



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2023**

**This meeting was held by Zoom**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
James Fredrickson	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas	X	
John Paraskeva	X	
Nancy Severns	X	
Candis Sunderland	X	
Lora Schilling	X	
Keri Ann Wright	X	
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Devin Rigolino, Dutchess County Dept. Planning & Development	X	
Kelsey West, CCEDC	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman’s comments: Jim Fredrickson welcomed all to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the December 2022 meeting was made by Nancy Severns with a second by Candis Sunderland; all were in favor.

Joining NYSACC: Sean sent a message to NYSACC inquiring about joining. Kelsey reported that the payment will be linked to our membership.

Correspondence:

Email from Stancy DuHamel to Vicky Kelly about a proposal before the Dover Planning Board to build a substation on a parcel across Route 22 from the Cricket Valley Energy Center. The developer is NY Transco, a subsidiary of ConEd Transmission. The Public Comment period is currently open. Transco's proposed substation would support the ConEd + Cricket Valley Energy + Iroquois Pipeline industrial energy complex that is building out eastwards towards along the ConEd ROW & owned parcels. The effects of this expansion - from West Mountain, across Dover Plains and Wingdale, and up East Mountain to the CT border - are cumulative. Stancy is assisting in getting in touch with stakeholders, one of which is Natural Resources. Her goal is to solicit Public Comments. The group decided that we need more information before we comment. Devin will forward information about the proposal. See [www.savedover.org](http://www.savedover.org)

Website update: Renewal will be on Feb. 7, 2023; Carolyn Klocker will submit payment on behalf of the EMC.

Draft revised enabling legislation: Devin reported that he spoke with Eoin Wrafter, Department of Planning & Development Commissioner about this. Vicky will write a bulleted list of the differences between the original and draft revised legislation and circulate it to the group.

Funds Update:

Kelsey reported no changes to the IBM funds and that they don't have information about the 2023 budget yet.

Reports:

Natural Resource Inventory for Dutchess County (all): Devin reported that the Planning Department is expecting to receive first drafts of sections by end of the month, after which the advisory committee will review them. Meetings are scheduled with Office of Central Information Services (OCIS) and Dutchess County Transportation Council about interactive mapping programs. Lora talked about a wetland bank in La Grange that provides wetland mitigation possibilities.

Road Salt (Vicky, Candis, Jim, John): Vicky reported that she was interviewed for the December issue of Audubon magazine. The group discussed the forum. Jim & Vicky will meet to discuss forming a steering committee to put together a forum. John reported about a meeting in Putnam County with East Fishkill highway personnel, after which East Fishkill began pursuing brine use. Sharing brine with Putnam has upended with the change in political positions in Putnam County. Vicky reported that there has been no change in the last 26 years in salt use by DOT substations that service the roads in the watershed she studies.

Environmental Advocacy Group Monitoring Updates (Nancy, Candis):

Nancy reported the following:

SaveLaGrange.org, a community led organization trying to stop a hot mix asphalt plant on Commerce Street from being approved by Town Board. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is to be held 22 February.

Hudson Clearwater: no organizational news but summarized four regulations signed by Gov. Hochul:

Cumulative Impacts Bill (require comprehensive evaluation of pre-existing environmental and public health stressors in the community surrounding the location of any newly proposed facilities.)

30 by 30 bill mandates the protection of 30% of the state's land and water by 2030

Digital Fair Right to Repair bill: made New York the first state in the nation to guarantee the right to repair digital electronic parts and equipment by requiring manufacturers to make diagnostic and repair information available.

Carpet Stewardship Law (S.5027-C / A.9279-A) requires carpet manufacturers to establish a program for the collection and recycling of discarded or unused carpeting.

Candis reported the following:

1. Environmental Notice Bulletin- A draft permit has been prepared for: Semiconductor Components Industries LLC aka Onsemi East Fishkill Facility, Hudson Valley Research Park. 2070 St Rte 52. Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, Formerly known as GlobalFoundries East Fishkill Facility. The potential to emit (PTE) values of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and CO<sub>2</sub>e (including equivalents) are above major source thresholds as specified in 6 NYCRR Part 201 and therefore the facility is required to obtain a Title V permit. There are several air pollution controls onsite. Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than Feb 24, 2023.
2. A Public Service Commission Session will be in person and virtual on February 16, 2023 10:30-1:00. Agenda to be released Friday before the session.
3. NY Climate Action Council voted Monday Dec 19th to approve the plan (I assume the Scoping Plan) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70% by 2040. The new phase is crafting regulations.

Other Business:

Lora Schilling discussed developing a green infrastructure project. Devin will send the link to the greenway guides and Lora will look at them to assess. Another idea is to review the local ordinances and check with CCEDC on this.

New member Kerri Ann Wright introduced herself to the group. Introductions were made around the screen.

The group discussed batteries on large solar installations and the potential environmental issues. Kerri Ann Wright offered to brief the group on this issue at the next EMC meeting. Devin discussed the county's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) task force, which hasn't met in a few months, but will reconvene soon. The county is working on a CAPI project, which will create a climate action plan for the County. The County is pursuing CSC silver status.

Devin asked about vacancies on the EMC and the website and asked for updates to the membership. Vicky will follow up.

Devin discussed the final scoping plan of the CLCPA, which will affect local governments. Upcoming will be implementation of the act including committees, which may appropriate for EMC to form or join.

The group decided to meet via zoom in February and with the CAC/EMC forum in March but in person/hybrid in April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Severns. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is February 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.