



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

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Gail Beverly		X
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Chuck May		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Shannon Fatum, Beekman CAC	X	

Administrative Items:

- Minutes for the June 2016 meeting were approved by a motion from John DeGilio, 2nd by Lalita Malik.
- Enabling legislation draft update – No new updates.
- Web site update - John DeGilio requested permission to add the sustainability report to the website. A motion to approve the addition was made by Peter Berasi, 2nd by Marsha Leed.
- EMC members – There are currently 2 vacancies, which has been listed on the Legislature’s website. Shannon Fordham reported that she will apply for a position on the council. John DeGilio will link to the listing on the EMC’s website. The group discussed the need for a vice chairman. Nominations and a vote will be held at the October 2016 meeting.
- 2015 Annual Report - in progress
- State of the Environment Report – No new updates.
- Scheduled meeting dates for 2016 are:
 - October 26
 - no November meeting
 - December 7

EMC Subcommittee Reports:

Road Salt - Vicky Kelly and Pete Berasi reported that they met with John Hickman, the town of East Fishkill supervisor about salt use and the distribution of salt in the groundwater in the township. The meeting was very productive. Work on an update of the 2010 road salt report is ongoing.

Recycling – The group discussed methods of promoting good recycling practices.

Energy Conservation & Alternative Energy – No new updates

Low Impact Development – Chuck May presented information about a very useful website www.lowimpactdevelopment.org, a non-profit national research organization that focuses on sustainable stormwater management solutions for urban and developing areas.

Urban Wilderness Festival & Environmental Fair / Earth Day Festival - The group discussed the ongoing plans for the event to be held September 25, 2016 at the refurbished Vassar Barns in conjunction with the Environmental Cooperative at Vassar Barns. Solicitation of participants and development of promotional materials is progressing. Peter Berasi and Lalita Malik are co-chairing the event with Jen Rubbo of Vassar. August 3, 2016 is the official opening of the Vassar Barns complex and an invitation to the grand opening will be sent to presenters. It was clarified that EMC is the co-sponsor of the event, not CCEDC.

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

Joel Tyner discussed several projects including neighbor notification about pesticide application and a proposed law to require 48 hours prior notification, micro-pollutants from pharmaceuticals and personal care products in streams and a draft resolution to address the issue about which a response is needed by August 4, 2016, banning fracking waste and oil barges on the Hudson River, and the presentation on the Legislature's website about Poughkeepsie's children's blood lead levels.

Other Business:

1. A motion to cancel the regular EMC meeting in September due to the September 25, 2016 Environmental Fair was made by Vicky Kelly, 2nd by Marsha Leed.
2. The next regularly held meeting of the EMC will be held October 26, 2016 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Farm & Home Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lalita Malik.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.