

# MINUTES

## Mill Seat Landfill Citizen Advisory Board

*October 21, 2025 6:00pm | Meeting called to order by Peg Stefan*

### In Attendance

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Peg Steffan, Chairperson

David Muoio, Waste Management

Michael Mahar, Waste Management

Nicole Simonetti, Waste Management Community Relations

David Cross, Waste Management

Erik Grimm, Suburban Disposal

Michael Garland, Director for Monroe County Department of Environmental Services

Yasmin Guevara, Solid Waste Administrator for Monroe County

Mark Stowe, Monroe County

Ken Kuter, Town of Riga

Greg Adams, Town of Riga

Mike Brown, Village of Churchville

Al Turcotte, Johnson Road Resident

Ed Fraser, Johnson Road Resident

Chris Prucha, Waste Management Director for Groundwater and Technical Programs Group

Rick Frappa, GEI Consultants

Barbara Zinter, Secretary

### Introduction of Members and Guests

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Mr. Muoio introduced Mr. Mahar as the Senior District Manager for Waste Management. He is overseeing The Chaffee Landfill, Depew Transfer Station, Buffalo Transfer Station, Model City Landfill, and now Mill Seat Landfill. Jeff Richardson has been promoted to Area Director of Disposal Operations for Upstate New York and New England. He will still be involved; he has just been promoted. Everyone then went around the room and introduced themselves.

### Approval of Minutes

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Ms. Stefan asked for any additions or corrections to the July 15, 2025, minutes. There were none. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Simonetti.

### Operations Report-David Muoio

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Mr. Muoio reported on Q3 totals of the Operations Report for the Landfill. There was a question about the possibility of changing the amount of stuff that has to be flared out as it seems like such a waste to do that. They have always thought about putting in another power plant but it is tough to get permitted and would be cost prohibitive to do at this point. As the Landfill grows, there may be a point where it would make sense to take advantage of that opportunity. Mr. Muoio reviewed the revenue sharing. This is the quarter when we pay the Byron-Bergen Schools.

Mr. Cross shared the Capital Projects update. LaBella completed some ongoing herbicide treatments in the Wetlands Mitigation Area South of Bovee Road. Seeding and bare root and live stake plantings will take place in November. Not much work required at the Churchville Park Stream Restoration site at this point, just some

ongoing invasives control. The construction of Cell 7A-2 was completed within the last month. We submitted a CQA report to the State and are expecting approval to place waste in there this quarter. We did finish the temp cap up on the west side of the hill. We will do nine acres of cap up there.

There was discussion about the Churchville Stream Restoration Project. Mr. Kuter has heard that part of what was constructed was going to be torn out by the County Parks system be reconstructed. Mr. Cross was going to try to get more information on this and clarify what is actually taking place. Mr. Garland offered assistance if needed.

There was a question about plans to create a walkway through the vernal ponds. There are some mowed trails in the Wetlands Mitigation area and there was some talk about putting a boardwalk over some sections of the vernal ponds, but we are holding off. It is all in conservation easements, so it is difficult to do something like that. The mowed trails are very nice though.

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#### Community Relations Report-Nicole Simonetti

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Ms. Simonetti discussed community involvement. We love supporting our veterans so we will be attending that luncheon coming up. Open House will be back at Mill Seat next year. The date hasn't been decided yet, but it is typically around the last Thursday in July or early August, around that timeframe. Something that will be new at Mill Seat next year, we started two years ago at High Acres, the Fall Charity Classic WM. It is a golf tournament where we invite our customers, vendor partners, and people that we work with, friends of the landfill. We raise money for local charities, local organizations, and first responders that relate to the landfill. More to come on that.

Mr. Kuter asked that the next newsletter include information on the process for residents to have bulk items picked up. He has noticed that some things are sitting out at the roadside for quite some time.

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#### Compliance, Safety and Environmental Monitoring Report

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Mr. Muoio shared that they are 100% compliant. No NOVs. No OSHA lost time injuries. Going on 1,148 days, just over three years now.

"Q3 sampling activities for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrates that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area." That has all been completed and no issues.

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#### Monroe County Department of Environmental Services Update-Michael Garland

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Mr. Garland reviewed the Monroe County Update. The Title V Air Permit has been extended again until February 2, 2026. Yasmin believes this has to do with not only the busy workload but also the requirements associated with the NYS law related to climate action. There are a couple of upcoming dates that the EcoPark will be closed. The scale project is underway at the Resource Recovery Facility. The third scale is being done. There are a number of education and outreach events listed. If you are not signed up to receive the newsletter, the web address is listed if you are interested. Having gathered feedback and information in recent months, Mr. Garland reviewed the updates to the County's website for the Solid Waste Division's Environmental Services including the interactive map, facts and figures about the Mill Seat Landfill. The current life span of the landfill is expected to be 2057. The webpage also has a link to the Host Community Agreement. There are also links from the Town of Riga's website to the Monroe County website and vice versa. The Property Value Protection Program fact sheet will be coming soon.

## Committee Reports

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- Budget-Ken Kuter
  - The budget was submitted for the CAB with a slight increase to \$1,000. The public hearing for the budget will be on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Environmental Monitoring-Mark Stowe
  - Reports are all within standards. We will hear more in tonight's presentation.
- Safety-Mark Stowe
  - Over 1,100 days without a lost time accident.
- Property Protection- Greg Adams
  - There was one resident that attempted to use it in recent months but was unsuccessful. He will be meeting with the resident to get some feedback that will be shared.

## Presentation "Health of the Landfill"-Chris Prucha and Rick Frappa

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Mr. Frappa reviewed his presentation on the "Health of the Landfill." The presentation has not changed much over the last few years. Part of the reason for that is for the education of the CAB members who are new. The Mill Seat location is monitored for dust emissions which is completed on a quarterly basis. There is also gas monitoring and noise monitoring. These are some of the legacy monitoring that has been in place since the Town actually owned the landfill and the DEC insisted on retaining those programs. Some of the 2025 quarterly sampling and daily temperature/dissolved oxygen telemetric readings from the remote monitoring of Hotel Creek were shared in the presentation which prompted some questions and discussion. The temperature varies with the seasons. In the summer we have had temperatures as high as 80° in the shallow creek but it depends on the outside temperature. These are monitored for the Fish and Wildlife review. The parameters that are monitored quarterly and annually, comparison to some bottled waters, and the data evaluation was presented and discussed. In looking at the assessment, the higher incidence of sodium and magnesium is related to the use of rock salt on route 490 during the winter months. There is also monitoring in the expansion area now.

Mr. Kuter had inquired previously about the well on the COMIDA land. Waste Management does not monitor that one.

## Old Business

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None

## New Business

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None

## Community Concerns

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None

## Adjournment

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Peg Stefan adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm

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## Action Items

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None.

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## Next Meetings

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026 6pm

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6pm

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 6pm

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 6pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J. Zinter

Citizen's Advisory Board Secretary

## MILL SEAT LANDFILL & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Meeting Dates:

January 21, 2025

April 15, 2025

July 15, 2025

October 21, 2025

January 20, 2026



CAB OPERATIONS REPORT  
January - December 2025

### LANDFILL

Month	Days in month (Open)	LANDFILL			RENEWABLE ENERGY										
		MSW / SPW (less WWTP)	WWTP Sludge Tons	Total MSW/SPW /WWTP	AOC/BUD /RGC - Tons*	MSW/ SPW Avg tons/day	WWTP Sludge to MSW %	AOC/BUD/RGC - avg tons/day	AOC/BUD/RGC %	Leachate Discharge to Sewer (gallons)	Landfill Gas (mscf,flare)	Power Plant (mscf)	Power Plant Kwh generated	Power Plant Engine Hours per Month (8-Engines)	Barrels of Oil Saved
January	26	41,723	3,584	45,306	10,601	1,743	8.6%	408	23.4%	1,681,777	52,734	114,492	4,718,144	5,909	8,864
February	24	32,945	3,064	36,008	8,789	1,500	9.3%	366	24.4%	1,834,840	52,945	95,055	4,001,045	5,101	7,652
March	26	44,870	3,166	48,036	17,124	1,848	7.1%	659	35.6%	3,329,185	61,286	109,735	4,602,891	5,828	8,742
<b>Q1 Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>119,537</b>	<b>9,814</b>	<b>129,351</b>	<b>36,514</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>6,845,802</b>	<b>166,975</b>	<b>319,282</b>	<b>13,322,080</b>	<b>16,838</b>	<b>25,257</b>
April	26	45,887	3,398	49,285	16,027	1,896	7.4%	616	32.5%	2,591,281	64,703	108,029	4,457,033	5,688	8,532
May	26	55,791	3,667	59,458	15,118	2,287	6.6%	581	25.4%	3,064,145	64,268	107,745	4,583,233	5,893	8,840
June	25	54,655	3,568	58,222	19,317	2,329	6.5%	773	33.2%	2,021,290	74,367	105,840	4,324,270	5,585	8,378
<b>Q2 Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>156,332</b>	<b>10,633</b>	<b>166,965</b>	<b>50,463</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>7,676,716</b>	<b>203,337</b>	<b>321,614</b>	<b>13,364,536</b>	<b>17,166</b>	<b>25,749</b>
July	26	50,979	3,802	54,781	20,031	2,107	7.5%	770	36.6%	1,655,132	77,441	114,016	4,516,196	5,901	8,852
August	26	42,509	3,405	45,914	17,994	1,766	8.0%	692	39.2%	1,855,179	77,116	114,136	4,493,173	5,832	8,748
September	25	41,133	3,524	44,658	16,501	1,786	8.6%	660	36.9%	1,465,719	77,057	109,856	4,306,173	5,705	8,558
<b>Q3 Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>134,621</b>	<b>10,731</b>	<b>145,352</b>	<b>54,526</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>4,977,030</b>	<b>231,614</b>	<b>338,008</b>	<b>13,315,542</b>	<b>17,438</b>	<b>26,157</b>
October	27			0		0		0		#DIV/0!					
November	24			0		0		0		#DIV/0!					0
December	26			0		0		0		#DIV/0!					0
<b>Q4 Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total to Date	230	410,490	31,178	441,668	141,503	1,920	7.6%	615	32.0%	19,499,548	601,926	978,904	40,002,158	51,442	77,163
DEC Permit Limits	307			597,115	238,846	1,945		778	40.0%						

### REVENUE SHARING

Benefactor	Benefit 1993-Q-T-D	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total 2025	ACRONYMS
Town of Riga (rev sharing) *	\$49,284,712.35	\$592,969,66	\$771,036,04	\$683,725,28		\$2,047,730.98	ADC Alternate Daily Cover
Town of Riga (collection)	\$7,784,400.00	\$149,400.00	\$149,400.00	\$149,400.00		\$448,200.00	AOC Alternate Operating Cover
Town of Bergen (rev sharing-est. 2012)*	\$783,837.14	\$12,935.08	\$16,696.53	\$14,535.20		\$44,166.81	AUF Aerospace Utilization Factor
Bergen Fire Department	\$222,986.16	\$9,237.96				\$9,237.96	BUD Beneficial Use Determination
Byron-Bergen Schools	\$2,537,375.89			\$121,050.48		\$121,050.48	C&D Construction and Demolition
Water Main Improvements	\$12,100,000.00						LF Landfill
Property Protection	\$207,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	MSW Municipal Solid Waste
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITIES BENEFIT</b>	<b>\$72,920,461.54</b>	<b>\$764,542.70</b>	<b>\$937,132.57</b>	<b>\$968,710.96</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,670,386.23</b>	RGC Revenue Generating Cover
							SPW Special Waste
							WWTP Waste Water Treatment Plant

\* Q3 amount is currently estimated pending mid-month billing cycle completion

## CAPITAL PROJECTS / EQUIPMENT

- 1.) Wetlands Mitigation South of Bovee Road (Year 5/10) - herbicide treatments complete, seeding and bare root and live stake plantings late Fall
- 2.) Churchville Park Stream Restoration (Year 3/10). Ongoing invasives control, site is progressing well towards compliance
- 3.) Cell 7A-2 (7.2 ac) construction is complete, approval to place waste expected in Q4.
- 4.) 9 acres of temp cap is completed

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Contact  
Open House - Mill Seat Landfill date TBA 2026  
Scout Day - High Acres, Monday, October 13th, 2025  
WHC - Mill Seat -Wildlife Habitat Council recertification resulted in a Gold status.  
Churchville Concert-  
Chamber Golf-  
Pick up the Parks  
Churchville  
Walkabout

June '25- TBA  
June '25- WM sponsored and participated  
April 12th, 2025 10am  
Saturday, Aug. 16 - WM sponsoring/donating services

Nov. 11,  
2025

Veterans Day  
Luncheon  
Nov. 11,  
2025

## COMPLIANCE CYCLE -

## SAFETY Programs -

Compliance management system current. No violations (NOV's), 100% compliant.

WM Safety Programs including Mission to Zero, Safety Alerts, Rule Book, Drive Cam, NY area safety program, overweight, and Safety Training and Documentation utilized daily. Drive cam has been installed on all licensed vehicles.

WM-Mill Seat operations have been OSHA lost time injury free for over 1148 days

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Q1 Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q1 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q1 sampling activities for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area. Completed and No issues.  
Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q2 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q2 sampling activities for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area. Completed and No issues.  
Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q3 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q3 sampling activities for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area. Completed and No issues.  
Q4

## NYSDEC OVERSIGHT

NYSDEC monitor David Kay and Brian Zielinski  
Operational/compliance reports completed. No issues.

## NOTIFICATIONS

Q1	None
Q2	None
Q3	None
Q4	None
Other	Other

Title V Air permit renewal application submitted Q2 2021. Permit is in Albany and CLCPA has been addressed. Additional technical information submitted to the DEC on 8/22/23 and 10/6/25.



# Department of Environmental Services

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

**Michael J. Garland, P.E.**  
*Director*

## Monroe County Update MSLF CAB Meeting 10/21/25

### MSLF Permit Update:

- Title V Air Permit with NYSDEC review period extended until February 2, 2026.

### Monroe County Solid Waste Division:

- Mill Seat Property Value Protection Program (PVPP)
  - PVPP GIS Interactive map
  - Securing Appraisal Services for PVPP
  - PVPP Draft Fact Sheet

### Ecopark:

- Closed the following dates:
  - Saturday, November 29, 2025
  - Wednesday, December 24, 2025

### MC RC/RRF:

- RRF scale replacement project is underway, third scale is being done.

### Education and Outreach:

- Recycling newsletter went live on October 17, 2025.
  - <https://www.monroecounty.gov/des-newsletter>
- Recycle Right Presentation
  - Rush Public Library, Thursday, October 23, at 2 p.m. all ages.
- Halloween at the Public Market
  - City of Rochester, Sunday, October 26, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.