



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 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	
Ruth Moore, CCEDC	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by Chris Robbins, 2nd by Marsha Leed.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery reported that the draft was resent in early November and he will follow up in January 2015 with Kathryn Durland, assistant to Chairman Rolison.
- Web site update - John DeGilio reported that he has created a website for the Enviro-Fair but it is not live pending completion of the planning for this event.
- Correspondence – no new correspondence was received.
- EMC members -Steve MacAvery reported that a letter of resignation was received from Barbara Barosa. New appointments are being reviewed by the Legislature. Ruth Moore reported that she is the interim program leader for the CCEDC Energy & Environment Program and that she or Camille Marcotte will be the liaison to the EMC until a E & E Program Leader is hired. Chris Robbins will invite John Bickford to the next EMC meeting.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 28, 2015. 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 (John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Marsha Leed): The group discussed the logistics and roadblocks for this event. Currently the cost and payment of liability insurance for the use of the Walkway Over the Hudson landing is a predicament. A co-sponsor was discussed and included Friends of the Walkway and the County and State Parks Department. Grant funding to cover the cost was discussed including submitting a proposal for a Greenway Grant, which has 4 deadlines per year. The group decided to move the date to May 30, 2015. Brian Kehoe reported that he discussed the project with the interim Planning Department Commissioner, Eoin Wrafter who informed him that the cost would need to be budgeted and budget plans currently are for 2016. All in the group agreed that this is a worthy project and that discussion of how to overcome obstacles should be continued. Vicky Kelly will follow up with Heather Spencer regarding co-sponsorship by the Parks Department.
2. Energy Alternatives & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): The EMC sent letters about Solarize Dutchess and Solar on County Buildings to the Commissioner of the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, the Chairman of the Legislature with cc's to the County Executive, and all of the legislators. The goal of these letters is to express support for these initiatives and offer EMC support. Brian Kehoe and Chris Robbins reported that several groups have submitted applications to NYSERDA via the Consolidated Funding Application for Solarize programs that would encompass Dutchess County. Recipients of funding had not been announced as of this meeting.
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 again.
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 reported that in a conference call several members of the group discussed with Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC a green infrastructure workshop for spring 2015. The focus of the workshop will be municipal codes.
6. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Chris Robbins reported that he has worked with CCE presenters of Dutchess and Orange Counties at a workshop on resiliency and climate change. He will finalize the resources document for placement on the EMC website. Chris is writing an article on climate change resiliency for the Talk of the Town, a State Planning Organization newsletter, in which he will refer readers to the EMC website.

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

no new updates

Other Business:

1. The CAC/EMC Roundtable meeting, which normally takes place in February, will be organized by CCEDC and should take the place of the regularly scheduled EMC meeting for that month.
2. The next EMC meeting January 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center. It will be an organizational meeting.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Chris Robbins.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.