



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 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	

Administrative Items:

- Election of EMC Chair and Vice Chair: The duties of all officers was reviewed and presented in a document written by Allison Chatrchyan. The document will be amended to add Corresponding Secretary, currently represented by Connie Kustas. Bullets 2, 3 & 5 of the Recording Secretary will be reassigned to the Corresponding Secretary duties. A motion was made by Peter Berasi, seconded by Maribel Pregnall to elect Bob Cohen as EMC chair. A second motion was made by Steve MacAvery, seconded by Vicky Kelly to elect Chris Robbins as vice chair. Thanks were expressed by all to Lalita Malik for her 6 years of chair of the EMC. Lalita will ask the Legislature to appoint Bob Cohen as EMC Chair.
- A brief discussion about funding for the EMC web site resulted in the formation of an ad hoc committee to consist of John DeGilio, Allison Chatrchyan and Vicky Kelly. The committee will recommend a course of action for addressing this at the next EMC meeting.
- Meeting minutes for the October 17, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion from Marsha Leed and second from Pete Berasi.
- The December 12, 2012 meeting was cancelled, the next meeting of the EMC will be January 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The 2013 meeting dates and times will be identified at that meeting.

- Funding for the EMC support via CCEDC: Allison Chatrchyan updated the committee about County funding for 2013. The County has issued a Request For Proposals from currently funded agencies, including CCEDC, that includes the specific areas: composting education, GIS for agriculture and agricultural outreach. Funding will remain at current rates for the first 3 months of 2013 and then be funded by successful proposals. The CCEDC will submit proposals.
- 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). As per the last meeting, Chris requested more information from Ms. Lichak about the DEC regulations as well as the impact this may be having on Dutchess County, specifically the number of OWB's in the county, the number of complaints, how municipalities currently regulate these and any baseline codes for local municipalities. Chris also investigated EPA regulations, which have not changed regarding OWB's. Ms. Lichak has not responded to the last correspondence. This issue has been tabled until she does.
 - Connie Kustas wrote to Bill McGuinness of Southeast, NY referring him to the Pace University Land Use Law Center and Westchester County's EMC as his issue is not located in Dutchess County.
 - Bryan Glick, re film entitled 'Fish Meat': Vicky will forward the message to the Cary public relations department as this is a film that may be suitable for airing at the Cary Institute. EMC may co-sponsor an event airing this film.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky reported that another 150 Road Salt, Moving Toward the Solution reports were just ordered. Pete and Vicky will work to develop a questionnaire for attendees of the road salt training session to find out what different municipalities are doing to reduce salt use and how those steps are working.
 2. Recycling: Maribel Pregnall will be added to this subcommittee. Allison Chatrchyan will ask the County Planning Department for the draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which the subcommittee can review for potential action items to increase the recycling rate in the County. Vicky will draft an article for the Poughkeepsie Journal about what and how to recycle via the new single-stream recycling in the County.
 3. NRI Educational Materials (Maribel Pregnall): Paul Quinn will join this committee. Maribel's students have written quick activities to be done in the 5 minutes that attendance is taken. The activities are targeted for chemistry, earth science and biology. They emphasize literacy, reading & interpreting graphs. Maribel shared one of the activities with the group and asked Vicky to review for accuracy.
 4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan): Save Energy, Save \$ workshops have received a small amount of funding for 2013 from NYSERDA; the CCEDC will ask the EMC to co-sponsor these workshops.
 5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery): Steve contacted Emily Sventen of the Lower Hudson Coalition of Conservation Districts, who is interested in working together with the EMC to review municipality codes, specifically municipalities who may have adopted more stringent stormwater regulations than issued by the state.

6. Wildlife Management (Paul Quinn): Paul submitted an article to the Poughkeepsie Journal, which was not published. This subcommittee will close with this action.
7. A new committee will be formed entitled "Climate Change" to consist of Allison, Chris and Vicky

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

- Joel Tyner requested assistance from the EMC on a public forum on the County's Solid Waste Management Plan, a County Climate Action Plan, and new enabling legislation for the EMC.

Other Business:

- Allison reported that the Cornell Water Resources Institute will conduct flooding education for 5 counties in the area for municipal officials to address preparation for post-flooding responses to stream management.
- John DeGilio again expressed appreciation to Lalita Malik for her 6 years of service to the EMC as chair.
- The next EMC meeting is on January 24, 2013 will be at 7:00 pm. It will be an organizational meeting including preparation of a 2013 schedule of meetings.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Lalita Malik and second from Pete Berasi.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary