



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 25, 2011**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
Nicole Burris	X	
Bob Cohen		X
John DeGilio		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		
Marsha Leed	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Maribel Pregnall	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Meta Plotnick, Town of Pleasant Valley CAC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- New members of the committee were announced, terms begin July 1, 2011 and the group welcomed two new members who were in attendance, Nicole Burris and Marsha Leed. Allison Chatrchyan will update the website with new members.
- Meeting minutes for the April 27, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Pete Berasi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky Kelly.
- Lalita & Allison reported on a presentation that was made to the Dutchess County Legislature about the EMC. The legislature replied with positive feedback and expressed their impression of the talent and commitment of the members
- 2011 EMC Meeting Calendar:
  - 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 met with town supervisor John Hickman to discuss the 2010-2011 winter and salt use. The winter was severe and the town used its entire salt budget. Indications are that they would have exceeded the budget had they not installed the new control units on salt trucks. The mayor of Wappingers Falls has expressed interest in the salt control units. Pete updated the committee on recycling in the town of East Fishkill. There is no transfer facility in the town, all recycling and garbage removal is at curb side. The town contracts with Royal Carting for both. John Hickman intends to contact CCEDC to offer time in cable channel 22, which is broadcasts information about local community events. This may be a way for EMC &/or CCEDC to educate the public about various issues like road salt, recycling or septic system maintenance. It isn't clear how many towns have this cable channel capability, Pete will send a question to the CAC listserve to ask how many towns may offer the capacity to broadcast educational clips as in East Fishkill.

### **Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:**

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly)- Pete & Vicky will make recommendations for how to continue to get the road salt report and information from the town of East Fishkill out to towns and to get CAC's to mobilize their towns to take action. Vicky will follow up on a meeting with the Town Supervisors & Mayors Association in the fall.
  2. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly to lead)- a final outline for the report is forthcoming. The estimate for the final report length is 5-10 pages, and the estimated completion date is fall 2011.
  3. Recycling (Bob Cohen reported by Allison)- A matrix of towns and villages has begun with columns for different types of materials. Bob can adjust the columns as information comes in. Pleasant Valley CAC will gather information and send to Bob. Other CAC's will be solicited for similar help. A column may be added with where materials go from transfer facility. EMC members will gather this information for their individual towns.
  4. Educational Material for the NRI (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall)- Maribel is trying to set up some in-service training dates set for teacher training in the fall, 2011. She will mention the NRI at summer workshops.
  5. Energy Alternatives & Renewable Energy (Allison Chatrchyan)- CCEDC is in the process of developing educational materials and guidelines for homeowners on ways to improve energy efficiency. This subcommittee welcomes Lalita and Marsha.

### **Other Business:**

- Agenda Items for June 22, 2011 EMC meeting:
  - EMC members are to present the final destination of recycled materials of each member's town.
  - Reports from subcommittees
- The DEC meeting of CAC's and EMC's throughout the state is scheduled for June 6, 2011. All members are encouraged to attend.
- Vicky & Allison will be unable to attend the June 22, 2011 meeting of the EMC.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky Kelly

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly