



**DUTCHESS COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (DCEMC)**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 8:30-9:30pm
DC Farm and Home Center
2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, NY

At large EMC Members Present:

- Lalita Malik, Chair
- Bob Cohen
- Ann Davis
- John DeGilio
- Sean McDermott
- Ramesh Naik
- Rachel Noe
- Judith Papo
- Larry Steel

CAC and Ex-Officio EMC Members Present:

- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio CCEDC, Environment Program Leader
- Jennifer Reap, Town of Poughkeepsie CAC
- Bill Carey, East Fishkill CAC
- Elizabeth Whaley, Amenia CAC
- Michael Purcell, Pawling CAB
- Sharon Kroeger, Amenia

Others present:

- Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature
- Pete Wassell, Dutchess County Legislature

Discussion Items:

- DC EMC Chair, Lalita Malik, called the meeting to order at 8:30pm
- Administrative items - The minutes for the May 2009 minutes were approved. Allison informed the group that EMC members are encouraged to attend the CCEDC educational forums and GIS meeting that precede each EMC meeting. The next educational forum will be in September.
- Update on Membership - Lalita informed members that there is currently one opening on the EMC - anyone interested in joining the EMC should send a

resume and letter of interest to herself, Joel Tyner, Pete Wassell, or Allison Chatrchyan. Members whose terms expire on 12/31/09 must inform Lalita or Allison regarding their intentions to continue serving on the EMC.

- NYSAEMC/CAC Forum :
 - Allison provided a summary on the DEC's Forum held in Albany on June 15, which was very useful and attended by Allison, Lalita Malik, Brenda Cagle, and Maung Htoo.
 - Municipalities are asked to consider adopting (by resolution) the new DEC Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Contact Allison for more info.
 - The EMC may want to consider sponsoring a pharmaceutical take back day to help protect water resources. There may be grant opportunities for small community grants.
- EMC Enabling Legislation update – Rachel will prepare and send her notes on the enabling legislation to Allison and Lalita. Allison will follow-up with a meeting with the Legislature's attorney.
- Website Coordination – Judith and John provided a summary of the work to update the website. Judith will contact Suzan Myrtle (volunteer web designer). Allison will follow up on CCEDC's decision on the web format.
- NRI update – Allison provided an update on NRI activity. The climate chapter will be online soon. Allison and Neil are working on the Introduction. Other authors are working on the Geology/Topography, Soils, Hydrology and Biological chapters. John is working on the glossary for the NRI. There will be a meeting soon with the entire NRI committee.
- IDEA Task Force - Larry provided an update on the IDEA Task Force, which is going very well. Larry is working to develop a contractor database. Ann Davis provided info on the "Bringing Sustainable Energy Infrastructure into the Hudson Valley" forum held at Vassar College on June 30.
- Quarterly Email Newsletter – Sean provided an update – he will have a 1-2-page newsletter template developed shortly. CAC/CAB members should send an email to Sean regarding key accomplishments or activities. Sean will prepare a sample template and send to the EMC listserv shortly.
- Education/Outreach – Judith provided an update on the activity. She will set up a brainstorming session with a teacher from BOCES who expressed interest in cooperating with the EMC.
- Outreach about Better site design – Lalita will make a presentation to the Mayors and Supervisor meeting. Date TBD.
- CAC Involvement – Ramesh provided update on activation of CAC activity

in Town of Wappingers. Allison/Ramesh will make a presentation to Town Board on July 13 at the supervisor's request about re-establishing a CAC (postponed by Wappingers until September). Allison has been following up regularly with other CACs.

- DC Legislature Environment Committee – Joel and Pete provided an update on Upcoming activities. Meeting Times with Agenda and Resolution are Available on the county website. Joel provided info on Food Waste Composting and Zero Waste Projects. Joel is working on a road salt strategy for the county with Lalita and Ann.
- Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Ramesh Naik, Recording Secretary.