



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi	X	
Shannon Fatum		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Marsha Leed (resigned)		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik		X
John Paraskeva	X	
Yvette Valdes Smith		X
Candis Sunderland	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Ed Hogarty, EMC Webmaster	X	
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Susan Karnes Hecht Town of Poughkeepsie CAC, CCL	X	
Simone Gleicher	X	

Chairman's comments: Steve MacAvery's welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of the March 2019 meeting: a motion was made by Steve MacAvery to approve the minutes, 2nd by Susan Hecht, all present were in favor.

Website update: Ed Hogarty made changes to the website that he proposed at the March meeting. All are requested to look at the website and suggest category changes and additions. The potential for a forum was discussed. Michelle Gluck informed the group that the existing CAC/EMC Yahoo listserve has a forum function. However, CCEDC will be moving the listserve from Yahoo to a Cornell listserve called Lyris, which doesn't have a forum function. The group discussed other ways to encourage and allow group discussions, including Facebook. Plugins can

be added to the website that would allow group communication. Ed agreed to send 3 examples of different plugins that we can consider.

Membership update and EMC chair: Steve MacAvery informed the group that, with the resignations of Marsha Leed and John DeGilio, there are currently 2 openings. In addition, the following people are up for reappointment June 30, 2019: Connie Kustas, Shannon Fatum, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery and Yvette Valdes Smith. Steve offered the position of chair to anyone interested. All present agreed that he is a good chairman and he agreed to fill the position for the coming year.

Correspondence: We received an email from Nick Joseph, assistant to the chair of the legislature with a request for information about air quality compliance and gasoline prices. Steve MacAvery will draft and circulate a response.

EMC CCE funds: Michelle Gluck reported that the EMC has \$2981.85 remaining in IBM grant funds in a CCEDC account.

Liaison to CAC's: No updates as Shannon Fatum was not in attendance.

NYSACC membership: Steve MacAvery will ask Shannon Fatum to follow through on joining this organization.

Citizen's Climate Lobby Request: The EMC was asked to endorse HR 763, The Energy Innovation Act. Steve MacAvery informed the group that such an endorsement may overstep the EMC's role as defined by the EMC's enabling legislation. The group discussed the pros and cons of fulfilling this request. Vicky Kelly made a motion to endorse HR763, Susan Hecht seconded the motion. The motion failed with five members opposed. Susan Hecht made a motion for the EMC to recommend to the legislature that they hear CCL make a presentation about HR 763, Vicky Kelly seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion failed with 5 opposed. Pete Berasi made a motion with a second by Candis Sunderland that the minutes reflect that, although the EMC did not agree to endorse HR 763, the EMC would like to convey to the legislature that climate change is a significant impending environmental disaster and the County should be addressing it with all the tools in its toolbox. All were in favor of this motion.

Project & Subcommittee Reports: (Identifying membership, we suggest that all EMC members be on at least 1 to 2 subcommittees. Steve will solicit interest in the subcommittees from the EMC members who were not present.)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – (Vicky Kelly, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi)

Climate Change & Alternative Energy – (Susan Hecht, Candis Sunderland)

Public Outreach – (TBD)

Road Salt – (Vicky Kelly, John Paraskeva)

Green Infrastructure – (Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi)

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities:

Susan Hecht informed the group that the Town of Poughkeepsie CAC is moving forward with NRI development, trail-building and formation of a climate smart communities task force.

Candis Sunderland informed the group that the LaGrange CAC appointed a CSC task force, and Maung Htoo will be the chair of the task force.

Michelle Gluck discussed a NYS Pollution Prevention Institute Grant opportunity; \$10,000-\$20,000 grants are available. Applications are due at the end of May 2019. This is potentially a way for CCEDC and EMC to cooperate on a specific pollution prevention project. The grant precludes recycling per se and focuses on pollution prevention. A project to address plastic pollution through a county-wide campaign could suffice. The grant provides only 5% for overhead, which does not meet the CCEDC requirement of 15% overhead. The question was raised if the EMC would cover the difference in overhead and if IBM grant funds could be used. Pete Berasi confirmed that the IBM grant can be used for this purpose. Vicky Kelly made a motion with a second by Pete Berasi to allocate funds from the EMC's IBM grant funds to cover the 10% overhead for a proposal that CCEDC and EMC develops for this grant opportunity up to a maximum of \$20,000. All were in favor.

Upon successful award of the PPI grant to CCEDC, Pete Berasi will strive to submit a grant request to IBM in the amount of \$2,000 for 2019 in conjunction with fulfillment of a volunteer opportunity provided by execution of the PPI grant project.

Other Business:

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Berasi. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is May 22, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.