



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2018**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
John DeGilio		X
Shannon Fatum	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery		X
Lalita Malik	X	
John Paraskeva	X	
Yvette Valdes Smith		X
Candis Sunderland	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
Collin Adkins, CCEDC	X	
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	

Vice Chairman's comments: EMC Vice Chair Shannon Fatum welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes of June 2018 meeting: a motion was made by Marsha Leed to approve the minutes, 2nd by Pete Berasi, all present were in favor.

Membership update: Membership in the EMC is full with 11 appointed members.

Correspondence: None

Budget requests to County: This item has been tabled until September 2018.

State of the Environment Report: Vicky Kelly reported that authors for all chapters have been secured and interim dates for chapters to be submitted have been established.

Website update: No updates

IBM grant discussion: Pete Berasi reported that the IBM grant is in good shape. The application has been submitted. The Corn Festival has been approved as a volunteer opportunity by IBM. The final commitment is to host a table at the Corn Festival on August 12, 2018, from noon to 4:00 p.m. EMC attendees will meet at the event at 10:00 a.m. Shannon Fatum will gather the materials from CCEDC. Collin Adkins may join with CCEDC energy program materials. Further coordination will be done by email.

CAC liaison: Shannon Fatum reported that she talked with the town of Pawling supervisor who said their CAC is re-organizing. Also, the town of Dover is asking all eastern towns to collaborate on a Climate Smart Communities grant proposal on flooding. Talks are also ongoing with western Connecticut communities. The town of Dover CAC chair is organizing the collaboration.

Subcommittee reports:

Plastic Bag Ban: Pete Berasi reported that the subcommittee has gathered a list of resources, including the Riverkeeper proposal, the NY State proposal and information from other states. The group will review options and will make a recommendation to the full board. The group discussed sending an email to the Legislature informing them that this subcommittee is working on this issue.

Recycling Including Organics: Pete Berasi brought the Chemical & Engineering News article that he discussed at the June meeting. Candis Sunderland reported on research she did pursuing on recycling, focusing on paper recycling and the market for recyclable materials. She reported that China is importing ½ of what they imported last year and by 2024, China plans to import no recyclable material. Currently, Recycle Depot in Dutchess County is warehousing materials because there is not a market for it. Other emerging markets in other Asian countries may pick up. The group discussed renaming the committee to “Waste management including recycling & composting”. The subcommittee will discuss this via email and make a recommendation to the rest of the board.

Fossil Fuel Reduction: The report from this subcommittee is complete. Marsha Leed will finalize the edits and forward the report to Steve MacAvery for submission to the Legislature. The group discussed distributing the report to the CAC’s and other groups.

Environmental Fair: See notes under IBM grant discussion.

Road Salt: Vicky Kelly reported that the update to the 2010 report is underway and the aim is to have it completed by the end of December 2018. John Paraskeva will join this subcommittee.

Low-impact development / green infrastructure / water quality: Michelle Gluck informed the group that CCEDC will be holding a forum focused on street trees and parking lots. Nina Bassuk from Cornell University will be the keynote speaker. The event is on Monday October 29 at the Farm & Home Center. The forum is in collaboration with the Dutchess County Planning Federation. John Paraskeva will join this subcommittee.

Updates from Legislature / Ex Officios / CACs / Municipalities:

Joel Tyner informed the group that he has drafted a proposal to update enabling legislation for the EMC and emailed it to the rest of the Legislators. He asked for help getting co-sponsors for the proposal. He made 2 small changes to the recommendations made by the EMC. It will be considered at the September Legislature meeting at the earliest. Joel Tyner also discussed zero waste, dual-stream recycling, pesticides, Riverkeeper's information on storm surge barriers, raw sewage in the Hudson River, solar and net-metering, and the Dutchess County waste-to-energy plant. Joel requested a letter from the EMC regarding a resolution on green roofs.

Other business:

Lalita Malik discussed the Sierra Club clean energy film and asked if there was interest in showing the film by other groups. The DCPAA and the town of Union Vale are interested in showing the film.

The Dutchess County Fair is August 21-26, 2018.

The Corn Festival is August 12, 2018 at the Beacon Sloop Club.

CCEDC Low Impact Development Forum is October 29, 2018 at the Farm & Home Center

A motion to adjourn was made by Lalita Malik. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is September 26, 2018 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.