

## Warren County Public Works Committee meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Committee members, Supervisor Conover, and Mr. Hajos,

Thank you again for having our citizen advocacy group Zero Waste Warren County be here with you today.

We've worked together on recognizing that cost and waste are very big concerns. New York State mandates that municipalities collect recyclables. The municipal transfer stations are doing the collecting, and your towns are paying high costs for trucking waste and recyclables to be buried in landfills or to private sorting facilities. We actually have no control as to where the recyclables really wind up. Trucking costs will only get higher, and the waste of items that could be recycled will continue. Now we pay double- the cost of sending recyclables away and lost profits from not marketing our own.

We are in agreement that taking control is needed. Clearly we need to collect and market our own recyclables. Recycled commodity companies would pick up baled recyclables directly from us. Cost savings would be significant along with assurance that recyclables are getting to the right places. Waste would diminish. Money would be saved and then made.

Today we have invited the company called Replenish to share with you by zoom their proven approach to collection strategies and successful marketing. No change is easy but our time is now. As we had in the past, a work group could move forward with taking control of our solid waste system. Replenish may have some answers for us. Tracy Frisch the founder of Zero Waste Warren County will hand out flyers from Replenish, and respond to your comments and questions following the zoom presentation.

Now let's hear from Ryon Hart from Replenish.

Introduction by Diane Collins



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**Zero Waste Warren County (NY) is a citizens' group dedicated to reducing the amount of waste we throw away in order to care for our threatened environment and conserve natural resources. ZWWC takes action by:**

- **Encouraging people to change their consumption habits**
- **Facilitating reuse & repair**
- **Increasing recycling**
- **Replacing single-use disposable products with durable, re-useable items**
- **Promoting the composting of food scraps and yard debris**

**Join in our efforts**

## **Current Projects:**

- **Community Education through our Reuse/Recycle/Repair brochure, event displays, film series, zero-waste related webinars, newsletter**
- **Collaborating with Warren County Public Works on transfer station modernization**
- **“Skip the Stuff” – eliminating automatic inclusion of single-use items in food take-out from restaurants (project with Glens Falls Rotary Club)**
- **Food Scrap Collection for composting at Glens Falls Farmers Market**
- **Field Trips to recycling and composting facilities**

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