



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2016**

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	
Shannon Fordham, Beekman CAC	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the January 26, 2016 meeting were approved by a motion from Pete Berasi, 2nd by Steve MacAvery.
- Enabling legislation draft update - Steve MacAvery reported that the County Attorney is working on this.
- Web site update - The ownership switch to CCEDC is in progress.
- Correspondence - None. Steve MacAvery sent a letter to the US Fish & Wildlife Service on behalf of the EMC regarding the Great Thicket Wildlife Refuge.
- EMC members - Steve MacAvery reported that the Legislature is re-advertising for 3 vacancies and taking applications. The advertisement will be listed on the County Legislature's website.
- 2015 Annual Report - Connie Kustas reported that the report is in progress with an estimated completion in mid-April 2016.
- Scheduled meeting dates for 2016 are:
 - April 27
 - May 25
 - June 22
 - July 27
 - no August meeting
 - September 28
 - October 26

- no November meeting
- December 7

EMC Subcommittee Reorganization:

The group continued a discussion of the organization and role of subcommittees. Ideas for how to identify topics for subcommittees included a survey of Poughkeepsie Journal articles, asking the Legislature and utilizing the expertise of the EMC members. The group tentatively settled on the following subcommittees:

- Road salt
- Recycling
- Organics recycling / composting
- Energy conservation
- Low-impact development
- Earth day festival

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

- Joel Tyner discussed several projects including hosting an Earth Day essay contest, large scale solar information session.
- Jeff Luoma informed the group that the CCEDC will host a summer intern to work on a flood resiliency project. Also discussed were organics recycling with the possibility of a request for EMC support and help, and new 50- & 100-year flood curves.

Other Business:

1. The Poughkeepsie Earth Day Festival will be held on April 16, 2016 in the park between Market & Garden Streets. EMC will have a table next to CCEDC. Volunteers are needed to man the table.
2. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Farm & Home Center.
3. The CAC-EMC forum discussion included building better relationships with the CAC's. The EMC will make a concerted effort to get EMC meeting notices & minutes to the CAC-EMC listserve. The group discussed recognizing the successes of the CAC's. John DeGilio agreed to draft a letter that does that.

Adjournment:

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

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.