



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	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	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the March 27, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Marsha Leed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lalita Malik.
- The Ad-Hoc EMC website committee has a draft of a letter to the Legislature that will be circulated to the entire committee and will be broadened to include other incidental costs that the EMC will incur in the normal course of conducting business, which could amount to roughly \$500 per year.
- The group reviewed the draft changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC which will eliminate added term limits for officers and members. The group discussed inclusion of stronger language to allow for coverage by the County of minor expenses incurred by the EMC. A new draft of this legislation will be circulated to the committee.
- The 2012 Annual Report was submitted to the Legislature. Bob Cohen will contact Legislator Ben Traudt, Chairman of the Environment Committee to request a meeting to present the EMC's Annual Report. The letter from the ad hoc website committee will be sent before this meeting.

**Email Correspondence:**

- All correspondences were announcements and contained no actionable items.

### **Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:**

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): The only comment regarding the latest draft of a survey to municipal officials about road salt use was the possible inclusion of units for the amount of salt used. With no other comments, the survey will be sent by Vicky Kelly.
  2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): Joel Tyner updated the committee about a resolution to use proceeds of the Material Recycling Facility sale to ramp up recycling and composting infrastructure. The group discussed [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net) and highlighting community groups that use it to recycle. Vicky will send Marsha material about local schools in Rhinebeck and Red Hook use of Terracycle for a possible article for the EMC web site or Poughkeepsie Journal.
  3. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio, Maribel Pregnall, Paul Quinn): Maribel updated the committee on the production of black and white graphics in curriculum material using the NRI. The curricula will be circulated to teachers with help from Lia Harris of the Cary Institute.
  4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Allison updated the group about energy conservation training of 40 educators in the CCE system done at CCEDC. The committee will continue to work on developing educational opportunities about NYSERDA energy audits as well as potential programs like Energize New York and Solarize New York.
  5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed): Steve updated the committee on the two tracks this committee has taken: 1. working with CAC's to review existing codes and possibly update them to include smart growth opportunities; and 2. a new piece for the Greenway Guide, a draft of which is complete and pictures are needed. When the new Greenway Guide is complete, a forum will be considered.
  6. Climate Change (Allison Chatrchyan, Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Allison informed the committee that on May 4, 2013, a training for municipal officials will be held at the Cary Institute about best flood management practices. The event is co-sponsored by the Cary Institute and CCEDC. Allison also updated the committee on CCEDC material being developed for its website to address climate change; the material will include an online forum, FAQ, municipal fact sheet and more.

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

1. Joel Tyner requested that the EMC consider posting on its website a list of businesses that recycle, highlighting the town of Red Hook's composting endeavor, potential mandates for well-testing when properties change hands, 48 hours notice when commercial pesticide application is planned, and opposition to the Central Hudson Fortis deal. The EMC will take these requests into consideration.
2. Zywia updated the committee about a USDA workshop for educators that will occur the third week in July to teach teachers about bioenergy and bioproducts.

### **Other Business:**

1. The next regular EMC meeting is on May 22, 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.