

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2025
THE MEETING BEGAN AROUND 5:30 PM**

The ZWCM was held at the Agency's Main Office at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Donna Egan, and James Gordon. Erica Brown arrived at approximately 6PM. Mike Baden also was present.

Agency Staff Present: Marc Rider, Timothy DeGraff, Angelina Brandt and Tim Weidemann

Public Present: Poppy Cannon Reese, Laura Petit, John R. Glagola, and Manna Jo Greene, Ulster County Legislature. (A total of six people were present from the public).

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Glagola-He stated he was interested in doing a presentation on the burn plant in Peekskill.

Manna Jo Greene – She reminded the committee on how much work went into the ZWIP and how the Oversight Committee relied on the plan. She is grateful that the Agency is taking on completing the ZWIP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of November 21, 2024, Zero Waste Committee Meeting

James Gordon moved to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2024, and it was seconded by Donna Egan. 2 in favor, 1 absent (BROWN) and 0 opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Zero Waste Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2025, at 5:15 PM.
- Neil Seldman will be the guest speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

- A presentation was provided by Mike Ewall regarding the Zero Waste Implementation Plan. His presentation included an introduction of himself, how he started and what he has worked on. He discussed how to achieve zero waste and purpose of the plan. He also reviewed the Ulster County ZWIP and the proposal. (Recording 24:35-49:10)
 - The ZWIP will be an organic document.
 - Mr. Ewall discussed the Zero Waste Hierarchy.

- A presentation was provided by Suzie Fromer, Coordinator of the Hudson Valley Repair Café. Ms. Fromer discussed what Repair Cafés are, what they do, how they help the environment, volunteer roles, stations that are at the repair cafés and where they are held. She stated that there are 68 Repair Cafés in 15 counties. She stated that usually insurance is through the space and the program is led by volunteers. (Recording 52:00-1:05:36)

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn May 8, 2025, Zero Waste Committee Meeting was made by James Gordon and seconded by Erica Brown at 6:17 PM.

June 12, 2025

Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of May 8, 2025 Zero Waste Committee Meeting was made by James Gordan, seconded by Donna Egan. 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (BROWN).

The Minutes were approved by the Board.

Transcribed by: Melinda France, Office Manager.

Signatures:



Donna Egan, Chair