



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 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	
Prue Posner (Beacon CAC)	X	

Administrative Items:

- The group welcomed Prue Posner of the Beacon CAC to the meeting
- Meeting minutes for the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion from Pete Berasi and second from Marsha Leed.
- Future 2012 meeting dates and times are: November 28 and December 12. Meeting times are 7:00 pm.
- Funding for the EMC support via CCEDC: Allison Chatrchyan updated the committee about County funding for 2013. County Executive Marc Molinaro will release his proposed budget for 2013 on November 1, 2012. The expectation is that funding for the CCEDC Environment Program will be cut completely together with most of the non-mandated programs currently supported by the County. The result will mean no support for the EMC from the CCEDC. The CCEDC Environment Program may be able to continue with grant funding, but that funding will not allow for support of the EMC. The EMC should be ready to function without administrative support in 2013. Hearings will be held by the Legislature and members are encouraged to attend or contact the Legislature about this change.
- Email Correspondence:

- Chris Robbins followed up with Bonnie Lichak of Clean Air Rights for Everyone of NY, regarding outdoor wood boilers and the NYS law regulating them. Ms. Lichak has asked the EMC to write a letter to the DEC supporting more stringent emissions requirements of outdoor wood boilers (OWB's). There are currently no federal laws regulating OWB's although there are regulations for wood stoves. NYS DEC has guidelines (Section 247) for local municipalities, and in 2011 adopted regulations that limit emissions from OWB's but the standards are based on old measurements of carbon output. The town of East Fishkill enacted OWB regulations. The group discussed the need for more information about the DEC regulations as well as the impact this may be having on Dutchess County. Chris will contact Ms. Lichak to see if we can find the number of OWB's in the county as well as if there is a model ordinance for local municipalities. He will also contact the Division of Air at the NYS DEC to gather more information about the NYS regulations.
- Discussion of the correspondence from Bill McGuinness of Southeast, NY was tabled until Connie can report.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): On September 26, 2012 a winter snow and ice control workshop was conducted by Dewey Amsler of the Cornell Local Roads Program sponsored by the EMC, CCEDC and the Cary Institute. 37 people were in attendance including representatives from the NYS DOT, Dutchess County, Vassar College and many towns and villages in the county. This was the next step in the effort to reduce salt use in the region. We've educated about why to reduce road salt and different ways it can be done. This was a workshop on how exactly snow and ice can be effectively controlled with reduced salt. The committee will continue to gather data on different techniques used in the region and how they work as well as producing more educational material targeting the private sector.
 2. Recycling (Pete Berasi): Pete and others attended a CCE tour of 5 facilities in the region including the new single stream recycling plant in Beacon, Taylor Recycling (a biomass gasification plant) a LEED Platinum building in Staatsburg and a living building at the Omega Institute. Pete will write two brief articles about a former field trip to Recycle Depot and the LEED Platinum building in Staatsburg.
 3. NRI Educational Materials (Maribel Pregnall): Two of the units have been tested in the classroom and will be available on the Cary Institute web site. EMC can either link to the Cary site or post the curriculum materials directly.
 4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Lalita Malik): Lalita will write an article about her personal experience with solar panels and energy conservation at her home.
 5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery): A draft sheet for the Greenway Compact is in preparation.

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

- No new updates

Other Business:

- The next EMC meeting is on November 28 will be at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm with no motion.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary