



Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
April 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		
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC	X	
Brian Kehoe, Dutchess County Dept. of Planning & Development (by phone)	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislator	X	
Camille Marcotte, CCEDC	X	
John Bickford, CCEDEC Energy & Env. Advisory Committee	X	
Melissa Everett, Sustainable Hudson Valley	X	
John Wackman, Solarize Hudson Valley	X	

Special Presentation:

Presentation by Sustainable Hudson Valley on the Solarize Hudson Valley Program - Solarize Hudson Valley is a program that promotes the use of solar power for residential and small businesses. The effort is a campaign to make solar power easier and more affordable to obtain.

Administrative Items:

Meeting minutes from March 25, 2015 were approved w/ a motion by John DeGillio, 2nd by Connie Kustas.

2014 Annual Report: 2014 Annual Report was sent to the county legislature with an offer to present it.

Report on meeting with Planning Department: Chris Robbins and Steve MacAvery gave a report out on their meeting with the Department of Planning that occurred on March 27, 2015. The intent of the meeting was for the EMC to present to the Planning Dept. what the EMC was working on and for

Planning to give an overview to the EMC what Planning is working on, with the outcome being a better alignment of our efforts.

- Road Salt – Planning suggested that a survey of the type of equipment being used by the municipalities in the county and if they are being replaced with more efficient equipment would be something the EMC could undertake.
- Solarize Dutchess – It was agreed that it could be useful if the EMC worked with Planning to help promote the efforts of the Solarize Hudson Valley program.
- Greenway Guides – Planning will be presenting the new Greenway Guides to communities this Fall. The EMC could help by encouraging the CAC's to support them.
- Farmland Protection – The County's Farmland Protection law was signed the week of March 16. The EMC could be an advocate for the new law.
- Recycling – Planning is looking for ideas to help promote the use of single stream recycling at businesses, multi-family housing, and especially schools.
- Enviro-Fair - Planning reiterated that they can submit a request for funding of the Enviro-Fair in their budget request for 2016. The EMC would need to submit to Planning a proposal that outlines what the intent of the Enviro-Fair is and how it promotes and ties into some of the County's goals, along with a budget amount no later than June 1.

Updates from Legislature / Ex-Officios / CACs / Municipalities:

Joel Tyner reported on a Resolution that is to be introduced soon requesting that the Department of Public Works and Resource Recovery Agency evaluate the cost and feasibility of having Food Waste Composting in Dutchess County.

Other Business:

Next meeting is May 20.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi

Minutes were prepared by Steve MacAvery.