

**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018**

Attendance

| At Large Members | Present | Absent |
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| Pete Berasi | X | |
| Gail Beverly | (Resigned) | 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 |
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| Ex Officio CAC Members & Others | | |
| Joel Tyner | X | |
| Michelle Gluck, CCEDC | X | |
| Gina Kline, PAAC | X | |
| John Paraskeva (Potential New Member) | X | |

Chairman's comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting with no comments.

Minutes of January 2018 meeting: a motion was made by Pete Berasi to approve the minutes, 2nd by Steve MacAvery, all others present were in favor.

Correspondence: None submitted as reported by Steve MacAvery.

Budget requests to County: Steve handed out a copy of the line items asked for in 2017 for review. (see attached)

Lalita Malik introduced the discussion of adding a possible air quality analysis to the budget. It was discussed, and will be re-discussed at the next meeting to figure out an amount. It was also discussed what we want to research this for the study. This will be re-addressed at the next meeting. Shannon Fatum will contact NYCACC to see what others are doing. Gina raised the issue that this committee in the past had money, and asked what happened? Lalita Malik explained that the money was previously through DC Soil and Water. This was stopped, and CCEDC stepped in in their place without the funds. Steve MacAvery stated we will continue to think about the air quality report, with the possibility for a subcommittee assignment (next meeting?) Michelle Gluck stated that we should consider the money that was spent last year as a basis for what we could ask for this year.

2018 Annual Report: Vicky Kelly presented to the Dutchess County Legislature, Shannon Fatum attended to support. Bags were handed out. Shannon Fatum stated that the presentation seemed to be well received, and there was a discussion by legislative members about a possible ban of plastic bags.

State of the Environment Report: This discussion was tabled until Vicky Kelly's return.

Website update: This discussion was tabled as John DeGilio was not in attendance. Steve MacAvery suggested we get a backup for John.

Membership Update: Possible new member in attendance of this meeting John Paraskeva. Steve MacAvery stated that there were 2, maybe 1 vacancy if John is appointed. Brian Defeo's appointment is up in June, and will not renew.

Riversweep: Steve MacAvery reported members: Pete Berasi, Steve MacAvery, Vicky Kelly, and Marsha Leed were in attendance at Denning's Point. The shore was littered, above near the park was clean. Pictures of the event are on Riverkeeper's website and the t-shirts we purchased were worn. It was reported by Pete Berasi that it was mostly plastic that washed up, and that 2200 volunteers retrieved a total of 36 tons of garbage for this event.

IBM grant discussion: Pete Berasi reported that the \$2000 grant application will be due around September, and he currently has 95 volunteer hours, which is short of the 100hrs required, but expects to meet this requirement by the September submission deadline. If we sponsor the Strawberry festival this will count, but he would have to post it on the IBM website as soon as possible. Introduced several activity kits to consider:

- Activity kit possibilities
 - Clean Water Difference – instruction to students
 - Measuring Success with Outcomes – this was done last year
 - Website Visioning – improving online presence
 - Small Business Boost – very broad, but amount of knowledge is very small
 - Project Management Primer – how to organize a project

Pete Berasi suggested we consider the project management primer, but said we would need to do this in addition to our regular meeting.

Strawberry Festival: Steve MacAvery discussed the possibility of having 2 shifts of people. A tentative poll was taken during the meeting, and based on the lack of availability for that time period to achieve the 2 shifts we would not be able to achieve this. We will consider the corn festival in the future.

Liason to CAC's Report: Shannon Fatum reported that she has attended four CAC meetings for:

- City of Beacon
- Town of Dover
- Town of Hyde Park
- Town of Beekman

A questionnaire was handed out to the Town of Dover, Town of Beekman, and the Town of Hyde Park. Town of Pawling CAC appears to not be meeting, Town of Wappingers has no active CAC (per the supervisor, and town clerk). Lalita Malik expressed an interest in a contact list for CAC's as she is working on a project with the Sierra Club. Michelle Gluck is meeting with the Town of Red Hook CAC to do a Climate Smart Assessment to see how many points they have towards certification.

Project and Subcommittee Reports

Fossil Fuel Reduction – (reported by: Steve MacAvery)

- No updates
- Will continue to push for certification
- Planning is working for task force and planner
- Planning is taking the lead

Environmental Fair(s) – (Reported by: Pete Berasi and Lalita Malik)

- Try to attend the corn festival

Road Salt – (Reported by Pete Berasi)

- Vicky Kelly's report on Road Salt

Recycling – (Reported by: Lalita Malik)

- No updates
- Discussed potentially evolving this subcommittee into the air quality subcommittee

Low Impact Development – (Reported by: Michelle Gluck)

- Forum Monday October 29, 2018
- CCEDC looking for speaker for parking lots
 - Steve Macavery stated he may know someone

Updates from Legislature (Reported by: Joel Tyner)

- County Vehicle Fleet
 - Purchase 8 hybrids for Sherriff's Dept.
 - Posted on the county legislature website
- Plastic Bags
 - Real movement to ban
 - They have seen what Ulster County is proposing for this issue
 - May model Dutchess County's proposal around Ulster County's.
 - Recommended to see Riverkeeper's explanation
 - <https://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/news/stop-polluters/riverkeeper-statement-on-cuomos-plastic-bag-ban-bill-a-fee-on-paper-is-critical/>
- Incinerators
 - Recommended we explore the effects of this
 - Available information: <http://www.energyjustice.net/ordinances>
- Composting
 - "The Zero Waste Solution" by Paul Connett
 - Profiles the most successful zero-waste initiatives
 - County has the Green Ribbon Solid Waste Task Force
 - Request for input on RFP for food waste.

Other Business

- Pete Berasi –
 - Potential upcoming issues

- Water Quality PFOA/PFOS
 - Where does it go
 - What happens to it
- Pharmaceutical Turn in
 - Grants for pharmacies

A motion was made by Lalita Malik to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Shannon Fatum.