



**Dutchess County**  
**Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**Attendance:**

- Bob Cohen, DCEMC
- Ann Davis, DCEMC
- John DeGilio, DCEMC
- Lalita Malik, DCEMC
- Ramesh Naik, DCEMC
- Rachel Noe, DCEMC
- Judith Papo, DCEMC
- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Pete Berasi, East Fishkill CAC
- Peggy Kellano, Town of Poughkeepsie CAC
- Maribell Pregnall, Arlington High School
- Vicky Kelly, Guest, Cary Institute

**Administrative Items:**

- Lalita Malik reported that Vicki Kelly and Maribel Pregnall are going to be new EMC appointed members and should be voted in by the Legislature on Monday.
- John Degilio made a motion to approve the October 28, 2009 meeting minutes and Ramish Naik seconded. It unanimously so moved.
- Allison gave a budget update. The County Executive's budget proposed a 45 % cut to CCEDC, and a 100% cut to the Environment Program. The final budget vote in the Legislature is later in December. All were invited to Legislature's public hearing tomorrow night at 7:00 pm at the Bardavon Opera House.

**Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Legislative Reps:**

- Pete Berasi reported on the stormwater runoff project in the Town of East Fishkill near the town hall and library.
- Peggy reported on the high level of development being proposed in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

### **Project Updates:**

- Judith reported on a program where Tuminaro Pharmacy will take back pharmaceuticals for proper disposal. The pharmacy will work with the EMC. Judith will help with a press release.
- Allison reported on the progress with the NRI, including the Hydrology chapter is being worked on, Soils chapter is almost complete, Geology/Topography is moving along, and mapping needs to get done. There was a discussion of getting support from the colleges and Cary institute with the NRI and a proposed NRI conference for the spring.
- Vicky reported that she is writing a report for municipalities and highway superintendents on the environmental effects of road salt, including potential human health effects. The report will include a list of current methods for improving the efficiency of road salt use and will suggest that municipalities use alternatives in sensitive areas, i.e., near water supplies and use CACs or other town-level boards to identify those areas.
- Allison showed the group the new DCEMC website, which looks excellent and is now live – [www.dutchessemc.org](http://www.dutchessemc.org).
- The next meeting will be on January 27, 2010.

Minutes prepared by Rachel Noe.