

OCTOBER 14, 2014 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

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The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Public Hearing on October 14, 2014 at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Treasurer Charles Landi and Member David Gordon. Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen and Member Dominic Tagliaferro were absent.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; and Administrative Assistant, Melinda France. Compliance Officer Tom Briggs and Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp were excused.

MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2015 AGENCY BUDGET

Leon Smith opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

There were approximately 30 people at the meeting. The following people spoke: Gilbert Hales from Saugerties; Barbara Furnell from Town of Rochester; Janet Easton; Councilman in Town of Rosendale, Jen Metzger; Manager of the Town of Saugerties Transfer Station Marie Post; Supervisor Carl Chipman, Clarie Lambe from Woodstock; Jack Polishook from Saugerties; Ulster County Legislative Chairman John Parete; Supervisor Jeanne Walsh; Superintendent of Public Works Michael Schupp; Supervisor Jim Quigley; Vice Chair of Town of Rochester Environmental Commission Angela Dorris; Supervisor Michael Warren; Cathy Wallen from Woodstock; Al Teetsel; Ulster County Legislative Manna Jo Greene; and Supervisor Paul Hansut.

The main concerns and questions were:

- Fees;
 - Why are the Towns being charged pull charge fees, fuel charge fees and box rental fees especially since the Towns make nothing off of the boxes when they are supplying clean recycling? Also, increasing fees could cause more people to dump on the roads.
- Closing Town Transfer Stations;
 - Is the UCRRA planning on closing the Transfer Stations if contracts are not signed?
 - If Transfer Stations are closed it would affect the people especially the senior citizens.
- What could be a long term solution?
- Comments made about siting a landfill.
- Flow Control.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Leon stated that if anyone had questions and needed an explanation that they could personally contact Tim Rose, Executive Director.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm to approve the 2015 Budget.

MOTION to ADJOURN the October 14, 2014 Public Hearing at 6:13 pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by David Gordon.

AYES _____ 3 _____ NAYS _____ 0 _____ ABSENT _____ 2 _____ (Nilsen, Tagliaferro)

The above transcribed Minutes of the October 14, 2014 Public Hearing were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Dominic Tagliaferro. Five in favor, none opposed. The Minutes were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: October 27, 2014