



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2017**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
Gail Beverly	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Brian Difeo		X
Shannon Fatum	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Yvette Valdes Smith	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Regina Klein, DCPAA	X	
Europa McGovern, NYSERDA	X	

Chair comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made around the table.

Election of vice chair: Vicky Kelly made a motion to elect Shannon Fatum as vice chair, Lalita Malik seconded the motion, all present were in favor.

Budget requests to County: Steve described the process of requesting budget funds from the County. Gail and Steve developed a list of items needed, the list will be sent to the group for review and Steve will coordinate with CCEDC regarding support.

Minutes of July 2017 meeting: a motion was made to approve the minutes by Gail Beverly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yvette Valdes Smith, all present were in favor.

Correspondence: We received several email correspondences, two about the website, to which John DeGilio responded, one from Sibyll Gilbert informing us of the passing of Mike Purcell,

the Chair of the Pawling CAB, one from Johanna Fallert on behalf of the Environment Team of the DCPAA about the Cricket Valley Power Plant in Orange County, and several emails with announcements of upcoming (now past) events. Steve requested and Gail volunteered to look into the Cricket Valley Power Plant in Orange County.

Website discussion: John DiGilio discussed the website, issues that have come up regarding the content including events and the home page. John will update the content on the home page.

Subcommittee reports:

Fossil Fuel Reduction: see attached

Environmental Fair: Marsha Leed informed the group that she ordered a tablecloth with our name on it, and reusable shopping bags as giveaway items. We will have a table at the Pumpkin Festival, October 15, 2017 from 12:00-5:00 p.m., at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, formerly Riverfront Park in Beacon. Gail and Yvette volunteered to work the event. Vicky will pick up a recycling display, table, chairs and materials from CCEDC. Shannon will bring a pop-up. Marsha will send an email with logistics.

Road Salt: Vicky Kelly informed the group that the Cary Institute will be hosting a Road Salt Science & Management Forum tentatively set for December 1, 2017. EMC will be a partner. All are invited.

Recycling Including Organics: The group discussed a challenge to live plastic-free for one month. Vicky Kelly and Europa McGovern will work on developing the challenge.

Low-impact development / green infrastructure / water quality – Steve MacAvery announced that there will be a green infrastructure forum on October 5, 2017 at Vassar Barns. The forum will include a field trip to visit some green buildings in the afternoon. Steve sent the green infrastructure check list produced by this subcommittee to CCEDC. It will be available at the forum.

Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities

Joel Tyner requested that the EMC form a blue-green alliance working group c.f., [www.bluegreenalliance.org](http://www.bluegreenalliance.org), discussed the introduction of a Styrofoam ban and plastic bag law, and announced an October 14 event at El Universal restaurant in Wingdale about Cricket Valley Power Plant in Dover.

Europa McGovern informed the group that the town of Dover is the only town pursuing DEC Climate Smart Community status, discussed the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program and grants to install electric vehicle charging stations. Dutchess County announced the plan to install 4 electric vehicle charging stations, one in Rhinebeck, the other locations are unknown at this time.

Regina Klein discussed the Cricket Valley Power Plant in Dover and requested that the EMC study the issue and form a position and informed the group that the Hudson Valley Climate Summit organized by Christina Powers will be held on October 14, at Poughkeepsie Day School.

Other business:

The CCEDC Annual Meeting will be held on October 18, 2017 7:00 -10:00 a.m. This is an important meeting held annually. Appointments, announcements and regular business will be done. Highlights of the meeting include guest speaker former Congressman Chris Gibson and a silent auction. All are encouraged to attend. Tickets can be purchased by calling Angela Sullivan at CCEDC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lalita Malik. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is October 25, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.

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**Meetings Held:** Met four times (7/19, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20)

**Key Milestones:**

Completed:

- Subcommittee formed
- Meetings to be held every approximately every 2 weeks
- Agreed on the subcommittee's mission of Fossil Fuel Reduction measures for the county as opposed to making the county fossil fuel free.
- Agreed that the review of existing documented road maps for fossil fuel reduction by other communities (counties, states, cities) was an appropriate step to take.
- Operational Framework determined and agreed upon by subcommittee, sent to Chairman of Legislature
- Plan of action agreed upon by subcommittee
- Developed a working draft of FFR research topics with someone assigned to most of the topics so far.
- Have reached out to Dutchess County Planning and CAC's to find out what FFR initiatives may have already been started.
- Started research on: NYS Clean Energy Communities; Information supplied by DCPAA (Tompkins County Energy Roadmap, Ontario's Roadmap to Developing Renewable Energy, and others); New York State Strategies – Reforming the Energy Vision (REV).
- In an effort to have consistency throughout the final report we have developed a Report Template to use for writing about each FFR measure.

Next Milestone:

- Study Phase
  - Continue Research topics being assigned to subcommittee members
  - Study / Research phase to conclude the first quarter of 2018.

**Major Issues/Assistance Required:**

- ▶ Research of government web sites (EPA) on FFR measures
- ▶ Research of existing documented road maps for fossil fuel reduction by other communities (counties, states, cities)

**Summary Notes on Progress To-Date:**

- Working draft of FFR research topics, and assignments of those topics.
- Reach out to county Planning and CAC's