



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 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	
Lora Schilling	X	
Keri Ann Wright		
<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 7:03 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the September 2023 meeting was made by Peter Berasi with a second by Lora Schilling; all were in favor.

Correspondence: Email forwarded to the group from Waste Not Want Not: A Start-Up In Dutchess that seeks to Accelerate Pro-Climate Connection, Learning, & Action

Website update: No new updates

Funds Update: Devin updated the group on the use of funds for training. They are pursuing purchasing supplies, including rain barrel making materials.

EMC Members: no new updates

Legislature's Environment Committee Chair Invite to Meeting: tabled until after election, i.e., January.

Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance: Jim updated the group that they met last week and are working on bylaws and organizing.

Solid Waste Management: Vicky emailed documents to the group for review. From previous discussion, the group discussed reviewing the plan and commenting, especially with regard to how the County can reach its recycling and waste reduction goals. One of the things we could do is develop a report that lists the town zoning laws that restrict development of community composting or organics recycling.

Reports:

Climate Smart Communities Update: Devin gave an overview of County government GHG Inventories & Climate Action Plans.

Natural Resource Inventory: Devin gave an overview of the NRI staging website and the map app.

Other Business:

Devin informed the group of plans for a watershed group roundtable with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance at the Farm & Home Center in November.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicky Kelly. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.