



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 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: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting.

A motion to accept, as amended, the minutes of the September 2019 meeting was made by Peter Berasi, with a second by Candis Sunderland; all approved with Vicky Kelly abstaining. A motion to accept, as amended, the October 2019 meeting minutes was made by Steve MacAvery, with a second by Peter Berasi; all approved with Shannon Fatum abstaining.

Website update: no report. Michelle Gluck will send Ed Hogarty some material on the plastics prevention project.

Membership update: Steve MacAvery reported that there have not been any new appointments to the EMC and will follow up with the Legislature in January. Steve will also inquire about a liaison to the EMC from the legislature.

Correspondence: none

EMC CCE funds: Michelle Gluck reported that the EMC has \$2810.85 remaining in IBM grant funds in a CCEDC account. Steve MacAvery will inquire about County funds for the EMC.

Liaison to CAC's: no reports

NYSACC membership: no reports

Household Hazardous Waste: Steve MacAvery will inquire about if and how many HHW drop-off events are scheduled in the 2020 budget.

2020 Meeting Calendar: Meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: January 22, February 25 (CAC EMC Roundtable), March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 and December 2. Vicky Kelly will check to make sure the director's room at the Farm & Home Center is available on these dates and the dates are placed on the CCEDC calendar.

Project & Subcommittee Reports:

Environmental Advocacy Group Websites (Candis Sunderland, Shannon Fatum): Shannon reported that Riverkeeper has an upcoming event, the Watershed Breakfast Series, with a lecture called Keeping Asian Carp out of the Hudson by Stuart Findlay. The event is scheduled for December 12, 8:00 – 9:30 am at the Plaza Diner in New Paltz. Shannon also recommends a NYPIRG report called 'What's in My Water'.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – (Vicky Kelly, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi). The group discussed hosting a repair café.

Climate Change & Alternative Energy – (Vicky Kelly, Susan Hecht, Candis Sunderland, Connie Kustas). Steve reported on the Climate Smart Community Task Force, which will regroup and meet in January to discuss pursuing silver certification.

Public Outreach – Steve MacAvery reported that there has not been any communication from the Legislature about the EMC Facebook page and he will follow up in January.

Road Salt – (Vicky Kelly, John Paraskeva) no reports

Green Infrastructure – (Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi, Connie Kustas) Steve MacAvery reported that he investigated salt contamination from green infrastructure practices and based on a few early studies: infiltration practices can become hot spots for salt; there appears to be a relationship between the amount of organic matter in the soil and the ability of the practice to retain metals; and an increased salt content in the water impairs the ability of the soil to remove and retain metals.

Also, the City of Poughkeepsie will reconstruct the parking lot off of Cannon Street using porous pavement and other green infrastructure practices; there will be a meeting about this on

December 17, 5:00-6:00 pm at 40 Cannon St. in Poughkeepsie. This project could be model for other municipalities to follow.

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities: Michelle Gluck shared an article about the plastics prevention grant published in the Northern Dutchess News and about the kickoff event at the Chamber of Commerce Expo. The steering committee will meet in mid-December. Candis Sunderland is the representative from the EMC on the steering committee. The committee will discuss an event that will fulfill the IBM grant requirements for 2020. The CAC/EMC roundtable talk will be about single-use plastics including Michelle, and potentially someone from the County and State about the plastic bag campaign.

Other Business: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Candis Sunderland. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is January 22, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.