

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Public Hearing regarding the Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan on November 18, 2019 at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 7:16pm.

The following Board members were present: Chair Fred Wadnola, Vice Chair Katherine Beinkafner, Treasurer Charles Landi, Member JoAnne Myers, and Member Lisa Mitten.

Also present were: Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan, Executive Director Tim Rose, Controller Tim DeGraff, Director of Operations and Safety Charlie Whittaker, Recycling Coordinator Angelina Peone, Recycling Educator Melinda France, and Administrative Assistant Brenna Whitaker.

From the public: Reporter Bill Kemble from the Daily Freeman, Ulster County Legislator Manna Jo Greene, and Mark Swyka and John Guiliano of Cornerstone Environmental.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Manna Jo Greene stated that overall the plan was well done. She stated the importance of emphasis on waste reduction. She said that she and the other legislators will be taking a training on zero waste. She asked Mark Swyka to highlight any changes from the original to the current version so that she could see which suggestions were taken.

JoAnne Myers asked Manna Jo Greene if there were suggestions from the committee that she had hoped would be in the plan but weren't.

Manna Jo Greene responded that she has not had time to look into it thoroughly.

Tim Rose stated that the public comment period ends on December 11, at which point Cornerstone will make the final submittal to the DEC with the public comments. Next, the DEC will issue an approval letter to the Agency, and finally the plan will go to the Ulster County Legislature for ratification (possibly in January or February).

Katherine Beinkafner asked for clarification on which technologies the plan includes for study.

Mark Swyka stated that the options include: local landfill, BioHiTech, MRF improvements and upgrades, and waste by rail.

JoAnne Myers noted the conflict between needing volume to be able to make an operation work and waste reduction.

Manna Jo Greene stated that she was confused because she was under the impression that MSW composting was going to be in the final plan.

Mark Swyka responded that MSW composting was examined, and was not put into the plan due to exorbitant cost.

ADJOURN

Fred Wadnola motioned to adjourn the November 18, 2019 Public Hearing. Seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

December 23, 2019

Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Public Hearing was made by Fred Wadnola, moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. 5 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 absent. Absent: N/A

The Minutes were approved by the Board.

Transcribed by: Brenna Whitaker, Administrative Assistant. Meetings are recorded and available upon request.

Signatures:

Fred Wadnola, Chair

Ken Gilligan, Secretary

Brenna Whitaker, Administrative Assistant