

# Dutchess County Environmental Management Council (DCEMC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 30, 2013

**Attendance:** 

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Barbara Barosa	X	
Pete Berasi		X
Bob Cohen	X	
John DeGilio	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed	X	
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik	X	
Paul Quinn	X	
Chris Robbins	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Zywia Wojnar, CCEDC	X	
Ruth Moore, CCEDC	X	
Joel Tyner, Dutchess County Legislature	X	
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## **Administrative Items:**

- Meeting minutes for the September 25, 2013 meeting were approved with changes with a motion by Paul Quinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marsha Leed.
- Changes to the enabling legislation for the EMC were discussed. Draft changes were reviewed in a meeting with Kealy Salomon who made several suggestions. Changes will be made and the document resent to EMC members for review. The request for the Legislature to adopt the changes will be made after January 1, 2014.

# **Email Correspondence:**

Zywia Wojnar discovered mail that is sent to the EMC care of the CCEDC and will scan the
pertinent information and send to members. After this, she will bring mail to the EMC
meetings.

## **Updates on EMC Projects, Subcommittee Reports & Homework:**

- Subcommittee Reports
  - 1. Road Salt Reduction (Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly): Vicky reported on a talk she did at Columbia Greene Community College about road salt at which a question was raised

- about the effects of increased infiltration efforts along roadsides to reduce flooding on groundwater concentrations of road salt and other contaminants. This is an issue that may become important in the future.
- 2. Recycling (Bob Cohen, Lalita Malik): No new reports.
- 3. Energy Conservation & Renewables (Lalita Malik, Marsha Leed): Vicky Kelly wrote a short introduction for the "What's New" section of the EMC website to introduce the articles written by Lalita Malik for the Poughkeepsie Journal. The articles are all posted on the website and available for download.
- 4. Low Impact Development (Steve MacAvery, Marsha Leed, Peter Berasi, Barbara Barosa): The new greenway guide on green infrastructure is complete will be rolled out with the rest of the Greenway Guide in November 2013. After the rollout, Steve will send a copy to John for posting on the website. After this, the subcommittee will switch focus to code review. The subcommittee will review 2-3 LID codes or regulations with the goal of writing a standard code that can be used by municipal planners. Barbara Barosa has joined this subcommittee.
- 5. Climate Change (Chris Robbins, Vicky Kelly): John DeGilio discussed a lecture done by Vicky Kelly on the impacts of climate change in Dutchess County for his Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies course. Chris presented the group with a summary of resources available for communities on energy efficiency and climate change resiliency. The document is in draft form and Chris asked the group to review it for additional information. The document will be presented at the annual CAC/EMC roundtable scheduled for January 2014.

### Updates from CACs/Municipalities/Ex-Officio Members/ DC Legislature

- 1. Paul Quinn updated the committee on the verbal request from the Tick Task Force about 4-poster feeding stations. The request is unclear so Paul will ask for a written explanation of exactly what the request entails. The issue is tabled until further notice.
- 2. Joel Tyner asked for action by individuals on the revised well testing initiative and on a proposal to place a new high voltage power line in the town of Clinton.

## **Other Business:**

1. The next regular EMC meeting is on December 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Farm & Home Center. This is a change from the previously scheduled date of December 4.

### Adjournment:

• The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Paul Quinn.

Minutes were prepared by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.