



**Dutchess County  
Environmental Management Council (DCEMC)  
Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2022**

**This meeting was held by Zoom**

**Attendance:**

<b>At-Large Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pete Berasi	X	
James Fredrickson	X	
Vicky Kelly	X	
Constance Kustas		X
John Paraskeva		X
Nancy Severns	X	
Candis Sunderland	X	
Lora Schilling	X	
Keri Ann Wright		
<b>Ex Officio, CAC Members &amp; Others</b>		
Devin Rigolino, Dutchess County Dept. Planning & Development	X	
Kelsey West, CCEDC		
Sean Carroll, CCEDC	X	

Welcome/Intro/Chairman's comments: Jim Fredrickson welcomed all to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the October 2022 meeting was made by Candis Sunderland with a second by Nancy Severns; all were in favor.

Joining NYSACC: Sean will follow up with Carolyn Klocker before the end of the year.

Correspondence:  
Several emails from NYSACC

Website update: We received an email request to post information from an independent ConsumerNotice.org on our website. We discussed via email and opted to decline as some of the content was not consistent with our roles.

Jim will follow up on draft revised legislation.

Funds Update: Jim reported that we have \$3723.82 in our IBM account. Jim requested that we charge the NYSACC membership to our county funds.

#### 2023 Meeting Dates:

January 25

February 22

March TBA – CAC/EMC Roundtable

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

December 6

#### Reports:

Natural Resource Inventory for Dutchess County (all): Sean reported that Kelsey, Vicky & he met to discuss the climate chapter. The next meeting of the steering committee will likely be mid-late January when there should be some content to review.

Road Salt (Vicky, Candis, Jim, John): Jim discussed a forum and a meeting with legislators and Bob Wyant. Candis discussed a meeting at the Putnam County facility about brine use. Tom Knapp of East Fishkill was at the meeting and expressed interest in using brine but it isn't clear if he has. The group discussed how to get more towns interested in pursuing brine use. Vicky will send an email to the CAC/EMC listserve suggesting that they pursue the issue with their town highway personnel with a potential field trip to the Rhinebeck facility.

#### Environmental Advocacy Group Monitoring Updates (Nancy, Candis):

Nancy reported the following:

Sierra Club, no organizational news. Conservation Committee was aware of SaveLaGrange.org, a community led organization trying to stop a hot mix asphalt plant on Commerce Street from being approved by Town Board. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was held 5 December but minutes were not yet posted. The applicant postponed the appeal until January 9, 2023.

Catskill Mountainkeeper no organizational news.

Hudson Clearwater no organizational news.

The Hudson River Watershed Alliance will have a Zoom webinar on 8 December at 0830 on dam removal case studies. Registration information at Lecture Series - Hudson River Watershed Alliance ([www.hudsonwatershed.org](http://www.hudsonwatershed.org))

Candis reported the following:

The permit for the LaGrange Asphalt Plant was denied but the applicants have appealed.

Other Business:

Lora reported on the NYSACC online annual meeting.

Devin reported on the east of Hudson management plan for all of the DEC owned lands; the due date for public comments is soon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Severns. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EMC is January 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vicky Kelly, Recording Secretary.