



Dutchess County EMC
Meeting Minutes
DC Farm and Home Center
2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, NY
February 25, 2009
7:00-8:30pm

At-Large EMC Members present:

- Lalita Malik, Chair, at-large
- Sean McDermott at-large
- Tonia Shoumatoff, at-large

CAC and Ex-Officio EMC Members present:

- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Elizabeth Whaley, Amenia CAC
- Peggy Kelland, Poughkeepsie CAC

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 7:05 p.m.
- Administrative Items – The minutes from the February 4, 2009 EMC meeting were approved. Next Meeting: CAC and EMC Roundtable Forum: March 4th, 7:00-9:00pm – Please plan to attend starting at 7:00pm and fully participate in the Roundtable!!
- Update on Attendance/Appointments: Kathy Robbins has resigned. There are currently 11 spots filled. Lalita will ask Rachel if the EMC can have 12 at-large members, then will let Pete and Joel know. There are folks interested in being appointed, including Elizabeth Whaley, Suzanne (website), and other candidates identified previously. Joel and Pete will ask David Sears about the legislature's policy declare a seat vacant for at-large members that are not participating.
- Update EMC's enabling legislation: Lalita will work with Rachel on draft recommendations and send to Joel/Pete.
- EMC Coordination/ Short Updates from CACs/Towns – There was no update from the Poughkeepsie or Amenia CAC's. Mike Purcell provided a written report for the meeting: the Pawling CAB submitted a site plan review with advice to the Planning Board that private landowners and planners consider the recommendations found in the draft 2009 NYS Open

Space Conservation Plan in sustaining contiguous forested slopes in the Hudson Highlands, Taconic Hills and Harlem Valley. The CAB will be sending printed copies of "Where Rivers are born: the Scientific Imperative for Defending Small Steams and Wetlands:" to local engineering firms and possibly area science teachers. The CAB is supporting the efforts of the Oblong Land Conservancy and Friends of the Great Swamp in creating a small walking park through a NAWCA grant on a Town-owned parcel adjacent to the Great Swamp. It is continuing preparations for watershed awareness with the MS4 folks in the Planning Dept. Members visited with the newly regrouped Dover CAC to hand out materials and offer to work together in the future.

- EMC Coordination/update from Legislature: Joel Tyner discussed an issue of concern with groundwater – in which there may be up to 600 leaking gas stations/underground oil tanks that are not being properly cleaned up. He would like to know what GIS data layers exist (petroleum bulk petroleum storage tanks, brownfield sites, etc). Tonia suggested getting a copy of the Harlem Valley Aquifer Study (Planning Partnership, 1990s from Russell Urban Mead. Allison suggested requesting a meeting with the Dept of Health to go over the concerns and ask for data. Joel also discussed the issue of waste disposal in the county and moving to "Zero Waste" – there is a follow-up meeting Friday (2/27) with Neil Seldman. The Legislature also can pass resolutions for Watershed Month in July 2009.
- EMC/CAC Roundtable – Allison provided information on the EMC/CAC Roundtable coming up next week on March 4. All EMC members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Jackson Creek Streamwalk Report Recommendations – The draft recommendations were discussed. Lalita will work with Rachel and Tonia to make the recommendations more specific, and narrow for the powerpoint presentation. They will then contact ESAN and the Legislature to see about a presentation.
- EMC Annual Report – the report was discussed. Allison and Lalita will work together on the report using the 2007 format and have it ready to be approved by the end of March 2009.
- Brochure/Newsletter – Sean will be working on both. Vicky is working on the basic information, and will send Sean a file which he can work on to improve the design. For the Newsletter: Sean will work on creating a one-page format (max two pages) which can be updated on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, mainly to provide updates on what is going on around the County (municipal CAC updates) and provide tips to municipal officials. It can be saved as a PDF sent by email to the listserv.
- Earth Day Event – Elizabeth will work on pulling together a lesson plan for recycling for an elementary school group that the EMC can work on with a school class. Pete would like to be kept in the loop.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
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