



Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2016

Attendance:

<b>At-Large Members</b>	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
<b>Ex Officio, CAC, Members &amp; Others</b>		
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning		X
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislator	X	
Shannon Fordham, Beekman CAC	X	
Sharon Kroeger, Amenia CAC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

Meeting minutes from March 23, 2016 were approved w/ a motion by Marsha Leed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve MacAvery.

Draft EMC Enabling Language: Steve MacAvery reported that the draft EMC enabling language is still with the county attorney.

Web site update: John DeGillio reported that he needs a copy of January's meeting minutes, and April's agenda to put on the web site. A summary of the EMC's participation at the Poughkeepsie Earth day Festival has been posted on the "What's New" tab. Web site ownership has been transferred to Cornell Co-operative Extension of Dutchess County. John DeGillio has not been reimbursed for the last bill that he paid. A copy of the invoice was previously submitted to Jeff Luoma; Jeff will follow up on the reimbursement.

Correspondence: No correspondence was reported.

EMC Members update: Steve MacAvery reported that EMC is still down 3 members. It was reported that at least two individuals have expressed interest in joining the EMC, but that they have not heard back from the legislature. Steve reported that he had sent an e-mail to the Chair of the Environment

Committee, John Forman, but has not heard back. Steve will reach out to Carolyn Morris, Clerk of the legislature, and Dale Borchert, Chair of the legislature, to inquire about the vacancies. Lalita Malik suggested going to the next legislatures Environment Committee meeting. Joel Tyner agreed to bring up the vacancies with the legislature.

2015 Annual Report: From a previous e-mail from Connie Kustas, it was agreed that another week was needed to complete the draft of the 2015 Annual Report.

State of the Environment Report: Steve reported that Vicky Kelly will be working with a student intern to research the Poughkeepsie Journal using key words to determine what the top environmental issues are in Dutchess County. Intern is to start work May 4. Once the top issues are identified then work can begin on the report.

### **Project & Subcommittee Reports**

Road Salt: No update.

Recycling: There was discussion on the benefit, or lack of benefit, of single stream recycling. Lalita Malik discussed that the work on recycling that the EMC can do has been exhausted, and it was discussed if the Recycling subcommittee should be retired. It was decided that a meeting with Lindsay Carille, Planning Dept., to discuss if there is any work on recycling that the EMC could assist with. Jeff Luoma agreed to set up a meeting with Lindsay and the EMC's Recycling subcommittee.

Organics Recycling / Composting: Jeff Luoma reported that he met with the Planning Dept. about organic waste recycling, and composting. Jeff sees a role for the EMC in working on the "Pay as You Throw" program (also known as SMART – Save Money And Reduce Trash) in advocating the program with municipalities. Steve agreed to send out an e-mail to see who would be interested in being on this subcommittee. Jeff agreed to do a presentation at the next meeting on this topic.

Energy Conservation: Jeff reported that there are two forums on this topic coming up in the next few months. One on energy conservation and one on community solar. It was agreed that there is probably not a need for an EMC subcommittee on this topic because a lot of these issues are already addressed by NYSERDA.

Low Impact Development: No update. Subcommittee needs to reassess what the next project will be to undertake.

Earth Day Festival: Jeff reported that CCEDC received a small amount of money to join with the EMC to put on some type of an Environmental Fair in the fall of 2016. The target attendance is 100 people. It was agreed that the EMC's proposal from last year needs to be found, and that can be used as a guide. The lessons learned from Poughkeepsie's Earth Day Festival were discussed. Mainly that the fair needs to be at a location that will attract people regardless of the fair, and that pairing the fair up with another attraction would be beneficial. The locations of The Upper Landing, or Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie were discussed and agreed that they were both good locations. John DeGillio will reach out to State Parks about using the Upper Landing and finding out about the insurance requirements. Steve nominated Marsha Leed to be Chair of the Enviro Fair subcommittee. Marsha agreed to be Chair. Lalita

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and John agreed to be on the subcommittee. Steve will send out an e-mail to find out if anyone else on the EMC would like to be on the subcommittee.

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

Jeff Luoma handed out a questionnaire for Dutchess county Restaurants / Food Services asking for people if you frequent a local restaurant to ask if they could complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire asks a few questions about recycling food waste.

Joel Tyner reported about the Earth Day essay contest that has been moved to May 31. Lalita suggested that instead making it an essay competition, that the essays should be made a challenge to students to submit ideas for saving the earth. John suggested that all submitted essays should be displayed and all participants given a certificate. This eliminates having a winner and the need to judge the essays. Steve asked if the Essay contest might be moved so that it coincided with the Enviro fair in the fall. Joel agreed that it could be done that way.

**Other Business:**

Next meeting is May 25.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Steve MacAvery.