

Town of Shandaken, NY CAC minutes for April 20, 2026

Members present: Beth Waterman, Karen Lee, Phil Mansfield, Brad Sunness, Catherine del Tufo

6:34 pledge of allegiance

K Lee approves minutes, P Mansfield seconds

Announcements

Comprehensive Plan survey is underway; submission of comments due 5/8/26

Chichester flood analysis committee is meeting with residents April 25, 2026 town hall

B Waterman introduces speaker Eva Barnett from the Ulster Co. Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

E Barnett, recycling educator, will be discussing the processes and realities of successful recycling. The talking points will include the benefits and industrial challenges, correct ways to recycle, do's and don'ts, laws and enforcement.

Jim Cowan, Shandaken recycling program manager, is introduced.

A brief description of UCRRA's history, mission, and programs begins the discussion.

UCRRA was founded in 1986 to provide waste management in Ulster County and to determine ways to reduce said municipal solid waste (MSW). In addition to disposal of MSW, UCRRA provides recycling and composting programs. Facilities are located in Kingston and New Paltz. UCRRA also provides household hazardous waste disposal and electronic waste recycling. E Barnett recommends investigating their website for information, available programs, and opportunities to get involved.

"Recycle Right" is the next topic. Conserving resources and creating jobs are major impacts of recycling, plus, it's the law. The four components, plastic, glass, metals, and paper become new products. Single and dual stream programs are explained. The myth of the recycling symbol, the chasing arrows, and "wish-cycling" are debunked. The phrase "if it's a bottle, jug, jar, or tub, or a lid larger than a tennis ball" is the recommended determining factor for container recyclability. Overconsumption and industrial practices (ie overpackaging) need to be rethought and, hopefully, re-regulated.

Many more issues, including UCRRA facility worker safety, reuse, repair, responsibility, etc. are talk subjects. Questions and answers were considered throughout.

7:57 C del Tufo motions to adjourn and P Mansfield seconds