



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	

Administrative Items:

- Meeting minutes for the June 25, 2014 meeting were approved with changes with a motion by Marsha Leed, 2nd by Pete Berasi.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery will check status with Connie Kustas and, if needed, contact the chair of the Legislature to inquire about the status of this item as well as our liaison to the Legislature.
- Web site update - John DeGilio provided a report on the hits to the EMC's web page. Most hits are to the NRI, meetings and "what's new" links. John requested again paragraphs for the what's new section of the web page.
- Correspondence – The EMC received one email from a person requesting information on where to dispose of old medicine. Vicky Kelly responded that the NYS Trooper barracks in Millbrook has a drop box for old meds.
- EMC officers - As of July 21, 2014, Steve MacAvery is the chair and Chris Robbins is the vice chair.
- EMC members - Chris Robbins, Pete Berasi, John DeGilio and Lalita Malik have been reappointed as EMC members, expiring June 30, 2016. Currently there is one vacancy on the EMC. Pete Berasi reiterated that John Bickford is interested in serving on the EMC. Chris

Robbins will communicate to him that he must send a cover letter and resume to the assistant to the Chair of the Legislature.

- Tick Task Force - Connie Kustas has agreed to be the EMC representative.
- Upcoming meeting dates for 2014 are: September 24, October 22, December 3

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

- Subcommittee Reports
 1. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky updated the committee on work she's doing with the CCEDC's Neil Curri on GIS analysis of groundwater chloride distribution using public well data from Dutchess County and the towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill and Wappinger.
 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): The direction and action items for and the members of this committee were discussed. Organic recycling and reusable bags, a field trip to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's composting facility and a discussion of the Cary Institute's Summer Ecology Camp composting project were discussed.
 3. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Resolutions regarding Solarize Dutchess County and solar on municipal buildings were discussed. Marsha updated the committee on correspondence she has received about these initiatives. These items will be forwarded to the committee for discussion at the September EMC meeting.
 4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi, Barbara Barosa): Steve updated the committee on work to collaborate with CCEDC on the next forum in November or March.
 5. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): The Climate Change Resources document will be posted on the EMC web page. This committee will regroup to discuss new project ideas and invite new members.

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

Joel Tyner requested that the EMC consider adding to its web site links to www.350.org and www.thesolutionsproject.org and requested that the EMC investigate solar farms like those in Clarkstown, Rockland County for which the developer absorbs the cost.

Other Business:

1. The next EMC meeting September 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center
2. The [Conference on the Environment](#) is scheduled for October 2-4, 2014 in Binghamton, NY.
3. The New York State Water Resources Institute 2014 Community Development Institute, is scheduled for September 17-18, 2014 in Ellenville

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.