



**Dutchess County
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021**

Attendance:

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Pete Berasi		X
James Fredrickson	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
Sarka Leff		X
John Paraskeva	X	
Nancy Severns	X	
Candis Sunderland	X	
Ex Officio, CAC Members & Others		
Carolyn Klocker, CCEDC	X	
Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Planning Dept	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman's comments: Jim Fredrickson welcomed all to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the June 2021 meeting minutes was made by John Paraskeva with changes described below, with a second by Nancy Severns; Vicky Kelly abstained, all others were in favor. John Paraskeva amended the minutes in the Road Salt section to replace all text after necessary with 'daily life'.

Correspondence: none

Website update: Vicky requested a change to members list on the website. CCEDC paid the website bill to be covered by the County funds for the EMC.

Draft Revised EMC Enabling Legislation: Jim will contact Steve Caswell about this.

Subcommittee Reports & Updates:

Environmental Advocacy Group Monitoring (Candis, Nancy): Nancy reported on Sierra Club had no new reports and Bluestone Wild Forest requires an EIS to be done. Nancy with Catskill Mountainkeeper met with Congressman Jacobson who requested support on a proposal to study the option to bury all power lines. Nancy is also following a proposal on bitcoin mining, which use a lot of energy and are being run by individuals who run servers using old coal fired plants. Hudson River Watershed Alliance is planning its annual conference. Candis reported that Danskammer issue is heating up because DEC's public comment period is open until August 31. Many groups are asking for groups to sign their statements. In-person (Marlboro High School) and virtual public comment periods are scheduled. NYS Climate Action Council met on July 22 but the meeting recording not yet available. NYPIRG has compiled drinking water profiles available on their website. You can put in a zip code and get contaminants lists.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (including Household Hazardous Waste) (Candis, Vicky, Sarka): no new reports

Climate Change & Alternative Energy (Vicky, Jim): Brad discussed the CSC work which will reconvene in September. Jim will replace Steve MacAvery as co-coordinator with Brad.

Road Salt (Vicky, John, Jim): no new reports

Green Infrastructure (Pete, Jim, Sarka, Nancy, Connie): no new reports

Other Business:

Carolyn reported that the EMC has \$3223.82 in CCEDC accounts.

Brad discussed farm and other development in the County via the Partnership for Manageable Growth.

Jim discussed his vision for the future of the council. He discussed concentrating on what we can affect locally, e.g., pollinator pathways or road salt reduction. The group decided to send to Jim ideas for what to discuss. The group discussed exactly how we would affect local change with the information we report.

Vicky discussed Zoom meetings and the possibility of occasional EMC meetings via Zoom.

Jim will set up a tour of Recycle Depot in Poughkeepsie.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Severns. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.