



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Gail Beverly		X
John DeGilio	X	
Shannon Fatum	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	
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC		X
Ryan Farley, Student, Vassar College	X	

Approval of minutes of December 2016 - a motion was made by Pete Berasi, 2nd by Marsha Leed, all were in favor. Note the date change of CAC/EMC Roundtable change to March 1, 2017.

For Round Table, please send to Steve info from subcommittees on what we've done in 2016, and what our goals are for 2017.

Enabling language update – Steve MacAvery contacted the Chairman of the Legislature and the chair of the Legislature's Environment Committee, John Forman, but received no reply.

Web site update – John DeGilio updated the group on accessing the website – the information to log on to the account is with Jeff Luoma as well as John DeGilio. The newsletter went to the CAC/EMC listserv and a website page for all newsletters was set up. Vicky will take notes and Marsha & John will take photos at the CAC/EMC Forum for the next newsletter.

Correspondence – from the group planning the Poughkeepsie Earth Day Festival – there will be a planning meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the First Evangelical Lutheran

Church, 325 Mill St. All are invited. Discussion ensued about a potential EMC/CCEDC Environmental Festival in 2017. Pete is willing to submit a grant proposal to IBM & gave the paperwork to Ruth Moore to enable CCEDC to receive funds from IBM. EMC would need to complete an activity kit – Pete recommends the Project Management Primer, which takes about 1 hour. The group discussed doing this on Feb. 22, our original Roundtable meeting date. There are about 50 activities to choose from, so that activity may be substituted for another. Pete will provide a list of relevant activities for the group to consider. The next requirement for the grant recipient is to support a community activity, such as the Environmental Fair. Pete will write a list of needs to get an IBM grant & we'll request that Gail contact Jen Rubbo & Vicky will contact Jeff Luoma about collaborating on the fair.

EMC members – we currently have one vacancy.

Annual Report – due in April – Steve will draft an annual report for 2016. Subcommittees are reminded to send information for the report to Steve.

State of the Environment Report – Vicky will work with Ryan Farley to develop a new State of Environment Report.

EMC Newsletter – see notes above under Correspondence.

Quarterly Environmental Initiatives – The EMC wants to develop 4 ideas for a newspaper article or to take to the Legislature, specifically ideas for action on environmental issues. Vicky discussed a personal project she is considering - a garbage-less month with a blog or notes to document challenges, successes and failures. Marsha discussed a meeting that Lalita, Gail & she had at which they discussed education about where garbage goes and/or school recycling programs. Vicky suggested a book club sponsored by the EMC to meet with local community members in a local library to read an environmental issues book.

Environmental Recognition – this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Subcommittee reports – planning & reorganization.

- Road Salt – Vicky discussed 3 publications, a new report, and a forum planned for the fall, at which point a presentation to the Legislature might be good.
- Recycling – see above notes under Quarterly Environmental Initiatives. Gail will be invited to join this subcommittee.
- Energy conservation & alternative energy – no new reports
- Low-impact development / water quality – will take the key components from a big DEC manual, condense to 3 pages for planning board use during proposal reviews. Shannon joined this subcommittee.
- Environmental Fair – See notes above under correspondence. Gail will be invited to join this subcommittee.

Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities

Joel Tyner discussed, a letter urging Governor Andrew Cuomo to not subsidize nuclear power plants and to not consider nuclear energy clean energy. He also discussed solar energy, oil barges on the Hudson River, community choice aggregation, and sending a letter from the EMC to our federal representatives about funding and supporting the US-EPA (Marsha volunteered to draft a letter).

Motion to adjourn was made by Vicky Kelly, 2nd by Shannon Fatum.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.