

# ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

The Ulster County Planning Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
UCAT Operations Center (Ulster County Area Transit)  
1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY

## Meeting Summary

The Executive Committee did not meet

Chairman Baden called the meeting to order.

- 1. ROLL CALL - Present:** D. Kossar, S. McCarthy, L. Nolan, E. VanDeMark, M. Baden, J. Brown, J. Ferraro, C. Valianti, T. Tango, V. Messner, V. McLaughlin, L. Molyneaux, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz, B. Samuelson **Absent:** R. Pecora **Excused:** D. Onderdonk, H. Hansen, C. Lanzetta, D. Boggess, F. Almquist, V. Markowitz, W. Murray

**There was not a quorum of members, action items were not voted on.**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No vote

- 3. EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Chairman Baden noted that NYPF has a 4-hour bundle online training that can be done from home. He added that NYPF has put out their 3-day Spring Conference from April 19-21 in Cooperstown.

- 4. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Mr. McLaughlan stated the Village of Saugerties is starting work at the sewer plant thanks to funding from the County, they are also looking into other funding sources. He added that they are also looking into the parking situation.

Mr. Brown stated that Rosendale did a traffic study on Route 32 and asked the State to drop the speed limit from 55 to 50 coming into the town. They also wanted to lower the speed in other areas and add crosswalks but were told no. Mr. Brown asked if the speed signs also did traffic counts and if there were any results for the need of a traffic light near Darlings in Tillson, especially with new apartments coming to the area. Mr. Doyle stated he would look into it.

Ms. Valianti stated the Shandaken Planning Board got a letter from Verizon stating they were looking for alternative locations for their tower and have paused their application.

Ms. Messner stated the Village of Ellenville applied for a grant for a new community center and have applied for a grant with NY Forward. She added they have also become a certified pro-housing community.

Mr. McCarthy stated in the Town of Lloyd the Villages project has been put on hold. He noted that a light was installed on Route 9W near Hannaford and they have received positive feedback.

Mr. Baden stated the Town of Rochester Community Preservation Referendum was adopted and will go into effect next year.

Mr. McLaughlin announced the Village of Saugerties wished to congratulate Mr. Doyle on his appointment to the Community College Trustees.

Mr. Doyle noted the County meets with Verizon periodically and Verizon may be co-locating with us on a tower in Shandaken. Regarding Ellenville there are two parcels that are part of NY Forward grant; one owned by the hospital and the other by the Village. He added it was a good opportunity for joint application.

## 5. PLANNING BOARD REPORTS

### a. Chairperson Report

#### Adopt 2026 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Baden stated we want the April meeting moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and for December we should consider moving the meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to the Legislative budget schedule. He noted the Board should be prepared to vote next month

#### Membership

Chairman Baden noted that 13 of the 25 members terms expire at the end of December. Mr. Baden will transition to representing the Village of New Paltz, where he works, from Rochester. Town of Marlborough is on the December Legislative agenda. We received paperwork from Town of Saugerties too late for December so it will be before the Legislature in February or March. Chairman Baden stressed that members are still on the Board until officially replaced by the Legislature. We currently need paperwork from Ellenville, Esopus, Gardiner, City of Kingston, Town of Kingston, Lloyd, Rochester, Rosendale, Shandaken, Shawangunk, Ulster, Woodstock, Denning & Hardenburgh. There are 12 alternate vacancies. Mr. Baden asked members to please go back to their communities.

### b. Committee Reports

#### Nominating Committee – 2026 Slate of Officers

Mr. Brown spoke on behalf of the committee stating they propose to retain Mr. Baden as Chair and Mr. McCarthy as Vice Chair and would nominate Ms. Valianti for Secretary. The Board will vote on this in January.

## 6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### a. Financial Report

Mr. Doyle noted that the 2026 budget was being voted on today. He added there are a number of amendments proposed that would affect the Planning Department, but most have been defeated in the Ways & Means Committee. Mr. Doyle stated we have a busy work program for 2026.

Chairman Baden noted that mileage forms are available and asked the Board to return them before the end of the month.

### b. Environmental Notice Bulletin & Grant Opportunities

Mr. Doyle mentioned the TAP grant and Water and Sewer Infrastructure grant.

### c. Communications – No Member Comment

### d. Director/Staff Reports

- Capital Program Comments

Mr. Doyle informed the Board of the comments submitted to the Legislature and County Executive. There was a discussion on the Capital Program.

**7. SPECIAL TOPICS DISCUSSION - None**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**9. ZONING REFERRALS**

Chairman Baden informed the Board that the referrals will be reviewed but will not be voted on. Comments will be sent to municipalities and if they are not adopted our Board will review them again in January.

Mr. Doyle stated that allowing a hybrid style meeting has been brought up that would permit members to attend from home. Chairman Baden stated he would research and find out if that would be possible.

Chairman Baden announced that our Holiday get-together will be immediately following next months meeting. If anyone would like to bring something it is a pot-luck style gathering.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. All were in favor.