



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

Attendance:

- Bob Cohen, EMC Appointed Member
- John DeGilio, EMC Appointed Member
- Vicky Kelly, EMC Appointed Member
- Judith Papo, EMC Appointed Member
- Maribel Pregnall, EMC Appointed Member
- Vicky Buono, CCEDC Admin. Asst.
- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Larry Steel, EMC Appointed Member
- Jennifer Reap, CAC T/Poughkeepsie
- Emily Vail, CCEDC

Administrative Items:

- Bob Cohen, EMC Vice Chair, chaired the meeting in Lalita Malik's absence.
- The minutes of the March 2010 meeting were approved.
- Allison is taking on a new position (part-time) to work on Energy/Climate issues with Cornell University Extension. Cornell will be reimbursing CCEDC for half of Allison's salary, which will allow CCEDC to hire a part-time community educator. Emily Vail has been hired to work 20 hours per week with the CCEDC Environment Program,
- Sean Mc Dermott, Judith Papo and Tonia Shoumatoff have informed the EMC that they do not wish to be re-appointed for another term. The members reviewed and discussed the EMC's attendance policy. Since two current members have missed five or more meetings, a motion was made and passed to recommend to the Legislature that neither of them be reappointed for another term after their current term expires. This means that there will be 5 open slots to be filled. Lalita has informed the clerk, and the Legislature has posted a notice for new EMC members.
- It was also suggested that the EMC draft up a position description that outlines the requirement and criteria for consideration of new EMC appointees. This can be presented as a recommendation to the Legislature. John will work with Allison on the position description. Judith offered to help get input from the Dutchess Bar Association for an EMC member with legal expertise.

- The EMC reviewed the process of handling email and web requests for the Environmental Management Council to consider. Allison will create an automatic forwarding from the EMC's google account directly to the EMC listserv so that members can review the incoming messages. John suggested having an automatic standard response when a request comes in, to acknowledge the note was received and a response will be forthcoming. Vicky Buono will monitor the requests and direct them to CCEDC staff if their expertise is required. Any requests that require the EMC to address will have a note sent to the EMC listserv asking them to handle. When in doubt as to where a request should be directed, Vicky Buono will check with Allison.
- Bob Cohen agreed he could meet with the new Legislative Environment Committee Chair, Jim Miccio, to discuss EMC priorities.
- In the absence of an EMC recording secretary from the EMC appointed members, Allison suggested that she will try to have Vicky Buono (CCEDC Senior Administrative Assistant) attend EMC meeting to record the minutes and share them with members in advance of the next meeting for approval; following approval, the website team will post agendas or minutes on the website.
- Allison will work with John to fine tune a website how to guide and checklist for monthly maintenance.
- John looked into the possibility of EMC t-shirts or hats. Because of the high cost of having either shirts or hats professionally made, John created iron-on transfers of the EMC logo himself and gave one to each EMC member to put on a shirt for community events! Thank you John!

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio/Legislature:

- The CAC for the Town of Milan has new members but is still not very active, so Larry and Allison will work on a meeting with the Supervisor (Bill Gallagher) to discuss.
- The Town of Poughkeepsie CAC has two 2 new appointments, and has tried to work with the town to revise the wetlands ordinance and work on a tree ordinance, and will continue to do so.
- The Town of Beekman will be holding a public forum on zoning within the next month. There is a proposal for a 50' buffer overlay, which the supervisor expects the CAC to support, although the public will most likely speak out against it. The CAC is now providing review of all proposals in the town using GIS.
- The Town of Hyde Park has a strong CAC, which is now concerned with the piece of property across from the Culinary Institute, where a hotel complex is being proposed.

Follow-up for 2010 EMC Projects:

- John will be working on graphics for the NRI. Work on various chapters is proceeding slowly but surely with CCEDC staff facilitating the work of researchers who are donating their time to the project.

- Allison provided Vicky Kelly several historical “State of the Environment” reports from the EMC archives. Vicky will read through them and provide the EMC with recommendations as to whether EMC members can easily draft a new State of the Environment report using mostly existing data, and if so, what topics should be included in the report.
- Maribel has been talking to various local high schools/teachers about recycling in schools. The Arlington High School recycling committee is now collecting and sorting bottles, and looking for a vendor who will take large quantities of recyclables without having to scan each bottle. Judith knows some vendors and will look into it for Maribel. Maribel will work with her students to develop a case study of Arlington’s recycling efforts that can be shared with other schools.
- Judith is continuing to work on the EMC’s Pharmaceutical Take Back Project with Tuminaro Pharmacy; Molloy’s Pharmacy has now begun the take back project at both their locations (Hyde Park and The Atrium at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie), as has Medicap Pharmacy, in Fishkill!!

Other Business:

- Vicky Buono has developed a draft of a new EMC brochure, when completed, it will be sent to the EMC for their review and suggestions.
- The next Environmental forum will be May 26th, the topic will be ‘Engaging Stakeholders in Protecting the Wappinger Creek Watershed. The June 23rd forum will be on ‘Deer Management’, and the September 22nd forum will be on ‘Air Impacts from Outdoor Wood Boilers. All EMC members are encouraged to attend the CCEDC Environment Forums.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
- The next EMC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 5:00pm, followed by the CCEDC Educational Forum at 6:30pm.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Buono, CCEDC Administrative Assistant.