

Rosendale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025

Approved: November 13, 2025

Present:

Amie Worley, Chair

Darrell Hamlin, Vice Chair

Susan H. Gillespie, Secretary

Sean Nixon

Jenn Sturiale

Carrie Wykoff, Town Liaison

Excused: Penny Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 6:21, and the agenda was approved.

1. The chair announced that there will be no meeting of the REC in August; meetings will resume on Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Amie will inform the Town Clerk and confirm the meeting time and room.

2. Minutes

On Darrell's proposal, seconded by Jenn, the minutes of the REC meeting of June 12, 2025, were unanimously approved.

3. Community Solar

The letter soliciting membership in Rosendale Community Solar did not reach all of its intended audience and evidently was sent to the wrong list. Solar on the Municipal Building is going forward as a separate project, in partnership with Marbletown.

ACTION: Susan will reach out to PowerMarket to review the status of the campaign and discuss possibilities for a second phase.

ACTION: The REC will update the Town Board, which passed a resolution approving the campaign and Memo of Understanding on May 24.

4. Compost

ACTION: Jenn, Amie, and Carrie will prepare a presentation to the Town Board, ideally at its September meeting.

5. Street Festival

The Street Festival is a 501 (c) 3 (Music Festival of Rosendale, Inc.), not a town event; Carrie serves as a co-chair. The REC wishes to promote food scrap recycling. The Garlic Festival does this using Greenway, but the Festival has no budget to cover the \$10,000 cost in 2025; the UC Legislature offers \$25,000 county-wide for the “Green the Scene” program of live events but this year the deadline was too tight to get the grant and also engage vendors. Carrie has written a grant for 2026, when the goal should be to achieve “Zero Waste” for the Festival. In 2025, the REC will help staff two “food composting stations” with buckets and compostable bags for people to discard their food scraps, which will be transported to UCCRA by trailer on Monday following the Festival. This year, the REC will distribute flyers. Two banners are in process.

ACTION: REC members will sign up for 3 or 4-hour slots on Saturday (noon – 9:00 p.m.) and Sunday (noon – 8:00 p.m.). Susan and Amie each volunteered to cover a 3-hour slot. Amie will help round people up.

In 2026, the goal will be to station 2 people at each of 10 stations.

6. Outreach and Education

The REC discussed using the name “Rosendale, NY, Friends of the Environment” on Facebook and other social media so as not to conflict with the town website. Among other things, the site can highlight composting and recycling.

ACTION: Darrell will be the contact working with Mandy in the Town office to get this sorted.

MS4 publicity is another duty of the REC.

ACTION: Amie will check on the status of MS4 announcements at the theatre.

7. Membership

There are 3 seats available. Discussion of potential candidates will follow at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan H. Messeri