

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, May 26th, 2026

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Vice Chairman T.J. Stokes, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Cavanagh, B. Henderson, A. Carvell, Supervisor T. Daviau, Vice Chairman P. Walrod, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Solid Waste Deputy Director, Public Information Officer S. Field, PR Intern B. Werries, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator M. Aney, and SW Dir of Admin Services J. Jacobs.

Absent: J. Monaghan, C. Edick

Approval of Minutes

1. May 26th, 2026, Meeting minutes

On a motion by Supervisor A. Carvell, seconded by Supervisor T. J. Stokes, the motion was made to approve the 5.26.2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling Updates

1. SW Director G. Gelewski reviewed continued increases in overall waste tonnage is up approximately 8%, with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) increasing 6% and Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste increasing 35%. Due to increased volumes, staff will continue monitoring landfill capacity and may consider limiting certain large construction projects if necessary.
2. The Local Solid Waste Management Plan Biennial Update was completed in-house by our Recycling Coordinator Michaela Aney, resulting in significant cost savings.
3. Madison County was featured in a NYS DEC "Beyond the Bin" educational video series, highlighting landfill operations, waste management practices, and public education efforts. [Beyond The Bin - Municipal Solid Waste](#)
4. Sullivan Transfer Station unplanned repairs to the collapsed underground structure was completed without interrupting operations.

Resolutions

1. On a motion by Supervisor M. Cavanagh, seconded by Supervisor T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved the Resolution of the Madison County Cornell Cooperative Extension Application Proposal for the New York Department of Environmental Conservation Office of Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant for 2026. The motion was passed.

Other Committee Business

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1. SW G. Gelewski and RC M. Aney met with representatives from Vermont Agriculture to discuss ongoing challenges and opportunities related to agricultural plastics recycling.
2. The Technical Review Committee continues reviewing proposed landfill gas regulations and evaluating future engineering and treatment options.
3. Sharp Container Outreach - Additional sharps disposal outreach and education efforts are underway due to increased exposure risks.
4. Composting updates were provided - The County received approval to move forward with purchases for the Food Waste Composting Project, with implementation expected to extend into 2027. A recent composting workshop held in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Great Swamp Conservancy was well attended and received positive feedback.

Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste and Recycling Committee meeting is scheduled for July 28st, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor A. Carvell to adjourn at 9:41 AM, seconded by Supervisor B. Henderson. The motion was passed.