouck

Dr. Hasbrouck, Director of UCDOH, reported that the actual move of DOH to the UCMH building at Golden Hill had been placed on hold by County Executive Hein. Apparently there is consideration being given to moving the Health related agencies to the BRC on Ulster Avenue (UCDOH/MH, along with UCDOH, which has been located there for many years). The present lessee, UCCC, and the county are in discussion regarding the formers current lease agreement. No decision has been reached.

At present there are three vacancies on the Board of Health. Dr. Hasbrouck noted that one is to be appointed by the mayor of Kingston (he has been asked to provide possible names); and the county

executive appoints two (Dr. Woodley, doctor for Kingston Schools and Danielle Heller of the Cancer Society: both going through the related process at this time).

Dr. Hasbrouck called upon Cheryl Qamar, UCMH Deputy Commissioner to explain the Suicide Prevention Committee. This would be an active committee which Qamar would chair. It would be known as the UC Response Coordination Committee. It would mobilize in order to respond to those events that need to be dealt with that occur following such situations like suicides: the concerns that families, groups of students, etc. have following such events.

She noted that a medical examiner is needed or another designee. On April 26, 2012 there will be 5 hours of training provided for the selected group: how do we work together as a committee to be effective in these situations.

Dr. Tack suggested contacting Dr. Woodley who is the doctor the Kingston Schools system; trained in dealing with sensitive situations, such as this committee would be faced with, i.e., psycho-social problems.

Dr. Heller, UC Medical Examiner reported as follows: January was particularly busy/active month: there was a total of 30 calls: Dr. Heller had 19 of the calls, 14 autopsies which included the 5 suicides and 8 site visits; Dr. Grovenburg, the Deputy Medical Examiner had 11 calls, no suicides to handle, 4 site visits.

At 7:15 Dr. Delmar arrived which established a quorum. Dr. Tack called for approval of the minutes of the January, 2012 meeting, which was done.

Mrs. Veytia then reported on the Home care program, the approval of the license for the Licensed Home Care Service Agency and the plan for closing the one that UCDOH has operated. The UCDOH received notification that it had been granted its license, which enables it to now close its program. It has notified its clients, giving them the required 30 days notice, provided them with the two care agencies to select from (Willcare and Always There), and that by the end of February UC would no longer be providing such care. She noted upon being asked that UC did not have a large number of patient/clients to create a problem in being able to become clients of the above. Further, the various individuals who provided services to the clients, i.e., physical therapists, aides, etc., have apparently been signing up with these two agencies noted above.

Erica Gifford, Director Environmental Health Service updated the group as follows:

- the enforcement hearings, what stage they are at, type, results (compliance, non-compliance, fines);
- UC "Ground Water Rule" GWR-applies to all public water supply systems that use ground water as their source of water. This rule targets water systems that are susceptible to fecal contamination, which is done through testing raw water when a positive sample is collected in the distribution system.

As part of her report she noted that UCDOH had implemented a guidance procedure for the implementation of GWR. A further point was that NYS had just adopted revisions to parts of the NYS Sanitary Code to incorporate the GWR and will have primacy going forward, which will allow the State to complete any necessary enforcement should a system be in violation of the GWR requirements.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

Meeting of the UCRRA Board

February 21, 2012 - 3:30pm - at the Agency Offices

Board Members in attendance: Dennis Helm, Catherine Nilsen, Al Teetsel

Absent: Leon Smith (one seat vacant pending a new appointment)

Agency Staff in attendance: Tim Rose, Stephen Wing, Timothy DeGraff, Charlie Whittaker, Michelle Bergkamp

Announcement that the next regular Board Meeting will take place March 19, 2012 at 3:30pm.

Tim Rose reported that last month's tonnage of MSW & Sludge met expectations. Concerns that February is usually a slower month.

The Recycling tonnage was presented in a new format for easier comparison. Comingled & Cardboard are down; glass & newsprint are the same.

Leachate collection is up because of the unusually wet winter.

Michelle Bergkamp reported that over 78,000 lbs. of electronics have been collected this past year (3 events were held and collection is offered at the landfill).

April 28th is the next scheduled House Hold Hazardous Waste collection. Michelle reminded the

Board that the State would reimburse the Agency \$51,000 for the collection.

The Draft Composting Pilot Plan Business Plan is almost complete and will be distributed to Board members for comment at next meeting.

Michelle reminded the Board that there is a contest to design a Billboard about Recycling for Ulster County for Ulster school children. Deadline is April 13th.

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurers report. The State will be preparing comment on the recent audit. Discussion on numbers for the Worker's Comp. portion of the budget. Two employees have left the Materials Recovery Facility and will not be replaced. Several resolutions were passed to pay for capitol improvements and transfer funds to help with debt service fees.

Tim Rose discussed the payments due from Towns for the quantities of materials the Agency hauled because of the flooding from Irene & Lee.

A new scale in New Paltz should be functional soon.

A DEC permit to allow an increase in the amount of materials the Agency can handle should be coming soon.

Bond reissue information will be discussed at the next meeting. Ulster County provided a net service fee of \$1.3 million.

Tim Rose reported the Ulster County legislators from the Environmental, Energy & Technology Committee (who oversee the Agency) asked to tour the Agency facilities in Kingston and that tour took place.

The Board went into executive session in order to discuss Labor Negotiations under the Taylor Law.

Respectfully, Cindy Lanzetta

