



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Special Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2026

A special meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on June 8, 2026, at 12:00 pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Dave Watson, citizen member; Elizabeth McDade, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member; Rachel Barnhart, Legislator (via zoom); Adrienne Green, Assistant Co. Exec.; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance, Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt. Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Joe Taddeo, Finance; Kristina Daugherty, Public Safety

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Dir. Planning & Development; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.; William DePrez, Planning Summer Intern

Others Present: Dept. of Environmental Svcs: Kevin Quinn, Chief of Collections & Maintenance Operations
MCC: Phil Oettinger, Acting Assoc. VP, Facilities
Law Dept: Bridget Cook, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

- None

ACTION ITEMS:

- Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to expand the scope and increase funding for the project entitled "Solid Waste Heavy Equipment" in the amount of \$650,000, from \$1,500,000 to \$2,150,000, for a total project authorization of \$2,150,000.**

Presenter: Kevin Quinn, Dept. Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Quinn explained New York State requires Monroe County to include provisions for yard waste diversion in the Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP). The County turns compost at three locations: (1) City of Rochester at Avion Drive-adjacent to Eco Park, (2) Frank E. Van Lare Treatment Plant, and (3) Waste Management High Acres Landfill which also includes food waste. The turnover at all of the sites needs to be completed to accelerate the decomposition of materials so it can

be turned into mulch. The compost turner was purchased in 2010. A month ago, there was an engine fire while in use and it was deemed a total loss. They have researched and compared replacement options. The equipment they would prefer to purchase is track driven and would eliminate the need for a lowboy trailer to transport the leaf turner to the three (3) compost sites.

Mr. Quinn provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- County Law Department is currently checking to learn if there was insurance coverage on the equipment.
- The turner is used once or twice a month for about 4 days at each site. High Acres does require more frequency because of the food waste at that location.
- The Town of Greece is helping out the County with use of their turner and operator until the new equipment is received.
- The County's Solid Waste team is looking into grants to help with funding. However, the project will have to be bonded and would then receive reimbursement.

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Ms. Cesario

Vote: Motion Approved

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- June 25, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Adjournment: 12:20 pm

