



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2011**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Bob Cohen	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Lalita Malik		X
Maribel Pregnall	X	
Larry Steel		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Marsha Leed, Town of Wappinger	X	

Administrative Items:

- Introductions were made and the group welcomed Marsha Leed, from the Town of Wappinger. Marsha is considering accepting appointment to the EMC.
- Meeting minutes for the April 13, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by John DiGilio and 2nd by Pete Berasi.
- 2011 EMC Meeting Calendar:
 - May 25, 2011, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum- Save Energy, Save Dollars
 - June 22, 2011
 - September 21, 2011, Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum
 - October 19, 2011
 - November 16, 2011, Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum
 - December 7, 2011

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members:

- Pete Berasi updated the committee on work of the East Fishkill CAC. He will make a Wappinger Inter-municipal Council (WIC) presentation to the CAC in May or June. The

Fishkill Creek Watershed Association web site is down and the prognosis for bringing it back up is unknown; membership is decreased but a quorum (4-5 members) is met when the meet, they are trying to identify a focus/objectives and are considering emulation of the WIC, formulation of a Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) and bringing the salt reduction that East Fishkill has achieved to other municipalities.

- Bob Cohen updated the committee on the work of the Town of Beekman CAC. They have added two members, a forestry expert and a planning consultant who is an expert in the SEQR process.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly)- Vicky will try to report to the Supervisors & Mayors Association in the fall, their May agenda was full and the don't meet in the summer. An update from John Hickman, town of East Fishkill Supervisor, for the 2010-2011 winter is in preparation, preliminary results are that they used their entire salt budget for the year, but he thinks they would have gone over-budget had they not had the controls on trucks.
 2. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly to lead)- the report was discussed and an outline is in preparation
 3. Recycling (Bob Cohen to lead)- all members should report on their individual town's capabilities. For towns not represented on the EMC, we will ask for the help of CAC members. The goal is to produce a document that will provide the public with information on how to recycle.
 4. Educational Material for the NRI (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall)- Maribel is working with Cary Institute educators to produce educational materials that use the NRI, specifically for stream chloride and Blanding's turtles. They are trying to set up some in-service training dates set for teacher training in the fall, 2011.
 5. Energy Alternatives & Renewable Energy (Larry Steele & Allison Chatrchyan)- EMC can help publicize a NYSERDA workshops called Save Energy, Save Dollars, that will be run by CCEDC. This set of workshops targets low income households and provides information on things people can do to improve energy savings in their homes.

Other Business:

- Agenda Items for May 25, 2011 EMC meeting:
 - EMC members are to present the recycling capabilities of each member's town.
 - Continued discussion of the State of the Environment report (revised outline will be sent to members before meeting)
 - Reports from subcommittees

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion by Vicky Kelly and 2nd by Maribel Pregnall.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly