



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

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
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		
Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development	by phone	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	

Administrative Items:

- It was noted that the CCEDC Annual Dinner was this night , which accounts for the absences of a CCEDC liaison, Pete Berasi & Chris Robbins.
- Minutes for the September 24, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by Marsha Leed, 2nd by John DeGilio.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery reported that former EMC Chair Bob Cohen had sent a letter with the draft changes to the legislature in April 2014. Steve will follow up with the assistant to Chairman Rob Rolison.
- Web site update - John DeGilio updated the committee and requested new material for the What's New section of the page.
- Correspondence – Connie Kustas forwarded a note from Legislator Amaparo about the work to review salt concentrations in Dutchess County and East Fishkill private wells. Vicky Kelly will respond to this. Vicky Kelly will contact Angela Sullivan of CCEDC about EMC mail delivered to the CCEDC.
- EMC members -Steve MacAvery will request a new liaison to the EMC from the CCEDC noting Zywia Wojnar's resignation from the CCEDC. There are also currently two vacancies in the at large seats on the EMC.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting is on December 3, 2014. Meeting dates for 2015 are:
 - January 28
 - February 25

- March 25
- April 22
- May 27
- June 24
- July 22
- no August meeting
- September 23
- October 27 (note this is a Tuesday to avoid conflict with the CCEDC annual dinner)
- December 2

Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:

1. Eco Fair for Spring 2015 (John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Marsha Leed): John DeGilio discussed the project for a spring Eco Fair. The project would consist of stations with different topics relating to green living. John will rewrite the project description and circulate among committee members. He will also inquire about the use of the park at the end of the Walkway Over the Hudson. Vicky Kelly and Marsha Leed volunteered to join this subcommittee.
2. Energy Alternatives & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Regarding a Solarize Dutchess initiative, Brian Kehoe updated the committee that the Planning Department has had no word from the Legislature on this. The EMC sent a letter of thanks and support to the Planning Department, and cc'd to the County Legislature and Executive Molinaro. Regarding the Solar on County Buildings Resolution by the Legislature, the EMC sent a letter to Chairman Rolison requesting information about the next steps on this resolution. We noted that due to inaction by the County Executive, the resolution was approved. The goal of these letters is to express support for these initiatives and offer EMC support.
3. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): The update on the informal study done by some members of the science team at the Cary Institute on using brine from oil and gas wells on roads was tabled.
4. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): See notes under Eco Fair for Spring 2015.
5. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi): Steve MacAvery contacted Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC regarding a new LID workshop but has not heard from her. Steve MacAvery discussed loans for green infrastructure and volunteered to write a note about this for our What's New page.
6. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): No new reports.

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

1. Joel Tyner updated the committee on activities regarding a ban on brine use in Dutchess County, which was not approved by the Legislature, transmission line upgrades, oil trains, dutchessdemocracy.blogspot.com and community choice aggregation. He requested a copy of the draft changes to the EMC enabling legislation.

Other Business:

1. The next EMC meeting December 3, 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.