



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 26, 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		
Allison Chatrchyan, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Sharon Kroeger, Town of Amenia CAC	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the May 22, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Bob Cohen, 2nd by Marsha Leed.
- Allison Chatrchyan announced that this will be her last EMC meeting as she has accepted a position with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Ithaca, NY. Zywia Wojnar may be appointed interim ex officio member of the EMC representing CCEDC; the CCEDC board of directors will appoint a permanent ex officio member of the EMC.
- The Ad-Hoc EMC website committee report: a letter was sent to the Legislature that includes a request for funds to cover the cost of the EMC web site as well as other incidental costs that the EMC will incur in the normal course of conducting business, which could amount to roughly \$500 per year. John DeGilio has paid \$13.00 using his personal credit card for posting the web site. The letter suggests several ways the cost could be covered including reimbursement to members for out of pocket payment.
- Changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC are in preparation. A new draft of this legislation has been prepared but was not discussed at this meeting.
- Bob Cohen will request a meeting to present the EMC's Annual Report to Ben Traudt, Chair of the Environment Committee of the Legislature.

Email Correspondence:

- An email message was received from Mr. John Becker offering to help the EMC. The suggestion was made that we ask him to gather information about solar energy, municipal initiatives in solar energy, how the work, what the issues are and the pros and cons of solar energy. There is a conference at Vassar College scheduled for September 13 from 8 am to 4 pm about this issue. A second suggestion was made that Mr. Becker gather information for us about community planning for climate change around the region (see notes under Climate Change subcommittee below). These requests will be presented to Mr. Becker via Connie Kustas, our corresponding secretary.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): The survey that was sent to 26 highway supervisors via Survey Monkey was resent with a reminder. No more responses were received. Peter Berasi will write a summary of the responses to be sent to all highway supervisors and posted on the EMC website.
 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): Bob Cohen will set up a meeting with Lindsay Carille to discuss EMC's involvement in County initiatives to improve recycling and/or composting. The CCEDC received a County grant to develop an education program about composting; the master gardeners have a composting demo at the Farm & Home Center and will have one at the County Fair in August.
 3. NRI Educational Materials (John DeGilio, Maribel Pregnall, Paul Quinn): Currently John DeGilio is working on a hydrology unit. There are 5 units on line now about weather and climate. This expands the effort to include hydrology and surface water.
 4. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Allison Chatrchyan, Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Lalita Malik will compile information about the solar installation and energy audit at her home for distribution in educational materials. Joel Tyner updated the committee on County solar initiatives. The solarize resolution passed the Legislature unanimously. It calls for the Planning Department to investigate the feasibility solar energy and solarize programs.
 5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi): Steve updated the committee on the status of the Greenway Guide. Comments have been received from Marsha Leed and Pete Berasi. The document needs graphics and photos and to be formatted. Steve will meet with Carolyn Klocker before the final document goes to John Clark for distribution in a September launch of the new Greenway Guide.
 6. Climate Change (Allison Chatrchyan, Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): The goal of getting towns to adopt the Climate Change Communities Pledge was discussed. Some communities including Kingston, Red Hook and Rhinebeck have included climate change in new zoning provisions. There is a need to compile community planning information on what communities across the region are doing to adapt to climate change. There may be some information from Ithaca, Boston and communities on the coast of Connecticut that may help. There will be a Climate Resiliency conference in September at Vassar College. Vicky Kelly will talk with the Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies group about the Impact of Climate Change on Dutchess County in October.

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

Joel Tyner updated the committee on County initiatives regarding well testing and neighbor notification of pesticide use.

Other Business:

1. Paul Quinn has volunteered to represent the EMC on the Tick Task Force.
2. The next regular EMC meeting is on September 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Vicky Kelly.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.