



**Cortland County
Agriculture, Planning &
Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Agenda ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, February 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 302

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Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Reed Cleland				
Committee Member Beau Harbin				
Committee Member Paul Heider				
Committee Member Jason Prentice				
Committee Member Sandra Price				
Committee Vice-Chair Mitchell Eccleston				
Committee Chair William McGovern				

Approval of Minutes

1. **January 8, 2025 Agriculture, Planning & Environmental Minutes**

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Appoint Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-19 authorized the formalization of the Transportation

Advisory Committee as a Citizen’s Advisory Committee; AND

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee, as a formal advisory committee of the Agriculture, Planning, and Environmental Committee, will consist of a membership from a wide variety of community service agencies and government agencies; AND

WHEREAS, Legislator Beau Harbin has resigned from his position on the Transportation Advisory Committee, creating a vacancy for the remainder of his unexpired term; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature desires to fill said vacancy; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Sandra Price, 1189 Church Street, Cortland, New York 13045, is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2027; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

Appoint Members to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors

WHEREAS, according to the Soil and Water Conservation District Law as passed by the legislature of the State of New York, "When a county has been declared a soil and water conservation district, a board of directors consisting of five members shall be appointed by the county board. This board of directors shall consist of two members of the county board and three persons not members of the county board... two of whom shall be practical farmers. One of these farmers shall be appointed from a list submitted by the county grange, one of these farmers shall be appointed from a list submitted by the county farm bureau"; AND

WHEREAS, the terms of members is one year for Legislative Representatives and three years for other members of the Board; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following be and hereby are appointed to serve as members of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors:

NAME	ADDRESS	CAPACITY	TERM
Linda Jones	2087 E. River Rd., Homer, NY 13077	Legislative Representative	12/31/2026
William McGovern	28 West Main St., Marathon, NY 13803	Legislative Representative	12/31/2026
Jeremy Boylan	4361 Locust Ave., Homer, NY 13077	At Large Representative	12/31/2028

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.

A Resolution Urging the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to Enact the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.1464/A31749)

WHEREAS, in New York State, more than 18 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) is generated each year, or about five pounds per day and two-thousand pounds per year for every person who lives in the state; AND

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the waste sector represent about 12 percent of statewide emissions; AND

WHEREAS, the most significant GHG emissions impact during the lifecycle of products and packaging result not from disposal but from the production of products and packaging that eventually become waste; AND

WHEREAS, in addition to the climate impacts of waste, the costs associated with its recycling and disposal impose a significant burden on Cortland County taxpayers; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Strategic Development Plan, adopted by the Cortland County Legislature in December 2024, identifies Sustainability as its third primary focus area and states that Cortland County will “preserve its natural resources for future generations;” AND

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Council’s Final Scoping Plan recommends New York State enact legislation to create a product stewardship framework or target products with the greatest GHG impact, such as packaging, printed paper, carpets, tires, textiles, solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, appliances, and mattresses; AND

WHEREAS, S.1464/A.1749 would enact the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act to create an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for packaging materials; AND

WHEREAS, S.1464/ A.1749 would make producers legally and financially responsible for mitigating the environmental impacts of their packaging; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County faces an imminent waste management crisis, with the county landfill set to reach capacity within the next 10 years; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 54-25, titled ‘A Resolution Urging the Enactment of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S.1464/A.1749),’ in March 2025; AND

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act would not only provide meaningful relief to Cortland County taxpayers and all local government budgets in Central New York with total savings of up to \$46 million dollars, according to an economic analysis from Beyond Plastics, but also reduce GHG emissions from the production and disposal of consumer goods by incentivizing producers to reduce waste and design products that are more sustainable; AND

WHEREAS, S.1464/A.1749 would also prohibit certain toxic and dangerous chemicals in packaging, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), orthophthalates, bisphenols, halogenated flame retardants, heavy metals such as lead, and other chemicals posing a threat to human health and safety and the environment; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate previously passed the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act 2025 as S.4246-B/A.5322-B during the 2025 Legislative Session; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly did not bring up S.4246-B/A.5322-B for debate at the end of the 2025 Legislative Session; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature calls on both houses of the New York State

Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign S.1464/A.1749 during the 2026 Legislative Session; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature calls on Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to also enact an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for paper products, which is currently excluded from this legislation, in recognition of their significant contribution to GHG emissions and municipal recycling costs; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature strongly encourages the various municipal governments throughout Cortland County to consider adopting their own resolutions in support of S/1464/A.1749 to demonstrate unity of cause and purpose behind this effort; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature shall authorize the Clerk of the Legislature forward copies of this resolution to the Offices of Governor Kathy Hochul, Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton, NYS State Senator Lea Webb, NYS Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, NYS Assemblymember Anna Kelles, NYS Assemblymember Jeff Gallahan, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and to the Town Supervisors and Village Mayors of the various Cortland County municipalities.

Monthly Reports

- 1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report**
- 2. Planning Department Monthly Report**

Discussion Items

- 1. Cortland County Draft Solar Plan**

Adjournment