



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Bob Cohen	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Maribel Pregnall		X
Paul Quinn	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
David Greenwood (Town of Washington CAC)	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the April 25, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Connie Kustas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: June 27, September 12, October 17, November 28, December 12. All meeting times are 7:00 pm.
- 2011 Annual Report discussion: unless there is interest from the Legislature, there will be no presentation of this annual report at a Legislature meeting as we just presented the State of the Environment Report in April 2012
- Funding for the EMC web site: the site is hosted externally at a cost of \$30.00 per 6 months plus \$13.00 per year, a total cost of \$73.00 per year. Then next \$30.00 payment is due September 10, 2012 and \$13.00 is due November 4, 2012. Lalita will email Legislator Traudt and Chairman Rolison to ask for these funds.
- Membership renewal: Peter Berasi, John DeGilio and Lalita Malik have all submitted letters indicating they would like to be reappointed to the EMC and Lalita indicated she would accept reappointment as chair of the EMC. The legislature has received the recommendation of Chris Robbins.

- Automatic meeting notices: Connie Kustas will send notice of meetings to the CAC/EMC listserv.
- State EMC meeting: is June 4, 2012. It is a meeting held by the DEC for all CAC and EMC members throughout New York. Peter Berasi may attend the meeting. Allison Chatrchyan will attend and provide transportation via the CCEDC van.
- Email Correspondence:
  - Allison Chatrchyan will follow up with Jeremy Schneider
  - Stephen MacAvery will follow up and bring closure to the correspondence with Mike Purcell suggesting that he work with the DEC unless there is something specific he needs from the EMC
  - Vicky Kelly will follow up with Bonnie Lichak regarding outdoor wood boilers and the NYS law regulating them

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

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): Vicky presented the report at the Fountains at Millbrook on May 21, 2012. The presentation is ready for other venues if anyone has any suggestions. Vicky will work with authors of individual sections to reformat them and submit them to the Poughkeepsie Journal for consideration for the Sunday edition of the paper. In addition, a press release to the smaller, local papers will be prepared (Millbrook Independent, Southern & Northern Dutchess News, the Beacon Free Press).
  2. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): A planning meeting is set for June 1, 2012 with Carolyn Klocker and PR personnel from Cary Institute to discuss a training workshop for highway personnel on ways to improve efficiency of road salt.
  3. Recycling: Marsha Leed has contacted and requested tours of recycling facilities. The group will attend a tour of Recycle Depot to be set for June 23, 2012 at 10:30 am.
  4. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall): John has written one quick lesson using NRI information and will be writing more. The group encouraged John to put these lessons on the EMC web site in a new section of the web site.
  5. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Marsha Leed): Marsha wrote a Poughkeepsie Journal article about the work of the Red Hook CAC that was published on May 20, 2012 that will be placed on the web site as a pdf document. She will continue to pursue articles about other CAC's as well as other community members. Ideas for future articles include the Arlington School District's new energy conservation coordinator as well as an interview with Lalita Malik who made significant energy conservation improvements to her own home.
  6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Pete Berasi): The committee will continue to work with the Dutchess County Planning Department developing an additional guide to be added to the Greenway Compact Guide. The addition will include detailed information on a certain type of low impact development practice such as rain garden. The group discussed a plan to update a matrix that the CCEDC has that lists ordinances of each municipality, one column of which is called 'smart growth'. The group may try to expand the details of that column.
  7. Wildlife Management (Paul Quinn): Paul will write a document that informs folks of where to get information about living with wildlife in back yards.

### **Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature:**

- David Greenwood reported that work with GIS has been proceeding well as a means to allow the Town of Washington CAC to work with the town's Planning Board.

**Other Business:**

- Marsha Leed asked about how to coordinate with other local environmental groups around the state and possibly adding links to additional sites on our website.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Vicky Kelly.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly