

## Exit Statement

As we end our litigation against the County, we fully recognize that times are changing and are appreciative of the fair and reasonable compromise plan designed by County Executive Hein and expanded upon by the Ulster County Legislature. It provides for "Rails with Trails," where feasible, and ultimately saves the potential for train operators in the Kingston and Phoenicia areas, allowing riders to experience the history and beauty of Ulster County while expanding trail opportunities too. I personally am thankful for the patience and professionalism of the County Executive, his administration and the Legislature during this impasse and recognize that in some instances during the heat of the debate some members of our organization may have become overzealous and unfairly politicized facts and or agendas. I thank the County Executive for showing true leadership by balancing the numerous competing interests and arriving at a compromise that benefits everyone. I urge all supporters of the Catskill Mountain Railroad, as well as supporters of the rail on the U&D corridor, to embrace this compromise plan wholeheartedly.

*Catskill Mountain Railroad*  
By: *St. Hunt, Pres.*