



City of Kingston Live Well Kingston
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
4:00 PM

LOCATION: CONFERENCE ROOM #1, TOP FLOOR, CITY HALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August Minutes
[1908 August LWK Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Welcome Tevis and Yanna!

Proposed change Rules of Procedures, rule 1, bullet 1, that reads “Non-voting members” to change to “Guest observers.”
[Live Well Kingston Commission Rules of Procedure - Final 042018.pdf](#)

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Action Plan
[2019 09 LWK Commission Action Plan with Status Updates September.pdf](#)

STRETCH

REPORTS

Play Well Focus Team Report
[19.07 Play Well Action Plan.pdf](#)

Communications Report

NEW BUSINESS

850 Route 28 Proposed Concrete Development Letter
[850 Route 28 Proposed Concrete Plant.pdf](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FOCUS TEAM AND OTHER EVENTS - *Annual Budget Forum, Sept. 17th, City Hall, Common Council Chambers*
Complete Streets Advisory Council, Sept. 19th, 4-5:30pm, City Hall, Conference Room 1
Rock the Block and Trail, Greenline celebration, Sept. 21st, 3:30-7pm, Jansen Ave Trailhead
Play Well, September 27th, 12-1pm, City Hall, Conference Room 1
Age Well, September 30th, 1-2pm, City Hall, Conference Room 1
Eat Well, October 2nd, 10-12pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Kingston Plaza
Integrated Ulster Orientation, Oct 4th, 8:30am – 12pm, SUNY Ulster, College Lounge

Heal Well October 4th, 12-1pm, City Hall, Conference Room 1

Repair Café with Free Bike Repair, Oct. 5th, 11am, Redeemer Lutheran Church

International Congress on Migration and Mental Health, Oct. 11th, 8am, SUNY New Paltz, Student Union Building

Live Well Kingston August Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 4 – 5:30 pm, City Hall, Conference Room #1

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

a. Council Members (Voting)

Anna Brett	<u> X </u>
Caitlin Zinsley	Excused
Dylan Johanson	Excused
Gerry Harrington	<u> X </u>
Kathleen Rogan	On Phone
Melinda Herzog	<u> X </u>
Stacy Kraft	<u> X </u>
Tayne' Smith	<u> </u>
Walter Woodley	<u> X </u>
Vacant	<u> </u>
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Guests

Emily Flynn, Director of Health & Wellness
 Theresa Widmann, Chair of Heal Well

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Gerry Harrington made a motion to accept the July, 2019, Minutes as presented. Melinda Herzog seconded and there was one abstention. The motion was approved by the Commissioners.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. There was discussion about distinction between excused and unexcused absences. According to Rule #1 in our Live Well Kingston Commission Rules of Procedure – “Absence from three consecutive regular meetings, without excuse, shall automatically vacate the office of any member.” We will include excused/unexcused notations in our official Commission minutes.
- b. New commissioners still being approved.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Emily Flynn presented the 2019 Live Well Kingston Commission Action Plan with Status Updates (August). She recorded the edits and will update the Action Plan.

V. REPORTS

- a. Theresa Widmann, Chair of the Heal Well Focus Group, went over the details of their last meeting which was held at the beginning of August. The big initiative of the Heal Well Focus Group was to screen the film “Resilience” to bring about more trauma awareness. It was screened in May at George Washington School including a panel discussion with about 70 – 80 people in attendance. The group also wants to continue with their original project of assessment. They may develop focus groups at Health Care is a Human Right to find out community needs.
 1. E. Flynn suggested that Heal Well collect assessments from community organizations and the UC Health Department to start the baseline view of community health.

2. Dr. Woodley suggested to find an issue or challenge that is really important to the City of Kingston to help make a focus.
- b. Communication Committee Report

G. Harrington gave a report for the meeting on August 20, 2019. The Committee would like to share a message about what health means to our community. The Live Well Kingston Commission needs to do more about health awareness. The statement that Live Well Kingston (LWK) means all things wellness in Kingston was discussed. The Committee is “pitching” each other with marketing ideas. There was much discussion. The importance of hospitals was discussed with a statement that “Communities are healthier with great hospitals”.
- c. Eat Well Focus Group – M. Herzog gave a report about Eat Well
 1. The Kingston Land Trust is interested in coordinating community gardens.
 2. Kingston Food Co-op will be presenting in Oct. 2nd, and Farm to Institution NYS will be presenting November 7, 2019
- d. Next month, we will hear from the Play Well Focus group.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gerry initiated a conversation about the language in the Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, bullet 1, that reads “Non-voting members” to change to “Guest observers.” Emily will do some research on this. Tabled until next month.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. G. Harrington announced that on October 11, 2019, there will be an International Conference on Migrants and Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz.
- b. S. Kraft handed out a Tick/Tick Removal Information Card.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:40PM

Here is list of recent and upcoming events and meetings:

Age Well - Next meeting to be determined
 Emily is guiding an O+ Walk, Aug. 22nd, 6pm, Outdated Lite, Downs St.
 Play Well, August 9th, noon, City Hall, Conference Room 1
 Emily will be on Medical Monday with Gerry on WGHQ
 Heal Well, Sept. 6th, noon, City Hall, Conference Room 1
 Kingston Point Rail Trail Grand Opening, Sept. 4pm, Jansen Ave. Trailhead
 Midtown Make a Difference Day, Sept. 7th, 11-3pm, Franklin St.
 Community Baby Shower, Sept. 8th, 1-3pm, at Catholic Charities, hosted by MiSN
 Pedestrian & Bicycle Count, Sept. 11, 12, 4-6pm & 14, 12-2pm. I Need volunteers!
 Live Well Kingston Commission, Sept. 18th, 4-5:30pm, City Hall
 Complete Streets Advisory Council, Sept. 19th, 4-5:30pm, City Hall
 Greenline Block Party, Sept. 21st, 4pm, Jansen Ave Trailhead
 Travel Well is working on setting up a meeting.

Live Well Kingston Commission Rules of Procedure

Approved April 18th, 2018

Vision Mission and Purpose

Vision - The Live Well Kingston Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”) envisions a community environment that promotes and supports healthier lifestyle choices for people of all ages.

Mission – The Live Well Kingston Commission brings partners and residents together to facilitate policy, environmental, and systems changes that result in a healthy and active community.

Purpose - The Live Well Kingston Commission’s purpose is to facilitate policy, environmental, and systems changes that result in a healthy and active community, through partnership and collaboration, by:

- Educating and engaging in initiatives to promote healthier lifestyle choices;
- Conduct research, facilitating action, and undertaking initiatives that improve the City of Kingston’s (hereinafter “the City”) physical environment, cultivate a culture of health and expand available opportunities for residents to lead healthier lives;
- Advising the Common Council and serving as a collaborative partner to elected officials, staff, boards, committees and commissions on issues and topics related to healthy living;
- Promoting access to healthy food, physical activity, quality health and wellness services, quality of life amenities, and other resources that are necessary for healthy living for all people;
- Coordinating and facilitating the acquisition of grants and other in-kind resources by the commission, the City or any other partner(s) in order to support the purposes above; and
- Creates synergies among organizations and promote the efforts of the focus teams and partners (see Rule 12 for more about focus teams).

Rules of Procedure

Rule 1: Officers and Membership Classes

1. **Voting members and officers** - Per the establishing resolution #29 of 2017, Section 5, the Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) voting members, each appointed by the Mayor, who are committed to a community environment that promotes and supports healthy living, and who collectively represent different sectors of the community and reflect the diversity of the community. The term of office for voting members shall be two (2) years, and each voting member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms, except that the voting members of such Commission first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the first term of half the voting members shall be one (1) year.

2. **Non-voting members, focus team chairs or representatives, the City coordinator and guests –**
Do not have voting rights. The Commission shall encourage the focus team chairs or representatives of the focus team and any standing committee facilitators, which are not also commission members, to attend the Commission meetings. The Commission shall appoint the focus team chairs every year. The Mayor shall designate a coordinator for the Commission, whose duties shall include the provision of support to the voting members in executing the tasks and activities identified in the annual action plan.

Rule 2: Procedure for Filling Commission Vacancies

As terms expire and if appointment is not renewed or as vacancies occur for other reasons, the Commission shall solicit applications beginning with the September meeting each year and make recommendations to the Mayor for appointment. New Commissioners shall sign the ledger at the City Clerk's office. If a term needs to be filled immediately the mayor shall appoint someone, recommended by the existing Commission, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Rule 3: Responsibilities of Voting Members

To fulfill its purpose the Commission shall:

1. Prepare applications for funding as necessary in coordination with and approval by the City of Kingston; to provide assistance where appropriate to the City or other partners in preparation of applications, for grants related to the purpose described herein; and
2. Have the power to provide support or endorsement of applications by the City and other organizations, with the approval of the City of Kingston, for grants related to the purposes described herein; and
3. Foster policy changes that advance the purposes described herein, and to promote messages about healthy living to the public via any such media and format as may be determined to be effective by the Commission, subject to the City's approval of content and to any applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations; and
4. Prepare and present annual action plans for the Commission and its members, which action plans may also be incorporated into Ulster County's Community Health Improvement Plan and the Community Service Plan of the local hospital; To oversee the action plans of its focus teams and to refer projects, monitor and report on the work of the focus teams; and
5. Prepare and submit to the Mayor annually, by September 1st of each year, a recommended budget of expenditures for its operations in pursuit of the purposes described herein, which budget may be approved, in whole or part, or added to or subtracted from as determined by the Mayor and Common Council, and shall clearly show proposed allocated costs of and proposed expenditures for the Commission's programs and activities and shall reference the contents of the Commission's annual action plans as justification for all such costs and expenditures; and
6. Adopt these rules of procedure of the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction and consistent herewith, such rules thereafter being and continuing in effect except as modified, changed, or amended by the Commission; and

7. Work with the Coordinator of the LWK Commission to advance projects, policies, events, and support communications related to the purpose described herein; and
8. Implement any other such powers or duties as may be given to, imposed on or required of the Commission under the appropriate laws of the State of New York or the City of Kingston.

Rule 4: Appointment and Responsibilities of Officers

At the first meeting of the Commission of each calendar year, its members shall elect from among themselves a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be voting members unless the position of Chair is held by virtue of an individual's appointment as coordinator, in which case the Chair shall have no vote.

1. The Chair shall be the principal officer of the Commission and shall preside over all Commission meetings. The Chair shall serve as the liaison between the Commission and the Coordinator.
2. The Vice-Chair shall carry out the powers, duties and responsibilities in the absence of the Chair.
3. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the meetings and activities and shall provide the Commission Coordinator or the Chair the minutes of the meetings no later than 5 days after the meeting.
4. The Treasurer will review and support the creation of a budget and report annually to the Commission and the Mayor as needed.

Rule 5: Meeting Time and Place

The Commission shall meet at least once every two months at the Kingston City Hall. At the first meeting of the year, the Commission shall set the date and time of regular planned meetings for the year. Additional meetings may be at a time and place called at the discretion of the Chairperson with approval by a majority of the members.

Rule 6: Quorum

A majority of the voting members of the Commission constitutes a quorum to transact business. Less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.

Rule 7: Attendance

Absence from three consecutive regular meetings, without excuse, shall automatically vacate the office of any member. Any member may be excused from attendance for good cause by reason of business or absence from the City or other good cause, which shall be entered into the minutes of such meeting. Any vacancy shall be reported by the Chairperson to the Mayor of the City of Kingston. Ideally the Chair or a representative from all active focus teams shall be in attendance as guests.

Rule 8: Agenda

Whenever possible, the Commission meetings shall follow a formal agenda. The Chairperson or City Coordinator shall be responsible for the preparation of the agenda. Matters to be placed on the agenda must be presented no later than 12:00 noon seven days preceding the meeting date. No matter other

than those listed on the regular agenda shall be discussed or voted on at any meeting except when a majority of Commissioners votes to add it to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The agenda shall consist of those items placed thereon by order or direction of any member.

Rule 9: Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- Presentations
- Administrative Matters
- Old Business
- Healthy Break – Stretch or Movement
- New Business
- Reports
- Announcements/Communications
- Adjournment

Rule 10: Public Participation

Any person interested or affected by any item on the agenda shall be entitled to speak on such subject provided, however, the total time period of public participation will be capped at fifteen minutes or three minutes per person, whatever is shortest and that the Chairperson shall have the right to terminate said discussion at any time where the same is repetitious, irrelevant or adds nothing new to the proceedings. Any person addressing the Commission shall state his or her name and address for the record.

Rule 11: Motions

Motions to be acted upon must be seconded. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall, at the request of the Chairperson or any member of the Commission, be restated by the Secretary before a vote is taken thereon. A motion may not be withdrawn by the maker without the consent of the second.

Rule 12: Adoption of Motions

Motions can only be adopted when there is a quorum. It should be the intention of the Chairperson, supported by all the Commissioners, that, once a motion is made and seconded, that any further action is the result of full discussion with all diversity of viewpoints aired with the goal of obtaining consensus. Consistent with this intent, motions may be adopted by the Chairperson stating to the effect that the motion is adopted. If there are no objections the motion shall be deemed adopted by unanimous vote. However, in the event of any objection by any member, a vote shall be taken and the motion shall be adopted by majority vote of those members present.

Rule 13: Reporting

Per the establishing resolution #29 of 2017, Section 4, the Commission shall report on matters within its purview to the Mayor and the City Council at least once per year with progress made toward a healthy

community. Additionally, from time to time, the Commission shall submit such reports and recommendation as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Commission.

Rule 14: Establishing Focus Team Chairs and Standing Committees Facilitators

The focus team chairs shall oversee the implementation of assignments for their respective groups and report to the Commission on the progress of their group's strategies and actions as they relate to the Live Well Kingston action plan. The Commission may create an ad hoc committee for any purpose the Commission deems appropriate. Focus teams can include: Grow-up Well, Learn Well, Eat Well, Play Well, Travel Well, Work Well, Worship Well, Heal Well, and Age Well. The Commission has the authority to create additional focus teams as needed. All focus teams will review research, model practices, assess local needs and cultivate collaborative initiatives among partners. Focus teams will practice cultural competency to address the needs of diverse people of all ages and abilities.

1. Grow-Up Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change within child care and after school settings, making healthy choices the easy choices for children and families served by center programs.
2. Learn Well – Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change supporting students in public and private schools to get sufficient physical activity and have improved access to healthy foods at school.
3. Eat Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change by supporting and promoting local efforts to improve access to healthy foods throughout the community. Coordinates with gardening/urban agriculture efforts and organizations addressing food insecurity and healthy eating in Kingston.
4. Play Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change to facilitate growth and maintenance of public parks, recreational facilities, open space and other resources in order to increase safe and accessible places for physical activity for all users. Facilitates the development of programs that encourage utilization of parks and open spaces. Supports initiatives that connect people to physical activity and other play resources.
5. Travel Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change by providing transportation and public transit agencies with tools and recommendations to develop a more complete system that fosters healthy living. Develops the capacity of local transportation advocacy groups.
6. Work Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change by providing employers and employees with tools, information and links to resources that can enable a healthier lifestyle at work.
7. Worship Well – Develops, implements, and/or supports policy, systems, and environmental change by providing places of worship and congregations with tools, information and links to resources that encourage healthy eating and active living during organizational activities and in the lives of faith-based community members.

8. Heal Well - Develops, implements and/or supports policy, systems and environmental change by providing health care providers and patients with tools to better prevent and treat obesity and lifestyle-related chronic disease and reduce health disparities at the interface between providers and clients.
9. Age Well – Develops, implements, and or supports policy, systems and environmental change that improve Senior Citizens’ access to opportunities for active living, healthy eating, and community involvement.

Rule 15: Initiative Criteria

To be a Live Well Kingston initiative the Commission must approve that the project is in compliance as described in the Initiatives Criteria document. The City is the fiscal agent for all Live Well Kingston initiatives. Any grant writing or fundraising done on behalf of the Live Well Kingston Commission or any of its focus teams must be approved by the City and/or the Mayor.

Rule 16: Amendments

These rules and regulations shall remain in full force and effective until amended or modified by the Commission by majority vote.

Rule 17: Construction

If there is any conflict between the provisions of establishing resolution #129 of 2017 and these Rules of Procedure, the provisions of the Resolution shall govern.

2019 Live Well Kingston Commission Action Plan with Status Updates – August

Goal	Objective	Actions	Status	Notes/Next Steps
1. Oversee Focus Teams	Review Actions Plans, receive reports, and give direction, if needed	Collect data about goals and accomplishments in Focus Team Action Plans.	Heal Well presented at the 8/19 meeting	The LWK Coordinator will schedule Focus Teams to present at Commission meetings and encourage updated Action Plans
2. Ensure Information about health resources are easily found and comprehensive	Collect info and publish on LWK media channels	Commissioners are encouraged to send the LWK Coordinator health related information, events and communications. Additionally, the Coordinator will allocate 3 hours a week to collecting and posting health info on LWK channels.		The Coordinator will work on a simple information collection system that feeds into a resource directory on the website. The information will state where we got it from and have a date.
3. Encourage active participants and community support	Increase knowledge of the LWK Commission	Commissioners promote LWK, invite participants, and review communications.	The Coordinator Presented to the Healthy Ulster Council on 5/9/19 and Future Hudson's Complete Streets Panel on 8/17/19. Coordinator went on radio programs: Healthy Ulster Radio 6/25/19, O+ Radio 7/30/19, Christine's Community Corner on 8/14/19, Medical Monday on WKCR 8/26/19. Communications committee has met 3 times as of 9/10/19. FB post about Healthy Ulster Week reached 3,600 people.	Communications subcommittee develops 1-year plan Coordinator continues outreach

4. Advise Mayor and Common Council on pertinent health related issues	Identify community health issues and present to LWK Commission for discussion and approval	Refine issues and concerns into a formal communication and send to the LWK Coordinator to forward to the Mayor and Common Council		Consider letter regarding 850 Route 28 Proposed Concrete Plant.
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Play Well Action Plan – July 2019

Goal	Objective	Actions	Status	Next Steps
Encourage use of, and access to City Parks for all users	Identify short and long term goals	Review park equity and the 10-minute park campaign Long-term goal: Support the development of the YMCA park	Blog post about 10-minute campaign. Supported Music in the Parks with a potluck on 7/25. 8/23 Pot Luck Canceled.	
	Provide feedback and support for the Chess Playground grant	Review grant status with Emily at Play Well meetings.	Community poll on preferred location sent out. Budget created and quotes collected. Met with installers. Trying to order structures.	Order Structures. Write up programming plan and create contract with CCE? Create Communications Plan.
Encourage community support of City Parks	Be park advocates with the community	Support upkeep of Disc Golf course and encourage community use		Ask KC about plans for disc golf signs. Organize volunteer to build it? Get material donations? Create LWK website page about disc golf resources.
		Host a park clean up once a year		Set date
Support Kingston Parks & Rec	Support events and programs with communications, supportive projects and fundraising.	Emily will work on developing relationships with P&R staff		Order two water jugs and ask them to store them

Dear _____,

The Department of Health and Wellness for the City of Kingston, would like to voice our opposition to the 850 Route 28 Proposed Project Adjacent to Catskill Park's Bluestone Wild Forest and Newly Acquired OSI Property. In recent years, the City has been implementing a number of projects and plans to support pollution prevention, sustainability and human health goals. Many of these initiatives include green infrastructure in support of quality of life for Kingston residents, including protection of green spaces and environmentally sound stormwater collection. The proposed manufacturing plant is directly in conflict with these initiatives.

850 Route 28 LLC's proposal before the Town of Kingston Planning Board is to construct a large-scale pre-cast concrete and steel manufacturing facility on land surrounded by the Catskill Park's Bluestone Wild Forest (BWF) and newly-acquired property conserved by the Open Space Institute (OSI). The OSI property is to be conveyed to the State joining two separate parts of the BWF, a beloved natural multi-use recreational area with the Fully Accessible Onteora Lake Day Use Area and trail system for residents and visitors to hike, bike, fish, swim, boat and enjoy the peace of its woodlands.

The applicant says that they will protect the environment, but to date they have neither identified nor fully accounted for numerous potential adverse environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the plant. If they are sincere, they will fully support the Town of Kingston Planning Board rescinding their Negative Declaration determination for Environmental Impacts and suspending the public hearing for their site plan/special use permit, until a thorough environmental review has been completed. A number of impacts have been identified that require further study. The applicant should prepare a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement to ensure the project protects BWF and OSI lands. Further study is needed for the following impacts:

- Impact: Overview

The project proposes clearing 21 acres of trees, blasting and moving 405,000 cubic yards of rock, and constructing two buildings totaling 240,000 square feet. Project consultants have stated that construction will take five years of work lasting from 6 AM to 7 PM, and nearly 12,500 trucks will be required to remove 162,000 cubic yards of material. Only recently did the applicant request that upon completion the project be permitted to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week (adding over a hundred new vehicle trips daily onto Route 28 (including 42 heavy equipment trucks with attendant diesel exhaust and emissions)). As a result, these new impacts related to proposed round-the-clock work were not considered by the Planning Board in their Negative Declaration (issued in March), nor were any impacts considered on the natural resources, usages and users of the adjacent BWF and OSI lands. In fact, the adjacency of the constitutionally protected BWF was not identified as required in Environmental Assessment Form completed by the applicant and its representatives.

- Impacts: Noise

The recently revised now five-year construction phase will include significant amounts of blasting, rock crushing and other noisy activities that two sets of environmental scientists have now stated will affect

recreation and wildlife in the Bluestone Wild Forest and in the OSI Property. The noise impact study did not include sensors on these adjacent lands, nor did it study cumulative combined noise levels from various machinery, equipment and other activities occurring simultaneously at any given time.

- Impacts: Stormwater collection. Water Quality.

The applicant's stormwater pollution prevention plan fails to fully address stormwater runoff, including sufficiency of ponds' capacities. It additionally doesn't outline disposal of potential manufacturing byproduct contaminants to assure the runoff does not contaminate downstream watercourses, Praymaher Brook (class C Trout stream) and off the driveway into DEC wetlands on the southern edge of Onteora Lake.

- Impacts: Traffic

The applicant only analyzed the effects of traffic on Route 28. There is no information regarding the effect of truck pollution and noise on the Bluestone Wild Forest, access to the recreational area, or the OSI Property or to the Waghkonk Road neighbors.

- Impacts: Visual

No thorough analysis of the visual impacts of the construction of a huge manufacturing plant surrounded by the Bluestone Wild Forest lands nor the OSI Property has been conducted.

The applicant, in a recent newspaper ad, says that they will be seeking LEED Silver 'Green' designation. Applicant has not provided any information from the US Green Building Council indicating that this project could be considered for this designation, nor provided detailed specifics how they intend to meet the standards necessary to qualify.

The applicant, in a recent newspaper ad, promises to use green fabrication, installation, operations and cutting-edge technology when it builds its facility. Until proper studies are done, the applicant and the community won't know what mitigation measures, green or otherwise, are needed to build the site. We are glad to hear of the applicant's interest in using green building techniques, but none of this was mentioned in the original application, only in recent newspaper ads. Recent pledges to work to mitigate visual and aesthetic impacts including by preserving tree buffers are welcome as well. However, with the observation in April of felled mature trees (authorized in mid-March as part of "limited site-prep" by the Planning Board) in one likely prime buffer zone at the boundary of the project site with NYS DEC lands, only reinforces the need for additional review.

The applicant says that the project will provide "60 plus well-paying skilled jobs. Many of these full-time, tech positions will be filled from the SUNY Ulster and Boces trained workforce." The promise of jobs is alluring to all of us, but no details have been provided to verify what the 60 people will be doing, and what they will be paid. How many of these will be actual full-time jobs, at what wage rate, and what benefits will be available? Without this information, we can't be certain that these 'new jobs' will be paying a living wage with or without benefits.

By contrast the daily, diverse recreational uses of Onteora Lake and the Bluestone Wild Forest also supports the local economy, but it does so without negative impacts. And with the imminent addition of the 208-acre OSI properties into BWF these positive economic impacts will continue to increase. However, this economic analysis was absent from the 850 Route 28 application and was not considered in the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts determination issued by the Kingston Planning Board in March.

Now that this new information and the impacts have been entered into the record, SEQRA requires that they be incorporated into the project application and the coordinated review. It is essential that any projected positive economic benefits of the project not come at the expense of negative impacts on the positive economic, health and ecological benefits deriving from the surrounding public recreational lands and natural resources. This requires a careful identification and assessment of potential negative impacts, including potential mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce significant impacts during both construction and operations phases.

The applicant promises major local tax revenue with “over \$363,000 in annual school, town and county taxes are anticipated from our project, representing a 7-9% increase for the Town of Kingston. The applicant’s statement is misleading and plays on people’s fundamental misunderstanding of how local taxation works, as every property owner pays their proportional share of value to the budget as a whole, whether for school, town or county. A Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA) has yet to be done in order for there to be a review to confirm the applicant’s claim of annual tax payments. Also, the applicant has made no commitment not to seek tax relief through Ulster County IDA or other means. It is a matter of public knowledge that another company owned by the applicant did in fact apply for over \$900,000 in tax exemptions from the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). Finally, contrary to recent statements by the applicant’s representatives to the Town of Kingston Planning Board, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pays taxes on the Bluestone Wild Forest lands. OSI is likewise paying real estate taxes to the Town, County and local school district on the properties acquired adjacent to the project site and Onteora Lake.

The applicant says that they will add income to local businesses. “Our employees and company will be patronizing local businesses, adding to the energy and health of our local economy.” While this may be true, it is already evident that many current users of the Bluestone Wild Forest patronize the area’s local businesses - and with expansion of the forest, there will be more people patronizing these same stores.

The applicant says that they will make infrastructure for local use fabricating the final pieces required for NYS bridge construction (bridge decking). The applicant says that its fabrication greatly reduces transportation fuel use by eliminating transport of bridge decks from far away, “what’s made here stays near.” Does that mean the applicant will only supply bridge components for contracts in a specified mile radius, such as 50 miles?

On-site Crane Storage In the recent weeks the Kingston Freeman reported of the applicant's disclosure that it had instituted on-site storage of commercial cranes and crane equipment at the 850 Route 28 site. Although we have yet to see written confirmation (from the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO)), it is our understanding from the news report that the Town ZEO, in consultation with the Town of Kingston Planning Board, has rendered an opinion that this is allowed related to a prior permit issued to the previous owner of the property a decade ago.

Setting aside significant questions regarding whether the new crane storage activities are permissible absent a new application and special-use permit, including in light of the fact that the property has been rezoned by the Town twice in the intervening period, what is clear is that crane storage (including an explanation of how precisely it is an accessory use to the project) was not part of the project application, application materials and site plan reviewed by the Planning Board prior to its issuance of the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts determination.

If it is proposed to continue, the Planning Board must now require revision of the 850 Route 28 application and site plan to incorporate crane and crane equipment storage as well. This includes requiring the applicant to identify what such storage will entail, whether and where repair work will be conducted, whether and where fuel storage and refueling will occur, ditto for the use of chemical solvents, welding, etc. The appropriate siting, enclosure, containment and disposal measures for all such activities must be identified and reviewed.

The City of Kingston's commitment to incorporating sustainability, pollution prevention and health and wellness into city programs, policies and projects was the basis for completing our Climate Action Plan in 2012 after adopting the state's Climate Smart Pledge in 2009. Since then, we have obtained a number of significant grants for trails, the Complete

Streets project, and other sustainability steps. We recently created a new position, Director of Health and Wellness, to coordinate the Live Well Kingston Commission, which includes five work groups with members representing a diverse set of stakeholders, and we have an active Conservation Advisory Council. Some residents of Kingston are affected by environmental justice issues, and we are particularly interested in supporting green initiatives for these areas to support clean air and water and energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases.

We oppose the proposed manufacturing facility construction on this community resource. The responsible and constructive course of action is for the Town of Kingston Planning Board to rescind their Negative Declaration determination and require the developer to examine all potential adverse environmental impacts, as required under the State Environmental Quality Act. We reiterate our request that the Planning Board take no further action on this application with respect to site plan/special use permit until all impacts have been assessed and suitable mitigation techniques and alternatives have been investigated.

With respect to referenced job creation, potential incremental tax revenues, and support of local infrastructure, we enthusiastically support stakeholder consideration of the many more suitable available and existing industrial sites that exist and are proximate to local businesses who would benefit from such a development throughout the Town of Kingston without disrupting this resource for all who benefit from it.

Sincerely,

DRAFT