



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2016**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Shannon Fordham, Beekman CAC	X	

**Administrative Items:**

- Minutes for the April 2016 meeting were approved by a motion from John DeGilio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- Enabling legislation draft update - Steve MacAvery reported that he met with John Forman, the chair of the Legislature's environment committee who indicated that he will follow up on this.
- Web site update - John DeGilio requested information for the "What's New" link on the website.
- Correspondence - We received an invitation to the NY DEC's Re-leaf conference at Skidmore College.
- EMC members - Chris Robbins has reluctantly resigned from the EMC.
- 2015 Annual Report - in progress
- State of the Environment Report - Vicky Kelly reported on the work of a high school student who is searching the Poughkeepsie Journal database of articles using keywords used for the last report to identify environmental issues of concern to the County.
- Scheduled meeting dates for 2016 are:
  - July 27
  - no August meeting
  - September 28
  - October 26
  - no November meeting

- December 7

**Special Presentation by CCEDC's Jeff Luoma on Organics Recycling Project:**

Jeff Luoma reported on a project CCEDC is conducting on organics recycling in Dutchess County. The project is funded by NYSERDA and will provide the County with recommendations for improving its recycling rate through improved organics recycling. Parenthetically, Jeff reported that the County could use EMC help in promoting and providing information to the public on single stream recycling, especially contamination by plastic bags. Peter Berasi reported that, from a EPA webinar he attended, he learned that the two most important factors determining the health of a recycling program are economics of the recycled material and contamination.

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

- Joel Tyner discussed several projects including clean power and Citizens for Local Power, Community Choice Aggregation, Solarize Hudson Valley and Solarize Northern Dutchess

**Other Business:**

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Farm & Home Center.
2. CCEDC will hold a Community-Based & Shared Solar Options Forum on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.