



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2014**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Barbara Barosa		X
Pete Berasi	X	
Bob Cohen	X	
John DeGilio		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
Marsha Leed		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Paul Quinn		X
Chris Robbins		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Kerri DeGroat, Hyde Park CAC	X	
Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the December 11, 2013 meeting were approved without changes with a motion by Lalita Malik, 2nd by Pete Berasi.
- Changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC – Vicky Kelly will draft a cover letter to Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Rob Rolison for Bob Cohen to sign. The letter will be sent with the suggested new legislation.
- Web site update – no new changes to report
- Correspondence – no new correspondence, Chris Robbins will reply to email message from Garth and Kathy Bosnan regarding development in designated wetland in the town of Wappingers Falls.
- The meeting date for the CAC/EMC roundtable was incorrectly stated in agenda for this meeting. The roundtable will be held on February 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Each subcommittee should send a 2 sentence summary of activities and goals for the coming year to Chris Robbins.
- A motion was made by Pete Berasi with 2nd by Steve MacAvery to postpone the next regularly scheduled EMC meeting to April 23 to accommodate the Greenway Guide Forum, which is scheduled for March 26, 2014.

- Meeting dates for 2014 are: April 23, May 28, June 25, no July meeting scheduled, August 27, September 24, October 22, December 3
- As an organizational note, Bob Cohen requested review of the EMC officers at the April 23 meeting.

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): The subcommittee has done a literature review of road salt practices, especially focusing on brine and best management practices of ice and snow control. The information will be distilled with the goal of producing a report similar to the Road Salt, Moving Toward the Solution report. A discussion ensued about reverse osmosis systems and the cost to businesses and public water suppliers to remove salt via this process. Steve MacAvery offered to gather information about the cost of these systems and the best management practices of the NY DOT. There may be some businesses, especially along the Rt. 9 corridor in Hyde Park and Wappingers Falls who would be willing to talk about systems they have had to install. This issue adds a new urgency to the concern about road salt in groundwater.
 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): Vicky Kelly sent an article to the Poughkeepsie Journal about her experience with metal recycling. Camille Marcotte of CCEDC arranged a table of all the metal recyclers in the County for the article. As of this date, the Poughkeepsie Journal has not responded.
 3. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Lalita Malik discussed a document distributed by Bottini that encourages a switch from wood to propane fireplaces as a means of saving energy. Lalita uses her propane fireplace to heat one room in her house and will analyze fuel oil consumption before and after the installation of the fireplace for a future article. Vicky Kelly offered to provide heating degree data and assistance in analyzing the data.
 4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi, Barbara Barosa): A forum is scheduled for March 26, 2014 to launch the new Greenway Guide. The Green Infrastructure forum will be organized by Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC together with John Clark of the Dutchess County Planning Department. Steve MacAvery will help in the planning of the forum.
 5. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Vicky Kelly and Marsha Leed sent suggested additions to the Climate Change Resiliency document to Chris Robbins who has incorporated them into the document. This document will be discussed by Chris at the CAC/EMC roundtable forum February 26, 2014.

Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature/Planning Dept.

1. Pete Berasi reported that the town of East Fishkill has appointed a tree commission to draft guidelines for maintenance of trees on town property.
2. Bob Cohen reported that the town of Beekman is putting the finishing touches on a tree harvest ordinance proposed for the zoning code. The draft ordinance will be presented to the Beekman Planning Department in the near future.
3. Brian Kehoe updated the committee about Planning Department work including work of Lindsay Carille to promote recycling and the effects of single stream recycling on the recycling rate in Dutchess County; Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing which is in review by the Planning Department for possible implementation in Dutchess County;

and the agriculture plan update, which includes a survey as part of the process of updating – Brian asked the committee to complete the survey.

Other Business:

1. The next EMC meeting will be the CAC/EMC Roundtable on February 26, 2014, followed by the Green Infrastructure / Greenway Guide forum on March 26, 2014. The next regular EMC meeting is on April 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center.
2. The EMC 2013 Annual Report will be due to the Legislature by April 1, 2014. Connie Kustas will send the 2012 Annual Report to all members for review. Preparation of the 2013 Annual Report will be done via email.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.