



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2015**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	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	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Camille Marcotte, CCEDC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Minutes for the December 3, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by Marsha Leed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Robbins.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery reported that he has contacted Kathryn Durland, assistant to Chairman Rolison but has not received a call back. He will continue to follow up with this.
- Web site update - Chris Robbins has submitted for posting on the What's New page the final copy of a document with an extensive resource list about climate change resiliency.
- Correspondence – no new correspondence was received.
- EMC members -Steve MacAvery reported that he has contacted Kathryn Durland about new members but has not received a call back. He will continue to follow up with this. It was suggested that John Bickford, a potential new member, contact the Legislature directly.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting is on February 25, 2015. It will be the annual CAC/EMC Round Table to be organized by the CCEDC. Upcoming meeting dates for 2015 are:
  - 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
- The Annual Report is due on April 1, 2015. Connie Kustas will write and circulate a draft for review by the committee.
- Vicky Kelly informed the group that as of January 2015, she is an at large member of the CCEDC Board of Directors.

**Reorganization and Updates of EMC Subcommittees:**

1. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly, Chris Robbins): This committee will remain active and will contact Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC for possible collaboration. It will focus on promotion of reduction of the amount of road salt used to maintain ice free surfaces.
2. Clean Energy, formerly Energy Alternatives & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed, Connie Kustas) This committee will remain active and will focus on promoting energy efficiency, solar energy and other renewable energy. Chris Robbins informed the group that Catskill Mountainkeeper received a \$1.8 million grant to promote solar energy in the Hudson Valley.
3. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): This committee will remain active and will focus on supporting the CCEDC, which received a \$230,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study on organic recycling under the Cleaner Greener NYSERDA program.
4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi): This committee will remain active and continue to work with Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC on a green infrastructure workshop for spring 2015. The focus of the workshop will be municipal codes.
5. Resiliency to Climate Change, formerly Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): This committee will remain active and will focus on promoting activities that build resiliency to climate change. The group will try to find a partner organization to distribute Chris's document of resources for municipalities and individuals.
6. Farmland Protection (Connie Kustas, Steve MacAvery): This potential new committee will investigate promotion of farmland protection, possibly in support of the Planning Department's efforts in this endeavor. Steve MacAvery will contact the Planning Department about this and other initiatives on which the EMC can collaborate.
7. Enviro Fair (John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Marsha Leed): This committee will remain active and will continue to investigate ways to fund the event. Currently there are several ideas for funding: submission of a request via the Planning Department for a 2016 event, CCEDC which has submitted a request to the County to fund this event; they should hear if they've received funding for it in March or April, 2015, another partnership, or development of a 501c3 organization to support the program. Pete Berasi described the process of forming a 501c3 organization and shared a set of bylaws he drafted for such an organization should the group decide to follow that path.

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

Camille Marcotte informed the committee that the CCEDC received a \$233,000 grant from the NYSERDA Cleaner/Greener Communities Program to develop a feasibility study on organic recycling and anaerobic digestion. The program has an April 1, 2015 start and is a 2-year project. The CCEDC Environment and Energy Program is gearing up for the project.

**Other Business:**

1. The CAC/EMC Roundtable meeting will be organized by CCEDC and will take place at the Farm & Home Center on February 25, 2015. Steve MacAvery will speak for 5 minutes on behalf of the EMC.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi, 2nd by Connie Kustas.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.