



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 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
Chris Robbins		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development	X by phone	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislator	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the April 23, 2014 meeting were approved with a change to a typographical error with a motion by Pete Berasi, 2nd by Marsha Leed.
- Enabling legislation draft was sent to Chairman Rolison of the Legislature. The next step was discussed and it was decided that follow-up contact will be made. In addition to inquiring about the status of the request to consider our recommended changes to the enabling legislation, we should request status on appointment of a legislative liaison to the EMC. Corresponding secretary, Connie Kustas will be asked to contact the Legislature about these two items.
- Web site update – John DeGilio updated the committee on the status of the web site. Dates and information about pharmaceutical take back programs were made current. He contacted the two pharmacies listed on the web site to make sure they still participate, which they do. Steve MacAvery will write 4-5 lines about the Green Infrastructure forum for the “What’s New” page.
- Correspondence – The group discussed the EMC email address from which email is forwarded to Vicky Kelly's email. There was an email that was several weeks old before it was discovered in the spam folder. It would be good to have an additional person receive email from the EMC email address. Zywia will ask Allison Chatrychan about how to make

these changes. The email was a request for an internship with the EMC but the person had taken a position elsewhere.

- EMC officers were discussed. Steve MacAvery accepted the nomination to be the next chair of the EMC and a motion to elect him chair was made by Marsha Leed, 2nd by Pete Berasi and the group unanimously approved the election. Bob Cohen will contact the Legislature about the appointment of Steve as the EMC chair.
- Paul Quinn has resigned as a member of the EMC. In addition to the request to appoint a new chair, Bob will inform the Legislature of the vacancy on the EMC created by Paul's resignation. Paul was the EMC liaison to the tick task force. Requests for a volunteer from the EMC to replace Paul in this capacity will be solicited.
- Upcoming meeting dates for 2014 are: June 25, no July meeting scheduled, August 27, September 24, October 22, December 3

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): A poster presentation by Vicky was made at a Hudson River Environmental Society meeting on May 7, 2014 about the distribution of salt in private wells in the town of East Fishkill with a GIS analysis of the features affecting salt concentrations. Vicky met with the East Fishkill CAC about the project and will contact the East Fishkill Supervisor, John Hickman, to inform him and take his comments about the work. There was an article in the May 11, 2014 issue of the Poughkeepsie Journal by John Ferro about the work. Vicky reported on a discussion group at the Cary Institute to understand the issue of using gas and oil well brine for road treatment. The discussion is nearing completion and the group hopes to provide recommendations about this. Vicky will write a short paragraph about the well project for the "What's New" section of the web site.
 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): There was much discussion about the EMC role in improving recycling in the County. Zywia Wojnar will consider an EMC role in CCEDC compost education program. All agreed it would be beneficial to highlight communities with central composting as well as homeowner or business composting success stories.
 3. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): There was much discussion about improving solar energy in the County, including on County-owned buildings. Marsha Leed will draft a letter to the Legislature to inquire about the status of a resolution passed unanimously by the Legislature to request a Department of Public Works review of the potential for solar on County buildings. All agreed that it would be good to highlight municipal buildings with solar panels, including Arlington High School as well as municipal buildings in Red Hook, Clinton and Rhinebeck.
 4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi, Barbara Barosa): Some municipalities are already aligning municipal codes with green infrastructure. Steve MacAvery will survey CAC's to find out which municipalities are doing this and to what extent.
 5. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): No new activity was reported.

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

1. Joel Tyner updated the committee on several activities he is undertaking including a book discussion group on Zero Waste Solution by Paul Connett which will start June 22 at 3 p.m., place to be announced.

Other Business:

1. The next EMC meeting June 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Steve MacAvery.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.