



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Minutes of the Planning Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 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		
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
James Miccio, Legislative Liaison	X	

Administrative Items:

- Introductions were made and the group welcomed James Miccio, the Legislative liaison to the EMC.
- Meeting minutes for the February 23, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Bob Cohen and 2nd by John DeGilio
- There will be 4 new members of the EMC beginning July 1, 2011. All current members whose terms will end in July 2011 are expected to be re-appointed. The Dutchess County Legislature will make all appointments at its May 2011 meeting. The Environment Committee of the Legislature will recommend all the appointments.
- The 2010 Annual report of the EMC was approved with a motion by Vicky Kelly and 2nd by Pete Berasi. Lalita will report the contents of the Annual Report to the Legislature at the May Environment Committee meeting. The report will be about 15 minutes with time for questions.
- 2011 EMC Meeting Calendar:
 - April 27, 2011, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - May 25, 2011, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Followed by CCEDC Environmental Forum
 - 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:

- No updates were made

Updates on EMC Projects & Homework:

- Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program: The Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) will be having a take-back program in the near future. The group discussed the state of recycling and waste disposal in the County. A report on the RRA and waste handling in the County is expected to be released on April 14, 2011. It will provide much-needed information recycling and waste disposal. The EMC offered to provide educational materials on recycling, proper disposal of pharmaceuticals, composting, etc. for the RRA if needed. EMC members will present the recycling capabilities of each member's town at the April 27, 2011 EMC meeting. Operation Pill Purge will take place in Fishkill May 21, 9-11 a.m. at the Firehouse and in Poughkeepsie on June 4, 9-11 a.m. at 37 Vassar Rd (the firehouse)
- Road Salt: Vicky Kelly will contact John Wagner of LaGrange to try to get on the May agenda of the Dutchess County Mayors & Supervisors Association to discuss the Road Salt Report and ways municipalities can reduce salt use while still maintaining ice-free roads. Pete Berasi will try to provide winter 2010-2011 salt-use data from East Fishkill to illustrate the salt and monetary savings from implementing salt-reduction steps.
- The group discussed forming subcommittees to address the following projects:
 1. Continuing public information about Road Salt reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly)
 2. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly to lead)
 3. Recycling Guidelines, including e-waste, pharmaceuticals, composting (Bob Cohen to lead and report at the May EMC meeting)
 4. Production of Educational Material for the NRI (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnell)
 5. Energy Alternatives and Renewable Energy

Other Business:

- Allison Chatrchyan requested EMC support on May 7, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at an Environment Program event at the Stonykill Farm. Vicky Kelly and Lalita Malik volunteered to help on that day.
- Agenda Items for April 27, 2011 EMC meeting:
 - EMC members are to present the recycling capabilities of each member's town.
 - Discussion of the contents of the State of the Environment report (outline will be sent to members before meeting)
 - Reports from subcommittees

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm with a motion by Vicky Kelly and 2nd by Maribel Pregnell.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly