



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2015**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	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	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the June 24, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by John DeGilio, 2nd by Steve MacAvery.
- Enabling legislation draft - Steve MacAvery reported information he received from Carolyn Morris, the Legislature's clerk that our draft of the enabling legislation is still with the County attorney.
- Web site update - The group agreed to shift the cost of maintaining the domain name and hosting of the website back to the CCEDC, which will cover the cost using the small amount of funding provided by the County to support the EMC.
- Correspondence – A note of interest about a potential internship was received via the EMC email address. While the group currently has no projects that would be appropriate for an internship, we may have projects in the future. It will be important to be clear that an EMC internship would not be paid. The reply to the interested person suggested that she pursue opportunities with some of our employers.
- EMC members -Steve MacAvery reported that he spoke with Legislative Clerk, Carolyn Morris about the 3 vacancies and 4 appointments that expired on June 30, 2015 for the EMC. She informed him that members are automatically reappointed if the Legislature takes no action and if the member doesn't resign. There are 2 interested candidates for the EMC and the Legislature plans to interview them in October. The group agreed to post under "What's

New" on the website, a notice about open positions on the EMC and to send a note to the CAC/EMC listserv about the openings.

- The next regularly scheduled 2015 meetings are on:
 - October 28
 - December 2

Reports of EMC Subcommittees:

1. Road Salt (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly, Chris Robbins): Vicky Kelly reported that she is working with two interns from Marist College on updating the report, "Road Salt, Moving Toward the Solution."
2. Clean Energy (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed, Connie Kustas): Jeff Luoma updated the committee on several clean energy initiatives. A "Solarize Dutchess" kickoff event on September 22, 2015 about extending the program to the entire County was attended by only 6 people. Melissa Everett was the speaker. The deadline for a municipality to apply for a "Solarize" program is the end of October. The municipality would need at least 2-4 committed people to carry it forward. There will be a forum on September 24 at CCEDC hosted by Pace University. More than 100 people have signed up for it. This forum is geared for municipal officials and will cover standardizing zoning and building codes to assist and promote renewable energy systems. In early December, as part of a County Agency Partnership Grant, CCEDC will be holding a forum on renewable heating systems.
3. Recycling (Lalita Malik, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky Kelly reported that CCEDC Master Gardeners have developed a display and discussion that can be taken on the road to promote and educate about recycling, safe pharmaceutical disposal, composting and vermiculture. The display and master gardeners have been at the County fair and Millbrook's community day.
4. Resiliency to Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): Chris Robbins reported that the document with resources about climate change resiliency is with the AKRF graphics department. A draft will be circulated to the EMC before final production.
5. Earth Day Festival (John DeGilio, Vicky Kelly, Marsha Leed): Vicky Kelly reported that the joint CCEDC/EMC proposal was not funded by the County Planning Department, who suggested that the CCEDC submit it to the County as an Agency Partnership Grant, which will be done.
6. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi): Pete Berasi reported that the CCEDC had a display on green infrastructure at the County Fair with input from the LID subcommittee. The display included permeable pavers, rain barrels and information about rain gardens. Several members of the EMC helped answer questions at the display and helped guide the content of the display.
7. Farmland Protection (Connie Kustas, Steve MacAvery): Vicky Kelly reported that the County has appointed an Advisory Council, which was announced during the County fair in August.

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

- Marsha Leed informed the committee that the town of Wappingers Falls just voted to reauthorize a CAC.
- Joel Tyner discussed many projects including a proposed ban on microbeads and toxic toys, pesticide notification and mandatory well testing. He requested support for these initiatives.

Other Business:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Farm & Home Center.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pete Berasi.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.