



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2017**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Jeff Luoma, CCEDC	X	
Ryan Farley, Student, Vassar College		

Approval of minutes of January 2017 meeting - a motion was made by Pete Berasi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed, Lalita Malik abstained, all were in favor.

Enabling language update – no update

Web site update – John DeGilio created a new link for newsletters on the EMC website.

Correspondence – Two letters were received by the EMC. One letter was about a lawsuit in the town of Stanford regarding a road salt issue. The group decided it was beyond our purview and should be referred to the DEC. Another letter was received from a high school student about environmental advocacy. Gail Beverly sent a reply to the student with advice. Several letters were sent to legislators about the function of EPA in Dutchess County.

EMC members – We have one vacancy and there is a note on the Legislature’s website soliciting applications.

Annual Report – A draft is complete, comments from the group should be sent to Steve MacAvery by March 29, 2017.

State of the Environment Report – Vicky worked with Ryan Farley to write an article for the Poughkeepsie Journal about the EPA superfund program and the superfund sites in Dutchess County. No new updates on the rest of the report.

EMC Newsletter – John DeGilio compiled a spring newsletter, sent it to CAC's and posted it on the EMC website.

Quarterly Environmental Initiatives – Steve MacAvery offered to continue to update the group on the Hudson River Anchorage/Barges. Lalita Malik discussed clean energy and encouraging the public to engage in solarize programs and pursuing clean energy solutions for County buildings. Jeff Luoma suggested that the group cover issues that will coincide with the CCEDC forums.

Environmental Recognition – Gail Beverly suggested that we consider a recognition for pollinator friendly landscaping. The group discussed including the CAC's to recommend sites and soliciting input from CCEDC Master Gardeners about criteria. A target date was set for the award at the end of the growing season.

Review of Action Items – Hudson River/Anchorages – Dutchess County Legislator opposed the proposal via resolution. Also, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney introduced a bill to the House of Representatives called the Hudson River Protection Act, which restricts anchorages carrying hazardous materials. The group discussed writing a letter in support of this legislation to the Legislature and both members of Congress who serve Dutchess County. Marsha Leed volunteered to draft the letter.

Subcommittee reports –

Road Salt – Vicky Kelly updated the committee about the 3 publications being prepared. When these are complete, an updated report for the community and a forum will be planned. Currently, the plan is to hold a road salt forum in Fall 2017.

Recycling – No new updates.

Energy conservation & alternative energy – Jeff Luoma updated the group on an upcoming forum by CCEDC this summer on clean energy communities. This is a step for communities to become Climate Smart Communities. The NYSERDA CGC project is nearing completion; on April 20, 2017 CCECD will present to the Dutchess County Legislature and would like 1-2 EMC representatives to attend.

Low-impact development / water quality – A draft checklist for CAC's & Planning Boards to use for green infrastructure practices was sent to the subcommittee for review.

Environmental Fair – The group met on February 22, 2017 to review the IBM Activity Kit to qualify for their grant possibility. Pete Berasi presented the IBM Power Point, Measuring

Success with Outcomes. That satisfies one of IBM's requirements to position CCEDC to receive \$2,000 in grant funds on behalf of EMC. The only remaining requirement to qualify for the grant is to complete a volunteer community support event.

#### Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities

Jeff Luoma discussed the plan for CCEDC to follow up from the CAC/EMC Roundtable with CAC's in Dover, Stanford and possibly other towns to offer to have EMC or CCEDC members attend their meetings.

Joel Tyner updated the committee about proposed changes to zoning legislation regarding solar and wind power in Rhinebeck, stop the Cuomo tax program/nuclear energy, a citizens for local power / local progress organization program to get low cost charging stations from the DEC, a list of initiatives he and other legislators have prioritized for coming year, and that Ulster County was recognized by National Geographic for being one of the most environmentally friendly counties in the country.

Vicky Kelly updated the group about the April 22, 2017 Hudson Valley March for Science. An organizational committee is asking for help spreading the word and participating in the planning for the walk. She will send information to the group.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve MacAvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Beverly.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.