Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020

Due to the COVID19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.1, which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Law, this meeting was held via the teleconferencing program, Zoom and recorded.

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		
Michelle Gluck, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning & Development	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman's comments: Steve MacAvery welcomed all to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the April 2020 meeting was made by Brad Barclay with a correction to the spelling of his name, with a second by Candis Sunderland; all were in favor.

Reports:

IBM Grant: Michelle Gluck reported that the check has not been received yet by CCEDC.

Single Use Plastics Prevention Campaign:
Michelle updated the group about the current SUPP campaign. She created a SUPP hashtag #dutchessSUPPP for people to tag posts that have to do with reducing single use plastics. The goal for number of people reached for the grant has been met. The NCLI students created a short video about reducing plastic pollution. The EMC committed 100 hours of support for 2020. To date, the total EMC has spent is 30 hours. The group discussed a Facebook live event in which they share personal stories about reducing plastic pollution. Vicky Kelly will contact Dutchess Department of Solid Waste to ask about potentially working on a road clean-up event as many walkers are picking up garbage on their own. Perhaps we can develop a program similar to adopt-a-highway but not a specific highway.

At a special meeting on May 20, 2020, Steve MacAvery, Lalita Malik, Shannon Fatum, Candis Sunderland, Pete Berasi, Vicky Kelly and Michelle Gluck discussed EMC support for a 2021 Single Use Plastic Grant to be submitted by CCEDC. Steve MacAvery made a motion with a second by Lalita Malik 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 $15,000. All were in favor. The project requires 50 hours of EMC support.

NYSACC Membership: Shannon Fatum contacted the administrator and got no response to her email or phone call. Shannon will attempt to contact them again. If she gets no response, we will not renew membership and will send a message to the County of our decision and the savings for the county.

Household Hazardous Waste: Vicky Kelly will reach out to Rebecca Edwards to set up a meeting to rethink the project and discover what she has done with her intern. Vicky will send an email to Eoin Wrafter, Brad Barclay and Steve MacAvery. The EMC can perhaps generate an investigative report about how Dutchess compares with other counties and townships.

Hudson Valley Regional Airport Master Plan: We received an email with a request for assistance to identify sensitive environmental areas within the vicinity and other environmental issues. Steve will draft a response in which we refer them to the NRI and some other resources that we would use to investigate this.

Other Business:

Candis Sunderland reported on webinars she attended, including, online training by New Yorkers for Clean Power 'The Role of Energy Storage," on May 12th a New Yorkers for Clean Energy, "Workforce Development for a Just Transition," Composting at Home: The Basics, and Cary Institute: Forests Adrift.

Steve reported that he will draft an annual report for 2019.

Shared in the chat:
From Michelle Gluck to Everyone: 07:38 PM
#dutchessSUPPP
https://www.instagram.com/dutchessncli/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDD6VAUgwBM

A motion to adjourn was made by Lalita Malik. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is June 24, 2020, likely to be held via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.