



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2014**

**Attendance:**

| <b>At-Large Members</b>                                      | Present  | Absent |
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| 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  | by phone |        |
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| <b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>                  |          |        |
| Camille Marcotte, CCEDC                                      | X        |        |
| Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC  |          | X      |
| Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development | by phone |        |
| Meta Plotnik, Pleasant Valley CAC                            | X        |        |
| Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature                      | X        |        |

**Administrative Items:**

- Minutes for the August 27, 2014 meeting were approved with changes with a motion by Connie Kustas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- Enabling legislation draft - Connie Kustas will inquire of the status of this with the clerk for the County Legislature. Vicky Kelly will resend the current version to EMC members.
- Web site update - John DeGilio updated the committee with the latest editions to the "What's New" section of the web site which include submissions by Vicky Kelly and Camille Marcotte of CCEDC.
- Correspondence – No new correspondence.
- EMC members - Steve MacAvery informed the committee of Barbara Barosa's intention to resign from the EMC citing time constraints. Anyone interested being appointed to the EMC would need to send a resume and letter to Rob Rolison. The application process has been confirmed by the clerk of the Legislature and is submission of a letter and resume to the attention of Chairman Rolison.
- Tick Task Force - Connie Kustas has agreed to be the EMC representative and will contact Donna Bolner of the County Legislature to inquire about meeting dates and times.

- Upcoming meeting dates for 2014 are: October 22, December 3. We will set the calendar for 2015 at the October 22 meeting.

### **Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:**

- Subcommittee Reports
  1. Energy Alternatives & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Marsha Leed led a discussion of two initiatives proposed for review by the County Legislature: Solarize Dutchess and Solar on County buildings. Brian Kehoe updated the committee on a feasibility study done by the County Planning Department on a Solarize Dutchess program. The committee discussed ways we can support this initiative. Discussion was held about next steps for Legislature and Planning Department including seeking outside funds for support. A regional program called Mid-Hudson Solarize Program begun by Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC) Westchester is being proposed and if funding is approved should be known by the end of October. Marsha Leed volunteered to draft a letter from the EMC to the Commissioner of the Planning Department with a cc to the Legislature thanking them for the feasibility study report and inquiring about how the EMC can best support the effort. A second discussion about a resolution adopted by the Legislature but vetoed by the County Executive to investigate solar panels for County buildings. Marsha Leed volunteered to draft a letter to the Legislature asking if there is an amended strategy for pursuing this in light of the many improvements in solar energy and incentives for making it possible on municipal buildings.
  2. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): At the next meeting, Vicky Kelly will update the committee on an informal study done by some members of the science team at the Cary Institute on using brine from oil and gas wells on roads.
  3. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): John DeGilio suggested that the committee pursue a 1-day workshop in the spring for teachers, the public and others about ways to reduce the waste stream including reusable bags, composting, recycling items in addition to paper, plastic and metal. John volunteered to develop a mission statement for the workshop and present to the committee in October. The workshop date is suggested for April or May 2015. Camille Marcotte updated the committee on work by the CCEDC to survey municipal transfer stations in an attempt to understand how they recycle and what are the barriers to effective recycling.
  4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi, Barbara Barosa): Steve MacAvery volunteered to contact Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC regarding a new LID workshop.
  5. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Vicky Kelly volunteered to create a document for the web site that lists resources for homeowners and businesses pursuing energy efficiency and alternatives.

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

1. Pete Berasi informed the committee that the town of East Fishkill has a tree ordinance in the works.
2. Joel Tyner updated the committee on activities regarding energy savings, green jobs, community choice aggregation, and sustainability.

### **Other Business:**

1. Steve MacAvery informed the committee that Joel Tyner's term as the EMC rep. expired and he has not been re-appointed yet, but he can continue to serve as the EMC rep. unofficially until he or someone else is reappointed.
2. A Repair Cafe will be held Saturday, October 11, 2014 from noon to 4 pm at the Rhinebeck town hall hosted by County Legislator Joel Tyner and the Rhinebeck CAC.
3. The next EMC meeting October 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Marsha Leed.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.