

Rosendale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes, taken by Jenn Sturiale

Present:

- Jenn Sturiale, Amie Worley, Darrell Hamlin, Penny Colmen, Rommia White, Sean Nixon, Carrie Wykoff
- **Call to Order and Chair's Opening Remarks:**
Darrell opened the meeting, and Amie arrived 10 mins later and took over leading the meeting.
- **Approval of Outstanding Minutes *if quorum established*:**
Approved August minutes Darrell, Jenn seconded, all in favor.
- **Approval of Agenda:**
Agenda approved.
 - Carrie gave an update, as she needed to leave soon:
 - Manna Joe is approved to join the EC, and someone needs to tell her (Action item: Jenn will tell her on FB messenger)
 - Carrie spent time with new attendant Roger at the transfer station. He's open to new ideas. The new slab laid for new building, hope to occupy it by October. Also need to remove oil tanks & other assorted jobs. Fencing has been moved/removed. Compost isn't getting traction until that big project is done. Penny brought up again the fencing may be used for bear proofing the compost area. All others agree dog fencing (chain link) isn't enough to bear proof compost bins.
 - Carrie is happy to assist with a compost documentary film at the Rosendale Theatre, she's on the programming committee.
 - Sean asked Carrie about presenting to the town board re Tree & Dark Skies projects. He asked what the board wants to hear, and what format. Carrie said well documented research & action steps in detail, idea of costs (good time now as they're working on the 2027 budget), keep it short/8-10 mins. She suggested making an appt and talking with Jeanne Walsh, bounce ideas off her before you go to the full board. Also consider collaboration - talk to the Rec Commission, and the Highway Dpt.
- **Agenda item: Dark Skies: Sean**
 - Sean discussed the Dark Skies project. He again mentioned he & Jenn haven't been able to get together to collaborate, Jenn reiterated he just needs to get in touch with her.
 - He wants to hone his work down into presentation format to collaborate with someone else.
 - He says he wrote it out, everyone has a copy.
 - His presentation will include what's the outcome we want & how it will affect the town. It will give an overview of the project, not a finished plan. Introduce the concept, get feedback.
 - He'll create a presentation by Oct/Nov
 - Carrie said Jeanne is a wealth of information for this, she'll know where it overlaps with the Highway Dpt (on lighting), etc.
 - Darrell suggests the presentation has those connections already included.
 - Carrie said to present 3 main points we want them to know. She offered to sit down and work on it with Sean. She said the board meets the first & second Wed of every month (except June, July, Aug)

Action item: Sean will collect information and create a presentation. He will reach out to someone on the EC to collaborate
- **Agenda item: Town Compost Program: Jenn**

- Jenn asked Carrie why she recommends presenting to Town Board again. Carrie said, present with ONE recommendation including costs, everything the town needs to do. And talk with Jeane before presenting to Board.

Action item: Jenn will meet with Jeanne & Carrie

- **Agenda item: Tree Project: Sean**

- Sean confirmed our previous discussion that Gateway Restoration is not a clear/obvious name. Will come up with a new title.
- Will create a presentation for the EC to look at. Then recreate the narrative. To then presentation to the board.
- Carrie reiterated her previous suggestion to talk to Dorene (Highway dpt), she's in the Rec Center also & has email. Sean says he thinks he wrote her.
- Penny is interested in what kind of trees he can get & where to put them. Sean said the county grant works with native trees.
- He'll include vendors/resources, and if people can sponsor a tree
- Carrie said again, the first step is talking with Dorene to see if this is even possible.

Action item: Sean will contact Dorene. Sean will work on presentation.

- **Agenda item: Solar: Penny**

- RFP has been accepted for solar (or electrical work for solar) in parking lot at municipal center

- **Agenda item: Quarterly Movie**

- Rommia - we had a standing item for quarterly movie. Suggests we attach it to specific initiatives we're working on, instead of just a standing date (we never really meet). It would make it a PR move.
- She has a compost movie suggestion: UCCRA screen "Just Eat It" in 2023. So maybe we can get it. Also "Kiss the Ground" is available for free.
- Darrell agrees that changing our standing agenda movie item to movie outreach/education.

Action item: Rommia will research the movies

- **Agenda item: Traffic Flow: Rommia**

- Rommia hasn't had time to research this yet
- Penny suggests looking at Tom Konrad's proposal for Marbletown (she emailed us) options for reducing garbage truck flow on 209 (as New Paltz does).
- Also talking about having Amazon pickup lockers to reduce traffic, instead of delivering to each house.

Action item: keep moving it forward

- **New business, announcements, confirm next meeting date.**

- We discussed our round-robin minute taking plan. Everyone confirm they've submitted their minutes to the town.
- Sean lost his notes from his month, Amie said he has to submit something (we can't have a missing month)

Action item: Sean will submit something for his minutes

- **Time meeting finished: 7:15**

- **Next meeting date: 10/8/26**