

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET  
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Public Hearing RE: the 2021 Proposed Budget on October 5, 2020. This meeting was held at the Agency's Main Office located at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY 12401. There was also a call-in audio option available through Webex.

The proceedings were convened at 12:00pm.

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, Acting Executive Director/Controller Tim DeGraff, Director of Operations and Safety Charlie Whittaker, Recycling Coordinator Angelina Peone, and Recycling Educator Melinda France.

From the public: Town of Rochester Supervisor Mike Baden, Ulster Garden Club Member Ann Jung, and Ulster County Legislator Laura Petit (on audio).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2021 AGENCY BUDGET**

Laura Petit said that she is disappointed that there is no investment in additional capital projects that support waste diversion. She said the Agency cannot accept all of the plastics brought in because it doesn't have an optical sorter. She said she is also upset that the Agency purchased property for the as a buffer to mitigate compost odors with taxpayer funds. She wants to see more capital improvements for waste diversion, and wants there to be a residential drop-off center. She thanked Tim DeGraff and Angelina Peone for coming to tour her facility and giving their input on her operations and educational materials.

Fred Wadnola and Tim DeGraff stated that the Agency did not use any taxpayer money to purchase property.

Fred Wadnola talked about the Agency's compost expansion which will allow for more waste diversion through its composting program.

Charlie Whittaker said that the towns have their own transfer stations for residents to bring their items. He stated that Laura Petit did not mention all of the other capital purchases the Agency is making to keep the facility running efficiently, or the hundreds of thousands of dollars the Agency is saving by doing so much work in-house.

Charles Landi stated that due to the real estate market in Ulster County right now, purchasing that property was a very good investment.

Charlie Whittaker talked about all of the items that the Agency diverts while still maintaining safe operation.

Fred Wadnola commended the Agency for not having to request a net service fee for the past seven years.

**ADJOURN**

Fred Wadnola motioned to adjourn the October 5, 2020 Public Hearing RE: the 2021 Proposed Budget. Moved by Charles Landi, seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Roll Call Vote

- Beinkafner: Aye
- Landi: Aye
- Myers: Aye
- Mitten: Aye
- Wadnola: Aye

The motion passed 5-0.

October 26, 2020

Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of the October 5, 2020 Public Hearing RE: the 2021 Draft Budget was made by Katherine Beinkafner, moved by Charles Landi and seconded by JoAnne Myers. 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent. Absent: Wadnola

The minutes were approved by the Board.

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

Signatures:

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Fred Wadnola, Chair

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Ken Gilligan, Secretary

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Brenna Whitaker, Administrative Assistant