



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2017**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Gail Beverly		X
John DeGilio		X
Shannon Fatum		
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
Marsha Leed		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Yvette Valdes Smith	X	
Brian Difeo	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Regina Klein, DCPAA	X	
Johanna Fallert, DCPAA	X	
Joe Lowenbraun, DCPAA	X	
Europa McGovern, NYSERDA	X	
Josie Tse, DCPAA	X	

Steve MacAvery had no comments and welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes of June 2017 meeting - a motion was made to approve the minutes by Peter Berasi with changes to the spelling of his name, 2nd by Joel Tyner, all present were in favor.

Correspondence: We received two correspondences, one from Europa McGovern who was present at this meeting, and Danielle Craig – no response was required for these correspondences.

EMC members: The Legislature reappointed the following members for July1, 2017 – June 30, 2019: Shannon Fatum, Marsha Leed, Vicky Kelly, Gail Beverly, Steve MacAvery and Connie Kustas. Two new members were appointed and welcomed, Yvette Valdes Smith (7/1/17 – 6/30/19 replacing Charles May) and Brian Difeo (7/1/17 – 6/30/18 replacing Christon Robbins).

Subcommittee reports:

Fossil Fuel Reduction – Pete Berasi and others updated the group about a meeting held June 19, 2017 at which the group reviewed the task and identified the goal as investigating and recommending fossil fuel reduction opportunities. In addition, the group discussed a path forward, including accepting research help from outside volunteers. Specific tasks were identified and conveyed to the outside volunteers. A point of contact with the outside volunteers was identified as Josie Tse, who will communicate with Steve MacAvery to limit excessive email. The volunteers were thanked for their assistance.

Environmental Fair – Pete Berasi informed the group that Marsha Leed has submitted an application for participation in the Pumpkin Festival on October 15, 2017 at the Beacon Sloop Club. Pete received a grant from IBM to support this. The funds will be administered by CCEDC. The group discussed the expenditures of the funds and the need to place an order for giveaway items soon. Brian DiFeo will join this committee as a marketing expert and Beacon CAC member.

Road Salt – Vicky Kelly updated the group about 3 projects, a publication of a GIS analysis of salt in drinking water wells, a project to study the potential for road salt from salt storage facilities to leach into nearby streams and a plan to hold a science and management forum on road salt at the Cary Institute in late fall or early winter 2017.

Recycling Including Organics – Pete Berasi informed the group that one of the main focuses at the environmental fair will be recycling using the CCEDC display material. A discussion ensued about reducing personal plastic use by trying to individually go plastic free for a month and keeping a plastic diary for unavoidable plastic consumption.

Energy conservation & alternative energy – this subcommittee has been disbanded for now and is replaced with the fossil fuel reduction subcommittee.

Low-impact development / green infrastructure / water quality – Steve MacAvery discussed the goal of this subcommittee and its past work to condense low-impact development information provided by NY DEC to a shorter document with key information for local CAC's and municipal boards. In addition, several forums were held in conjunction with CCEDC to educate the public and policymakers about low impact development. Discussion ensued about working with CAC's with the suggestion that a subcommittee form to foster a relationship with CAC's.

Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities

Joel Tyner discussed possible places for wind energy in Dutchess County, the Dutchess County solid waste management plan with a request for the EMC to push for the County to develop

incentives for a pay as you throw program, plans for a straw-less summer, banning Styrofoam takeout containers, Cricket Valley Energy and hydrofracking, nuclear power, fossil fuel free communities, and well testing at the County level.

Other business:

Pete Berasi raised 2 issues: 1. pharmaceutical take-back programs and the need to update our website with where to take unused pharmaceuticals - pharmacies are no longer taking them. Pete distributed flyers identifying appropriate places for unused pharmaceuticals. 2. A water crisis in Newburgh in which PFOS, a fire suppressant originating from the Air Force National Guard Base & Stewart Airport has contaminated the drinking water supply in Newburgh.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Berasi. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is September 27, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.