



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

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	
Chris Robbins	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the January 23, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Chris Robbins, 2nd by Paul Quinn.
- The Ad-Hoc EMC website committee has not met. John DeGilio reported that CCEDC has paid for the next 6 months of the website hosting service as part of their mandate for education. EMC will need to revisit this issue in July 2103. John DeGilio will draft a formal letter to the Legislature requesting funds to cover the cost of hosting the web site. The letter will be sent to Allison for comment and then to the at large members of the EMC for comment.
- The group reviewed the draft changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC. A motion was made by Pete Berasi with a 2nd by Marsha Leed to delete the last sentence in section 2d, thus eliminating term limits for at large members. Likewise a motion was made by Steve MacAvery with a second by Pete Berasi to delete the second sentence from section 3c, thus removing term limits for officers. Discussion ensued about ways to cover incidental costs such as web page hosting or travel to meetings and if there is a way to include language in the new legislation for ensuring that those minor costs can be covered.

- Discussion of the 2012 Annual Report, which is due to the Legislature April 1, 2013, resulted in a commitment by each committee to write a paragraph summarizing the activities of that committee to be sent to Connie Kustas for inclusion in the report.

Email Correspondence:

- Chris Robbins has not heard back from Bonnie Lichak of Clean Air Rights for Everyone since the last meeting. This issue will be tabled until further notice.
- No new correspondence has been received from Bryan Glick regarding the film “Fish Meat” and will be tabled until further notice.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Peter and Vicky will finalize a survey to be sent to municipal officials.
 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): Bob Cohen requested that the group try to gather data from carriers on percentage recycling to determine if there have been changes with the new single stream recycling. If meaningful data are available, the group will consider drafting a newspaper article.
 3. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio, Maribel Pregnall, Paul Quinn): John DeGilio reported that the group has pursued an effort to produce graphics from the NRI in a black and white format for easier inclusion in curriculum.
 4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Zywia Wojnar reported that CCEDC will host a regional CCE conference at Vassar College in September on energy and climate change; details of the conference will be forthcoming. The CCEDC received a small NYSERDA grant to organize eight Save Energy, Save Dollars workshops for homeowners to educate them about easy, inexpensive means of saving energy around the home.
 5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed): Steve MacAvery reported that the Greenway Guide draft is in progress and that the code review project is underway with interest from the city of Beacon. Steve will travel to Beacon to speak with officials there about this project. He will also write to CAC’s again via the CAC/EMC listserv to determine interest from other communities. Marsha Leed reported that she and Steve had a conference call with Simon Gruber, a sustainability consultant, to discuss stormwater management and tree removal. Bob Cohen reported that the town of Beekman is currently reviewing its tree removal/tree harvesting code and may benefit from a discussion about stormwater management and trees.
 6. Climate Change (Allison Chatrchyan, Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Zywia Wojnar reported that the Regional CCE September conference at Vassar College will address issues related to climate change and steps municipalities can take to be ready for it. The target audience for the conference is municipal officials, colleges and other stakeholders.

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

1. Joel Tyner thanked the EMC for commenting on the County’s Solid Waste Management Plan and requested that the comments be posted on the EMC’s web site. Joel also asked the EMC to comment on a resolution that has been submitted to the Legislature requesting a study by the Department of Public Works on the efficacy of solar panels for County buildings. Joel requested information about: restaurants and other institutions

that use locally grown food; stream nitrogen and phosphorous pollution and local use of pesticides known as nicotenoids, which have been implicated in bee colony collapse.

Other Business:

1. The next regular EMC meeting is on April 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.