

CORRECTED DRAFT

Rosendale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2025

Approved: July 10, 2025

Present:

Amie Worley, Chair

Darrell Hamlin, Vice Chair

Susan H. Gillespie, Secretary

Penny Coleman

Sean Nixon

Jenn Sturiale

Excused: Town Liaison Carrie Wykoff

The meeting was called to order at 6:38.

1. The Chair proposed that the Commission meeting time going forward will be:

Second Thursdays, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

ACTION: Amie will notify the Town Clerk and will also confirm the meeting room.

2. Minutes.

Amie proposed that the Minutes of the meeting on May 15 be approved. Penny seconded. Unanimous.

3. Discussion of special event at the Rosendale Theatre, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Consensus was that the event was successful, that people were grateful and excited to see the movie "Plastic People," and welcomed the presence of the Environmental Commission. Outreach could have been stronger to build the audience, and there were not many young people. The banner that was created can be used at other events to draw attention to the REC and its work, and to interest new people. It was suggested that next time it would be good to have more audience participation; for example, there could be a conversation before as well as after the film. The REC can also offer products (tiffins, recyclable containers, etc.). Information on MS4 can also be circulated at events.

Income from donations is being split with the theatre.

**ACTION:** All REC members will keep an eye out for suitable films.

#### 4. Zero waste campaign funding

It is too late to apply for County funding this year, up to \$2,000. Next year, in 2026, this grant could be used for the Street Festival/Pickle Festival, for a tent or other equipment for recycling food scraps onsite. (This year the Festival will handle the removal of food scraps, with Billy Liggan working with Royal Trucking and waste going to Clintondale or UCRRA.) For 2026, the REC will need to approach vendors well in advance while also working closely with the Festival Committee.

**PROPOSED ACTION:** The goal for 2026 should be to make compostable packaging a requirement.

#### 5. Community Compost

Jenn reported on progress in exploring options for the town. After her exhaustive research and several REC discussions, it is clear that while UCRRA ultimately wishes to help towns recycle and treat compost at their own local transfer stations, this won't happen for a year or two due to the lack of funding. In the meanwhile, there are two options: 1) Community Compost, which does transport, with drop-off at UCRRA; 2) UCCRA, utilizing Greenway or Royal Carting for pickup.

The next step is for the REC to make a presentation to the Town Board, including cost implications.

**ACTION:** Jenn will work with Jill to get us on the agenda of one of the upcoming town meetings (Workshop July 12 or August 8; Meetings July 9 or August 13) and to determine when materials will be needed for the board packets. Details of the presentation are to be worked out.

#### 6. There was no Tree Committee report.

The meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 6:00. It was suggested that as part of the regular agenda the REC review action items from its previous meetings.

Minutes prepared by Susan H. Gillespie

*Susan H. Gillespie*