



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi		X
Shannon Fatum		X
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Stephen MacAvery	X	
Lalita Malik		X
John Paraskeva	X	
Candis Sunderland		X
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Ed Hogarty, EMC Webmaster		
Sean Carroll, CCEDC	X	

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

Minutes of the September 2019 meeting: because attendance was low, a vote on approval was postponed until the December 4 meeting.

Website update: Steve MacAvery reported that the 'who to contact about joining the EMC' was moved. The press release about the Plastic Pollution Prevention grant can be placed in the What's New section. Dates for many events are past and the question was raised about whether there is a widget that clears the past dated events automatically. Steve agreed to contact Ed Hogarty about this.

EMC CCE funds: Sean Carroll reported that the EMC has \$2810.85 remaining in IBM grant funds in a CCEDC account. The group discussed the need to ensure that we maintain the amount needed to cover the 10% overhead of the Plastics Prevention grant. Sean will check with CCEDC and report back on the procedure for transferring the funds, i.e., whether it is a lump sum or

regular payments. There is a need for a new discussion with Pete Berasi about the new submittal for a new IBM grant.

Membership update: Steve MacAvery reported that several members were reappointed and that there are still 3 vacancies on the EMC. Sean Carroll will send a message via the CCEDC newsletter and Facebook page to recruit new members.

Correspondence: Vicky Kelly received a message from a person interested in increasing traffic to our website as well as an inquiry about membership in the EMC from a person who currently sits on the CSC Task Force, Education & Outreach subcommittee.

NYSACC membership: Sean Carroll will follow up with CCEDC to make sure payment was made for membership.

Liaison to CAC's: no reports.

Household Hazardous Waste: The group decided to investigate the proposal for a permanent facility and comment on that if it's still in the works. Forming a subcommittee about this topic was also discussed.

Project & Subcommittee Reports:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – (Vicky Kelly, Candis Sunderland, Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi). Vicky Kelly discussed a talk by Kerry Russell the County's Recycling Educator who discussed recycling at Cary Institute. The group will request a meeting with her to discuss recycling at a future EMC meeting.

Climate Change & Alternative Energy – (Vicky Kelly, Susan Hecht, Candis Sunderland, Connie Kustas) Steve MacAvery reported that the County was approved as a Bronze level Climate Smart Community. Brad Barclay and Steve MacAvery will present to the legislature on November 7 about the CSC Bronze level attainment.

Public Outreach – Steve MacAvery reported that there has not been any communication from the Legislature about the EMC Facebook page.

Road Salt – (Vicky Kelly, John Paraskeva) John Paraskeva reported that, on a trip to Alaska, he discovered that gravel is used on roads instead of salt. Vicky Kelly reported a new study that found a 45% reduction in salt when roads were pretreated with brine.

Green Infrastructure – (Steve MacAvery, Pete Berasi, Connie Kustas) Steve MacAvery reported that the group discussed the impact of retention systems on increasing the retention of road salt in groundwater but could find no literature on the issue. Vicky agreed to send the papers in the scientific literature that have found the phenomenon.

Updates from Legislature/Ex-Officios/CACs/Municipalities: Sean Carroll shared the Single Use Plastic Pollution Prevention grant press release, Candis Sunderland volunteered via email to be on the steering committee for the grant.

Other Business: none

A motion to adjourn was made by John Paraskeva. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is December 4, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.