



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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 8:30-9:30pm
DC Farm and Home Center
2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, NY

Attendance:

- John DeGilio, At-large EMC member
- Sean McDermott, At-large EMC member
- Judith Papo, At-large EMC member
- Tonia Shoumatoff, At-large EMC member
- Allison Chatrchyan, Ex-Officio, CCEDC
- Michael Purcell, Pawling CAB
- Sharon Kroeger, WHAC
- Pete Berasi, East Fishkill CAC
- Vicky Kelly, Guest, Cary Institute

Administrative items:

- Allison Chatrchyan called the meeting to order at 8:30pm. The minutes for the June 2009 minutes were approved. Allison reminded EMC members that they are encouraged to attend the CCEDC educational forums and GIS meeting that precede each EMC meeting.
- There is currently one opening on the EMC - anyone interested in joining the EMC should send a resume and letter of interest to the Dutchess County Legislative Clerk or Pete Wassell, at pete.wassell@gmail.com. Robert Cohen has informed the EMC that he would like to be re-appointed, while Ramesh Naik has informed Lalita that he will not seek reappointment to the EMC at the end of his term in December 2009 – so a second seat will be available in January 2010.
- Ramesh Naik will no longer be serving as recording secretary – Sean McDermott agreed to serve as the recording secretary and take the minutes at meetings with his laptop.

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Legislative Reps:

- Mike Purcell, Pawling CAB, and Tonia Shoumatoff brought up an issue regarding water use in the eastern part of the county near the Swamp River that is of great concern to the watershed. Mike agreed to provide a written summary of the issue

for the EMC to review with assistance from CCEDC and the ESAN if necessary before considering any action.

- Pete Berasi, East Fishkill CAC, noted that the EPA held a Public Meeting on August 11, 2009 on the Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Hopewell Precision Site in Hopewell Junction, New York. For more information, see: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/652d9edd5cf71a2585257359003f5343b08e06331aa382d8525760f00582169!OpenDocument>
- Tonia Shoumatoff noted that she would be working to schedule a Low Impact Development workshop in the town of Northeast in 2010 – these workshops could be done county-wide, but would need additional funding.

Project Updates:

- Allison noted she had provided a presentation on the NYS Climate Smart Communities Pledge to the DC Legislature, which had voted to adopt the pledge. Allison will follow-up with the Legislature to see if the County Executive will support the measure to become County law. More info on the program is available from the DEC at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/53013.html>.
- NRI Update: The climate chapter of the NRI has been uploaded on the County's website. Allison and Neil Curri are working on the Introduction chapter. Other authors are donating their time to work on the NRI Geology/Topography, Soils, Hydrology chapters. A spring 2010 conference on the NRI is planned with Vassar College's ERI.
- Energy Task Force: Larry Steel and Allison have been participating with the IDEA, Energy Task Force, and Larry has been helping get a contractor database up for the IDEA website (still in development).
- Website/Quarterly Email Newsletter: Members discussed possible options for an updated EMC website – Allison will look into the possibility of CCEDC staff creating a wordpress template site for the EMC using free software and will get back to the group, rather than trying to raise funds for an outside consultant. Sean noted that he can help write content for a section of the website to share information from CACs and the EMCs that comes up at EMC meetings.
- CCEDC and the EMC are co-sponsoring a Road Salt Forum with the Cary Institute on October 16th. Stuart Findlay will provide an update of the chloride situation in Dutchess County streams and groundwater, along with a physician, update from Dutchess County health department and a speaker on a major road study in Maine.
- Pharmaceutical take-back program – Judith Papo is looking into the possibility of the EMC working with a local pharmacy to sponsor a pharmaceutical take-back

program for Dutchess County to help protect water resources. More info from the DEC on this issue is available at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>.

- CAC Outreach: Allison will make a presentation to the Town of Wappinger Board meeting about re-establishing a CAC.
- *The next EMC meeting will be Weds, October 28th at 8:30pm at the Farm and Home Center.*
- Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Allison Chatrchyan, in absence of Ramesh Naik.