

Dutchess County Environmental Management Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday May 22, 2019

7:00-8:30pm

DC Farm and Home Center – Director’s Room

2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, NY

Agenda:

- 7:00 - 7:05pm Welcome/Introductions, Chairman’s Comments
- 7:05 - 7:20pm Administrative Items:
- Minutes of April 2019 meeting
 - Web site update (Ed Hogarty)
 - Membership update and EMC Chair (Steve MacAvery)
 - Correspondence (2 letters: Annandale micro hydro power project, Dutchess air quality information request)
 - EMC CCE funds (Michelle Gluck)
 - Liaison to CAC’s report (Shannon Fatum)
 - NYSACC membership (Shannon Fatum)
- 7:20 - 8:20 Projects & Subcommittee Reports
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - Climate Change & Alternative Energy
 - Public Outreach
 - Road Salt
 - Green Infrastructure
- 8:20 – 8:30pm Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities
- 8:30pm Other Business & Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Next EMC meeting: June 26, 2019



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Shannon Fatum		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik		X
John Paraskeva	X	
Yvette Valdes Smith		X
Candis Sunderland	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Ed Hogarty, EMC Webmaster	X	
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Simone Gleicher	X	
Mike Herzog (Village of Millbrook CAC)	X	
Dion Sunderland	X	
Carolyn Klocker, CCEDC	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman’s comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of the April 2019 meeting: a motion was made by Candis Sunderland to approve the minutes, 2nd by Steve MacAvery, all present were in favor.

Website update: Ed Hogarty reviewed plug-ins for the website, specifically for events and social media. A discussion ensued about content, who would post and if this would be consistent with the enabling legislation for EMC. Steve MacAvery will check with the chair of the Legislature’s environment committee for comments.

Membership update: Steve MacAvery informed the committee that the reappointments and possible new appointments will be on the Legislature's July 2019 agenda.

Correspondence: There is an email from Nick Joseph, assistant to the chair of the legislature with a request for information about air quality compliance and gasoline prices. Simone, Vicky & Steve researched the issue and will respond to the email. Also, a letter was received via certified mail regarding a micro hydropower project draft application. Steve MacAvery will circulate the letter to members for comment.

EMC CCE funds: Michelle Gluck reported that the EMC has \$2981.85 remaining in IBM grant funds in a CCEDC account.

Liaison to CAC's: Shannon Fatum was not in attendance.

NYSACC membership: Shannon Fatum in absentia agreed to register the EMC for NYSACC

Project & Subcommittee Reports:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – (Vicky Kelly, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi)

Vicky Kelly informed the group of work that she and a colleague at Cary Institute are doing on recycling that will result in a presentation in September.

Candis Sunderland informed the group of a draft resolution developed by Nick Page, which is a partial ban on plastic serve ware, i.e., plastic forks, plates, cups etc. The goal is to encourage compostable and reusable serve ware by food service establishments and the county government. Candis will circulate the draft and the group will develop a response by the EMC.

Michelle Gluck discussed the Pollution Prevention Institute proposal that CCEDC will be submitting at the end of May. It includes training for businesses / food establishments, residents, and municipalities on single use plastic prevention campaigns. Two workshops are planned with guest speakers to talk about how to implement a single-use plastics elimination. Metrics to gauge success will involve a signed pledge by businesses to reduce by a specific amount by a specific date. A survey will be designed to follow up with the businesses in one year. Residential sector training would include a training for CAC/EMC members at the February 2020 round table meeting. The EMC would provide support for this part of the project. Tasks for the project include: 1. Forming a steering committee, 2. Education for residents & municipalities to gather information to share at training, 3. Business workshops 4. Evaluation 5. Project legacy building and next steps such as sharing with other CCE's or divisions of solid waste management, EMC's and CAC's. The group discussed a letter of commitment from the EMC.

Climate Change & Alternative Energy – (Vicky Kelly, Susan Hecht, Candis Sunderland, Connie Kustas) no reports

Public Outreach – (TBD)

Road Salt – (Vicky Kelly, John Paraskeva) John informed the group of a discussion he had with his highway superintendent about keeping records of salt distributed. Vicky Kelly discussed a

potential project in the County to measure the actual impact of best management practices on the environment.

Green Infrastructure – (Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi, Connie Kustas) no reports

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities: Pete Berasi reported that the County purchased the Lake Walton site in East Fishkill from Scenic Hudson.

Carolyn Klocker discussed migration to a new listserve.

Other Business:

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Berasi. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is June 26, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.