



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 27, 2012**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	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	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner (Dutchess County Legislature)	X	
Chris Robbins	X	

Administrative Items:

- New appointments to the EMC have been postponed by the Legislature to July 2012
- Meeting minutes for the May 23, 2012 meeting were amended to reflect correct date and approved with a motion by Pete Berasi.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: September 26 at 5:30 pm, October 17, November 28, December 12. All meeting times except September 26 are 7:00 pm.
- Funding for the EMC web site: Joel Tyner suggested that Lalita Malik contact Ben Traudt or Rob Rolison to ask for these funds. Lalita will follow up with an email to them.
- Automatic meeting notices: Connie Kustas will send notice of meetings to the CAC/EMC listserv.
- Vicky Kelly made a motion that was seconded by John DeGilio to create the position of Corresponding Secretary to handle meeting notices and correspondence with the nomination of Connie Kustas to fill the position. With no discussion the motion was approved.
- The NY DEC meeting for EMC's and CAC's was on June 4, 2012. Peter Berasi, Marsha Leed and Allison Chatrchyan attended and reported noting especially the training of local soil and water conservationists that the DEC will be doing to update flood control

mechanisms and redirect effort away from dredge, widen and straightening of stream channels to more effective means of flood control using Chemung County as the model for the change in flood control work.

- Email Correspondence:
 - Allison Chatrchyan will follow up with Jeremy Schneider indicating that we would consider running the forum they requested if they would provide funds.
 - Stephen MacAvery followed up and did not hear back from Mike Purcell bringing this correspondence to a close unless there is further contact from him.
 - Vicky Kelly followed up with Bonnie Lichak regarding outdoor wood boilers and the NYS law regulating them. Ms. Lichak provided more information provided to study and Vicky will review and make suggestions to the board at the next meeting.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): Vicky has contacted Dugan Radwin of the Poughkeepsie Journal as well as all of the authors of the sections of the report. The individual authors have all agreed to a schedule and reformatting of sections for publication in a series in the Poughkeepsie Journal.
 2. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky, Pete, Pam Freeman of the Cary Institute and Carolyn Klocker met on June 1, 2012 to discuss a training workshop for highway personnel on ways to improve efficiency of road salt. Carolyn asked to be the lead on this. The forum will take place at the CCEDC. Carolyn has contacted the Cornell Local Roads Program who is willing to do a workshop with 20-40 people in the fall. Details on date, length of program, cost, etc will be discussed in future meetings.
 3. Recycling: Marsha Leed arranged a tour of Recycle Depot on June 23, 2012 and will arrange for a tour of the Beacon facility this summer. The goal of this effort is to gather information about recycling in general with the ultimate goals of getting information to the public about how to safely recycle various items. The Recycle Depot owners pointed out that, right now, there is no good way to connect people with reusable goods with the people who need it.
 4. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnall): John has written another lesson using NRI information about the wind rose for Poughkeepsie. He will be placing the lessons he has developed so far on the EMC web site with a follow up email to the CAC/EMC listserv that the materials are available.
 5. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Marsha Leed): Marsha will continue to pursue articles about CAC's as well as other community members doing energy conservation. 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. Marsha Leed shared with the group the LID code for the town of Wappinger. Marsha will contact Emily Vail of the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program to ask if they still have training program on LID codes that are in place in different communities.

7. Wildlife Management (Paul Quinn): Paul wrote a document that informs folks of where to get information about living with wildlife in back yards. The piece will be available in late September.

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

- Joel Tyner asked the group to provide specific recommendations to the Legislature about recycling, e.g. about best practices.

Other Business:

- July is Watershed Awareness Month
- Allison asked that committee members complete the survey distributed by the office of County Executive Molinaro.
- The next EMC meeting on September 26 will be at 5:30 pm and will be followed by a CCEDC forum at 7:00 about the State of the Environment Report.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm with a motion by Vicky Kelly.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly