



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, May 9, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		11:02 AM
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present		
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused		
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		11:02 AM
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Ashley Millard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present		
David Rutherford	Cortland County, NY	Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Present		
Tiffany Ackerman	Cortland County, NY	Cortland County SPCA	Present		
Bill Carr	Cortland County, NY	Cortland County SPCA	Present		
Jen Gregory		Southern Tier 8	Present		
Melissa Potter	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Manager	Present		
Jessica Leet	Cortland County, NY	Executive Administrative Officer of the Planning B	Present		
Kim Cameron	Cortland County, NY	Planning Board Member	Present		
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present		
Amanda Barber	Cortland County, NY	Soil & Water Conservation Manager	Present	10:02 AM	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Remote		
Donald Chu	Cortland	Resident	Remote		

	County, NY				
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Remote		

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 11, 2024 10:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 5/23/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Sandra Price, Committee Member

SECONDER: Susan Wilson, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Harbin, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

EXCUSED: Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

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 subcommittee 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, the Cortland County Legislature approved changes to the Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which include staggering terms of members, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby appoints the following to the Transportation Advisory Committee:

NAME	AGENCY/CAPACITY	TERM ENDING
Beau Harbin	Legislative Representative	12/31/2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Local Law "C" of 2024, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 5/23/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member

SECONDER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Harbin, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

EXCUSED: Paul Heider

Local Law "C" of 2024, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

BE IT ENACTED by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Cortland County to permit 12 and 13 year old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, included a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. In 2023, the New York State Legislature extended the authorization through 2025. Cortland County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Cortland County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years, to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2025.

Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old with a firearm or crossbow.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements

A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation as well as the NYS Department of State.

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SPCA Updates

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Southern Tier 8 Regional Board Update - Broadband

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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4. Planning Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harbin appointed himself, Paul Heider and Susan Wilson to a working group for transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:04 AM