

Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
June 25, 2014

Attendance:

<b>At-Large Members</b>	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	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC, Members &amp; Others</b>		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development		X
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislator	X	
Rachel Erlebacher, CCEDC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

Meeting minutes from May 28, 2014 were approved w/ a motion by Pete Berasi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.

Enabling legislation language and EMC legislative liason – Connie Kustas will send Joel Tyner draft of enabling legislation. Joel Tyner will ask Legislature about the status of these two items.

Web Site update – John DeGilio stated that a blurb on the Green Infrastrucutre Forum that was held in March is now on the “What’s New” section of the web site. John requested ideas for something to be posted on the “What’s New” section for the fall. There was discussion about posting something about composting. John will talk to Vicky Kelly about else could be added to the web site. John asked that all EMC members check the web site to make sure that contact information is current.

Correspondence, e-mails to EMC – There were no new e-mails received.

Status of EMC Officers – Bob Cohen to provide update at next meeting.

Status of EMC Members – Pete Berasi stated that John Bickford expressed interested in joining the EMC. Marsha Leed also mentioned a contact who may be interested. Pete & Marsha will reach out to their contacts respectively to see if they are still interested joining the EMC. They will then let Chris Robbins know these two individuals are interested in joining the EMC or not.

Tick Task Force – Steve MacAvery will send an e-mail to all EMC at large members to see if anyone is interested in being the EMC representative on the Tick Task Force.

**Updates on EMC Projects / Reports:**

Road Salt – Pete Berasi reported that Vicky Kelly had met with East Fishkill Supervisor, John Hickman, about the report on the distribution of salt in private wells in East Fishkill.

Recycling – Zywia Wojnar reported that CCEDC proposal on Organic Recycling was submitted to the Legislature. Zywia thanked the EMC for the letter of support. The Organic Recycling Proposal will focus on working with the County to determine what sort of solid waste is being generated and where it is being sent. They will also be looking at business models that are working businesses that are in the organic recycling business. The objective is to generate a feasibility study that addresses both the technical and economic aspects (including education & outreach) of organic recycling.

Energy Alternatives – Marsha Leed reported that a letter to the legislature asking the status of the of the study that is to be done by the Dept. of Public Works on the feasibility of using solar energy for county buildings (resolution that was passed by Legislature in April 2013) was not sent because she could not locate a copy of the resolution. Marsha will draft a letter to go to the Department of Public Works Commissioner inquiring about the status of the solar feasibility study (the letter will be signed by the EMC Chair).

Low Impact Development – Steve MacAvery reported that there was a a lot of positive feedback on the March Green Infrastructure Forum. Steve will forward the feedback summary to the rest of the EMC. Pete Berasi reported the LID sub-committee will be working with Carolyn Klocker again on another forum focusing on green infrastructure and low impact development that will take place in either November 2014 or March 2015.

Climate Change – Chis Robbins reported that he will be re-visiting the list of resources that was drafted up in the earlier in the year. Chris stated that he will helping with compiling the content for the climate change component for the Stream 101 that Carolyn Klocker is organizing for September.

**Updates from Legislature / Ex-Officios / CACs / Municipalities:**

Joel Tyner reported on the “Trend Report on MTBE in Public Water Supplies” prepared by Dutchess County Department of Health (copies of the report were handed out). Joel expressed concern that the adjacent property owners and people in the neighborhoods where a well has been identified as being over the acceptable MTBE levels are not being informed that a well in their neighborhood was identified as having MTBE levels above the acceptable levels.

**Other Business:**

There is no meeting in July, next meeting is August 27.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi

Minutes were prepared by Steve MacAvery.