



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 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	
Candis Sunderland	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Ed Hogarty, EMC Webmaster	X	
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman’s comments: In Steve MacAvery’s absence, vice chair Shannon Fatum welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Website update: Ed Hogarty discussed the use of social media. Vicky Kelly suggested that the group create a mission statement for maintaining a Facebook page, which can be used when seeking approval from the legislature for an EMC Facebook page. Shannon Fatum offered to help develop the mission statement, Vicky Kelly offered to maintain a Facebook page with the caveat that members will need to help submit content.

Membership update: Shannon Fatum confirmed that there are currently 3 vacancies on the council. More information will be forthcoming at the September EMC meeting.

Correspondence: Vicky Kelly received a message from Steve MacAvery that EMC received approval from the chair of the legislature to submit supporting comments regarding a micro hydro project at Bard College. Vicky wrote a short message indicating EMC's support for the project.

EMC CCE funds: Michelle Gluck reported that the EMC has \$2981.85 remaining in IBM grant funds in a CCEDC account. The \$75.00 for NYSACC membership will be drawn from this account.

Liaison to CAC's: Shannon Fatum reported that she has contacted Westchester & New York City EMC's.

NYSACC membership: Shannon Fatum reported that the application for membership is complete and payment was submitted. All members will receive posts from NYACC and newsletters via email.

Household Hazardous Waste: discussion was tabled until September

Project & Subcommittee Reports:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – (Vicky Kelly, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi). Candis Sunderland reported on the EPA Waste Wise program. Vicky Kelly reported that the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force is investigating this program as a potential action for CSC certification for the County.

Climate Change & Alternative Energy – (Vicky Kelly, Susan Hecht, Candis Sunderland, Connie Kustas) Michelle Gluck reported that the County with the help of CCEDC, has submitted documents to NY DEC for CSC certification. The DEC will review each submittal. The expectation is that not all will be approved. The next submittal deadline is January 2020. Vicky Kelly reported that the County submitted a grant request in partnership with the Hudson Valley Regional Council to run a series of workshops for the County and CAC's in the region to develop greenhouse gas inventories and a climate action plans, two actions that are key to attaining CSC certification.

Public Outreach – (TBD) Refer to the discussion about Facebook and liaison to CAC's.

Road Salt – (Vicky Kelly, John Paraskeva) Vicky Kelly reported that recent scientific literature suggests that green infrastructure practices may route road salt to groundwater, resulting in unexpected groundwater pollution. Research is ongoing by the scientific community.

Green Infrastructure – (Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi, Connie Kustas) Refer to discussion in road salt and updates from the legislature/es-officios.

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities:

Michelle Gluck reported that the CCEDC Low Impact Development forum will be on stream corridor protection and well aquifer protection. Sean Carroll of CCEDC is developing the forum.

The tentative date is October 10, 2019. The forum is in collaboration with the Dutchess County Planning Federation. Speakers will be Russell Urban-Mead and Ted Fink.

Other Business: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Berasi. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is September 25, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.