



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2020**

Due to the COVID19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Cuomo’s executive order 202.28, which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Law, this meeting was held via the teleconferencing program, Zoom and recorded.

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Shannon Fatum		X
James Fredrickson		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Sarka Leff	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik		X
John Paraskeva	X	
Nancy Severns	X	
Candis Sunderland	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning & Development		X
Michael Woods, CCEDC	X	
Sergei Krasikov, Beacon CAC	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman’s comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the July 2020 meeting was made by Candis Sunderland with a second by John Paraskeva; all were in favor.

EMC Member Terms: Steve welcomed three new members: Nancy Severns, Sarka Leff and James Fredrickson (unable to attend this meeting), and announced the reappointment of Pete Berasi, Lalita Malik & John Paraskeva.

EMC Chair: Steve MacAvery discussed chairmanship, he has been chair for 6 years and offered to relinquish the position and encourages all to consider taking on the role of chair.

Reports:

IBM Grant: Pete Berasi reported that CCEDC has to complete registration on the IBM grants portal and agree to the requirements, which are reasonable. Michelle Gluck reported that Rebecca Alons of CCEDC is in the process of registering with IBM. Michael Woods offered to follow-up and report back to the group regarding the registration. Pete Berasi explained the IBM grants.

Single Use Plastics Pollution Prevention Campaign: Michelle Gluck and Candis Sunderland reported that this is the last month of the current campaign. The goal of the campaign is to gather and disseminate information. Eight businesses, focused on food service establishments participated in a focus group. A web page was developed. CCEDC did not receive the funding to continue the campaign into 2021. The 2020 campaign will end in September after a final SUPPP steering committee meeting at which recommendations for follow-up and continuation of the work will be discussed. The film 'The Story of Plastic' is available for free to organizations that host the showing. Michelle suggested EMC host the showing with panelists in the fall-winter. The group prescreen the film and decide at the September meeting if we would like to host the screening with panelists. Michelle provided the following link <https://www.storyofplastic.org/>

Household Hazardous Waste: Vicky Kelly and Steve MacAvery reported that Vassar College intern, Sean Hussey, completed his report, which was circulated to the group. The EMC will review the report and make a recommendation to the legislature. Discussion of the EMC's recommendations will occur at the September meeting.

2019 Annual Report: Steve MacAvery reported that he has made progress on the report.

Activities by Environmental Advocacy Group Websites, e.g., Riverkeeper, NYPIRG, other (Shannon, Candis, others): Candis Sunderland participated in the Climate Action Council webinar. They are setting up 6 working groups for targeting Governor Cuomo's CLCPA guidelines: a transportation advisory panel, land use panel, power generating panel, energy efficiency in housing panel, and energy trade panel. Each will eventually collaborate on overlap of outcomes. A climate justice working group will be a separate in-house group but an overarching goal for all panels. Measurement of calculating GHG was discussed. The goal of all panels will be how to reach 2030 and 2050 GHG emission goals.

EMC Facebook Page: Steve MacAvery reported that he contacted the EMC legislative representative, Steve Caswell who responded that he will look into the request.

Other Business: Sergei Krasikov from Beacon CAC reported that they completed a NRI, and are working on an open space inventory and more. A Sustainable Beacon white paper was developed. They are working with CCEDC on a Climate Action Plan. Household Hazardous

Waste is also an issue of concern in Beacon. Michelle Gluck reported that CCEDC is planning a forum for late October, a follow-up to a learn your land series on invasive species.

A motion to adjourn was made by Candis Sunderland. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is September 23, 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.