



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 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	
Chris Robbins	X	
Paul Quinn	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner (Dutchess County Legislature)	X	
Fred Wells (East Fishkill CAC)	X	

Administrative Items:

- New member Chris Robbins was welcomed to the EMC
- Meeting minutes for the June 27, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion from Marsha Leed and second from Lalita Malik.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: October 17, November 28, and December 12. All meeting times except October 17 are 7:00 pm. The October 17 meeting is at 5:30 followed by a CCEDC forum at 7:00 pm.
- Funding for the EMC web site: CCE (Allison) paid for 6 more months and will follow up with legislative clerk to see about funding for next year.
- Email Correspondence:
 - Vicky did not get to follow up with Bonnie Lichak regarding outdoor wood boilers and the NYS law regulating them. Chris offered to take this correspondence, review and make a recommendation to the full committee on how to respond.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. State of the Environment Report (Vicky Kelly): Eleven articles were published in the Poughkeepsie Journal summarizing each section of the report. A forum about the report will be held at the Farm & Home Center on October 17. Follow up from the report will be to continue to work to improve recycling in the county as well as continue education about all topics covered in the report. This will be the last report from this subcommittee.
 2. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): A winter snow and ice control workshop is scheduled for September 26, 2012 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The workshop will be done by Dewey Aimsler of the Cornell Local Roads Program. The target audience is highway and road maintenance personnel. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a light breakfast and lunch. So far 27 people have registered including representatives from Dover, Pawling, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Dutchess County. A light effort to improve representation from around the county will be pursued. Carolyn Klocker from CCEDC is heading up this effort.
 3. Recycling (Bob Cohen): Pete will write a brief article for the EMC web site about the field trip to Recycle Depot. Allison invited EMC members to participate in a field trip for CCE educators that includes the Beacon single stream recycling facility. She will circulate a list of the stops on the 2-day field trip. Members wishing to participate should contact her. The trip will take place September 27 & 28.
 4. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio & Maribel Pregnell): John reported that 4 modules are currently on the web site that use material from Chapters 2 & 3 of the NRI. Four more modules will be added. Maribel has tested several modules with Lia Harris and other teachers. Vicky will work with Maribel & John, with advice from Lia Harris to develop a teacher workshop. The target date for the workshop will be early March 2013 and will be a 3 hour, Saturday workshop. Connie will email the CAC/EMC list serve to ask if and how anyone has used the NRI. Vicky will ask Julie Hart from the Dutchess Land Conservancy who has indicated that she uses the NRI.
 5. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Marsha Leed, Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik): The group planned to meet following this meeting to make a plan.
 6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Pete Berasi): During the summer, no progress was made on writing for the Greenway Guide. Marsha has not yet but 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. Steve discussed using the DEC's stormwater management plans which require review whenever a parcel greater than one acre is disturbed. For DEP in the NYC watershed, the parcel size is reduced to 5000 sf. Towns could use the language in the DEC regulations, and decide the size of the parcel to be regulated. It was suggested that Steve or someone from the committee try to meet with the MS4 committee, which meets monthly at the Farm & Home center.
 7. Wildlife Management (Paul Quinn): Paul circulated a piece that describes his experience in moving from the city to the country and informs folks of where to get information from the DEC about living with wildlife in back yards. Vicky will send Paul the contact information for the editor of the Poughkeepsie Journal's My Valley section.

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

- Joel Tyner informed the group of his spot on 2 radio stations and offered to highlight the work of the EMC or allow us to do so. He urged the committee to continue working on clean

energy, recycling and sustainability, and to support legislative and other action that improves the county's position on these.

- Pete Berasi of the East Fishkill CAC reported that the CCEDC provided materials for the town's community day, including a rain barrel demonstration and energy audit applications which were well received by town members.

Other Business:

- The next EMC meeting on October 17 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 Steve MacAvery.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary