



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015**

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	
Sean Carroll, CCEDC	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the April 22, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Chris Robbins, 2nd by Pete Berasi.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery reported that the draft is still in review by the County attorney.
- Web site update - Jeff Luoma requested that his name replace Zywia Wojnar's as the CCEDC ex officio representative on the EMC web site.
- Correspondence – No correspondence
- EMC members -Steve MacAvery reported that the Legislature has not yet acted on appointments of new members. Bob Cohen has indicated that he will resign, resulting in 3 vacancies on the council. Steve MacAvery will write to the Legislature's Environment Committee as well as his own representative to inquire about filling the vacant seats.
- 2014 Annual Report. Steve MacAvery will write to the Legislature's Environment Committee to request a meeting to present the 2014 Annual report and to discuss goals and membership. Lalita Malik, Vicky Kelly and Steve MacAvery offered to attend the meeting.
- The next regularly scheduled meetings are on:
 - 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

Special Report: Sean Carroll of CCEDC presented an overview of the GIS services offered by CCEDC. This is a tremendous program offering services that exceed many other county extensions.

Reports of EMC Subcommittees:

1. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly, Chris Robbins): Vicky Kelly reported that she will be working with Dr. Mary Ann Cunningham of Vassar College and Dr. Stuart Findlay of the Cary Institute on a GIS analysis of salt in groundwater in the town of East Fishkill. The group also discussed the difficulty of addressing private contractors regarding salt reduction practices as their customers may respond negatively to salt reduction. These customers may include shopping malls, hospitals, schools and other businesses.
2. Clean Energy (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed, Connie Kustas): The group discussed requesting an update on the feasibility study to put solar panels on County buildings. Researching cost savings from solar contractors or other counties may help guide the decision about whether to pursue solar for Dutchess County buildings. Contacting our representatives may help move this forward.
3. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): No new report.
4. Resiliency to Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Chris Robbins reported that after he writes an introduction to the resiliency document, AKRF will assemble a draft of the document for the group to review.
5. Enviro Fair (John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Marsha Leed): Vicky Kelly reported that she, Pete Berasi, Camille Marcotte of CCEDC and Carolyn Klocker of CCEDC will meet on Friday, May 22, 2015 to discuss a joint proposal to fund this event. The group agreed that the EMC needs a collaborator to do the work of putting together this event. Discussion ensued about fundraising possibilities to secure necessary funds. All are enthusiastic about pursuing this.
6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi): No new report

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

- Jeff Luoma asked the committee to go through old EMC files and slides that are being held by CCEDC. Vicky Kelly and Pete Berasi will do this task on Friday May 22, 2015. Jeff also asked for assistance in identifying leads for funding for energy audits and energy efficiency improvements, which make a significant improvement in energy savings. Jeff is also looking for opportunities to develop forestry and land management practices in the County.

Other Business:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC will be held June 24, 2015 7-8:30 pm at the Farm & Home Center.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.