



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 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	
Danielle Salisbury, CCEDC	X	
Carolyn Klocker, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, DC Planning Dept.	X	

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

Budget requests to County: Steve MacAvery sent a budget request to Chairman Borchert, Joel Tyner & Ruth Moore. Regina Klein informed the group that she attended a budget hearing; the \$5825 is not in the budget, \$100 is in the budget. At the budget hearing, two people requested that the County fund the EMC at the requested amount. Discussion ensued about next steps.

Minutes of October 2017 meeting: a motion was made to approve the minutes by Brian DiFeo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John DeGilio, Pete Berasi abstained, all others present were in favor.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

2018 Meeting Dates: Jan. 24, Feb 28 (tentative CAC/EMC Roundtable), Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug (no meeting), Sept 26, Oct 24, Dec 5

Website update: Brian DiFeo discussed the incorrect mapping of dutchesemc.org. Brian offered to work to migrate the hosting of the domain name and the website to Wordpress; John will continue to manage the content. John DeGilio asked for content for 'What's New'.

Special Presentation: Danielle Salisbury, CCEDC, Reducing Energy and Minimizing Negative Impact on Global Climate Change & Local Governments.

Subcommittee reports:

Fossil Fuel Reduction: Brian DiFeo asked about the fleet of County buses and will contact the new County Transit Administrator to follow up. Steve MacAvery reported that the subcommittee will issue an interim report in January or February, included in it will be the recommendation to the County to seek NYSERDA CEC designation and NY DEC CSC certification.

Environmental Fair: Steve MacAvery reported that Yvette Valdes will contact Riverkeeper about the EMC sponsoring a Riversweep event. Carolyn Klocker suggested that the EMC/CCEDC send a thank you letter to IBM, the funder for the Pumpkin Festival event; Marsha Leed will help write the letter.

Road Salt: Vicky Kelly reported that the Cary Institute will hold a science and management forum on road salt on February 13, 2018 and would like EMC to be a partner. Pete Berasi made a motion to approve the partnership, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed, all present were in favor. Vicky also reported that the East Fishkill GIS drinking water well study was resubmitted for publication.

Recycling Including Organics: The group discussed the NYSERDA Cleaner Greener Communities organics recycling project recently completed by CCEDC.

Low-impact development / green infrastructure / water quality: Brad Barclay reported that the town of Pleasant Valley is pursuing an amendment to zoning ordinances that includes transfer & purchase of development rights and density management – to increase the density of development where municipal sewer & water are available and direct it away from rural areas. The County Planning Department is currently reviewing the proposed amendment.

Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities:

Joel Tyner updated the group about the budget request and requested that we attend the meeting on December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the County office building on Market St., in Poughkeepsie and to email the County Legislators to remind them of our budget request. Brian DiFeo will write an email to the Legislators with a cc to Ruth Moore. Steve MacAvery will try to attend the meeting. Joel also discussed PFOA, solarize & energize programs, recycling & composting, ice control materials, fossil fuel free communities and renewable energy.

Carolyn Klocker informed the group that CCEDC has been awarded a Community Energy Engagement Program grant from NYSERDA for the Mid-Hudson Region. Carolyn also discussed work CCEDC is doing with HREP on flood resiliency and Climate Smart Community certification with local communities with emphasis on vulnerability assessments and other actions.

Regina Klein discussed an editorial in the Poughkeepsie Journal about Cricket Valley Energy.

Other business:

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicky Kelly. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is January 24, 2018.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.