

MINUTES

Mill Seat Landfill Citizen Advisory Board

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

In Attendance

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

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

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

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.

Community Relations Report-Nicole Simonetti

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.

Compliance, Safety and Environmental Monitoring Report

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.

Monroe County Department of Environmental Services Update-Michael Garland

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

- 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 11th.
- 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

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

None

New Business

None

Community Concerns

None

Adjournment

Peg Stefan adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm

Action Items

None.

Next Meetings

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

CAB OPERATIONS REPORT
January - December 2025

Meeting Dates:

January 21, 2025
April 15, 2025
July 15, 2025
October 21, 2025
January 20, 2026

| 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/ WWTP 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 | 61,296 | 109,735 | 4,602,891 | 5,828 | 8,742 | |
| Q1 Totals | 76 | 119,537 | 9,814 | 129,351 | 36,514 | 1,702 | 8.2% | 480 | 28.2% | 6,845,802 | 166,975 | 319,282 | 13,322,080 | 16,838 | 25,257 | |
| 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 | |
| Q2 Totals | 77 | 156,332 | 10,633 | 166,965 | 50,463 | 2,168 | 6.8% | 655 | 30.2% | 7,676,716 | 203,337 | 321,614 | 13,364,536 | 17,166 | 25,749 | |
| July | 26 | 50,979 | 3,802 | 54,781 | 20,031 | 2,107 | 7.5% | 770 | 36.6% | 1,652,132 | 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% | 1,859,179 | 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 | |
| Q3 Totals | 77 | 134,621 | 10,731 | 145,352 | 54,526 | 1,888 | 8.0% | 708 | 37.5% | 4,977,030 | 231,614 | 338,008 | 13,315,542 | 17,438 | 26,157 | |
| October | 27 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | #DIV/0! | | | | | | 0 | |
| November | 24 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | #DIV/0! | | | | | | 0 | |
| December | 26 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | #DIV/0! | | | | | | 0 | |
| Q4 Totals | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | #DIV/0! | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 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 | |
|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------------|----------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | ADC | Alternate Daily Cover |
| Town of Riga (rev sharing) * | \$49,284,712.35 | \$592,969.66 | \$771,036.04 | \$683,725.28 | | \$2,047,730.98 | AOC | Alternate Operating Cover |
| Town of Riga (collection) | \$7,784,400.00 | \$149,400.00 | \$149,400.00 | \$149,400.00 | | \$448,200.00 | AUF | Airspace Utilization Factor |
| Town of Bergen (rev sharing-est. 2012)* | \$783,837.14 | \$12,935.08 | \$16,696.53 | \$14,535.20 | | \$44,166.81 | BUD | Beneficial Use Determination |
| Bergen Fire Department | \$222,986.16 | \$9,237.96 | | | | \$9,237.96 | C&D | Construction and Demolition |
| Byron-Bergen Schools | \$2,537,375.89 | | | | | \$121,050.48 | LF | Landfill |
| Water Main Improvements | \$12,100,000.00 | | | | | | MSW | Municipal Solid Waste |
| Property Protection | \$207,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | RGC | Revenue Generating Cover |
| TOTAL COMMUNITIES BENEFIT | \$72,920,461.54 | \$764,542.70 | \$937,132.57 | \$968,710.96 | \$0.00 | \$2,670,386.23 | SPW | Special Waste |
| | | | | | | | WWTP | Waste Water Treatment Plant |

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS / EQUIPMENT

January - December 2025

- 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 Anyone interested in learning more about the Mill Seat Landfill can call Nicole Simonetti at 585-738-0316.

- 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- August '25- TBA
- Chamber Golf- June '25- WM sponsored and participated
- Pick up the Parks April 12th, 2025 10am
- Churchville Saturday, Aug. 16 - WM sponsoring/donating services
- Walkabout
- Veterans Day Nov. 11,
- Luncheon 2025

COMPLIANCE

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

SAFETY

Programs - 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.
- Q2 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.
- Q3 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
- 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
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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.