

**Ulster County Environmental Management Council  
Monthly Meeting, Howard C. St. John Room, SUNY Ulster  
April 27, 2011**

**Attendance:**

Ann Brandt, Woodstock, at large  
John Sansalone, Gardiner  
Virginia Stark, Hurley  
Catherine Quick, Esopus  
Dave Haldeman, Shawangunk  
Hank Bartosik, Rochester and Wawarsing  
Wm. A. More, at large  
Joseph Damrath, Saugerties  
Lillian Green, Rochester  
Julie Noble, at large (Kingston)  
Steve Noble, at large (Chairman)  
Joe Liuni, Rosendale

**Guest:**

Amanda LaValle, UC Dept. of Environment

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Steve Noble called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:**

Amanda LaValle gave updates on the following:

1. Sustainable Ulster Website is up and running.
2. Finalizing agreement with Central Hudson for retrofitting monies. There is \$140,00--70% for projects and 30% for reassignment of tax deductions. This comes at no cost to municipalities. Alliance Energy Solutions is a local electrical installer that is part of this program.
3. Department of Environment has finished the map for the tourism

guide. There will be 20,000 copies of the map printed. There will also be a copy in the Tourism Guide due out May 16<sup>th</sup>. You can view a copy of the map on the Ulster County website.

4. There was a Lower Esopus Group meeting in reference to the Ashokan water release assessment of the volume of release from the Lower Ashokan to the Esopus. TA questionnaire is available Online at <http://Ashokanrwg.org>
5. Hudson River Estuary awarded grants for environmental Protection. There is a \$30,000 grant to implement the Open space Program . It is to be used for creating better water Data.

### **Minutes:**

A draft of the EMC Report was distributed. John Sansalone made a motion to accept it with edited changes. Ann Brandt seconded the motion.

### **Old Business:**

Creek Week will be held September 17-25, 2011. There will be information on the website. Lillian Green informed the Commission that the Town of Rochester ECC will be holding their Creek Week earlier in the summer due to the low water levels in September.

### **New Business:**

The Ulster County EMC will be holding a CAC Roundtable during our June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at the lounge in Vanderlyn Hall, at 6:30 p.m. By the May meeting everything should be confirmed in reference to this event.

Amanda LaValle presented the UC Dept. of Environment Summary of 2011 Storm water Annual Report. Paper copies of the report were distributed to the Commission.

### **Round-About:**

Steve Noble-- Explained the Kingston Climate Action Plan. A contact person involved with this would be Rich Shaffo, State Parks Dept., City Hall Office 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Also mentioned was a grant for carbon emissions.

Lillian Green--Town of Rochester Creek week will be held earlier than the County September Event. The Town of Rochester Earth Day Event was held April 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Youth Commission.

Joseph Damrath--No news

Joe Liuni--Town of Rosendale voted to buy the Jappenberg property for \$85,000 from Open Space. Rosendale is having a Earth Fest on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Sportswise will be putting trout into the Esopus.

Wm. A. More--DEA sponsored Pharmaceutical Disposal the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can find information of this on the DEA website. It will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various locations in Kingston.

Hank Bartosik--Town of Wawarsing--said that there will be a DEP presentation at Town Hall in reference to the Wawarsing Tunnel leaks.

Dave Haldeman--Town of Shawangunk--informed the Commission of their seedling give away, a solar power talk and a Riparian Buffer presentation to their Board.

Catherine Quick--Town of Esopus--Informed Commission of their give away of saplings.

Virginia Stark--Town of Hurley--She said that she measures the turbidity of the stream on a monthly basis and informed of a site visit to a 32 acre parcel being given to the Town as a conservation easement on the site.

John Sansalone--Town of Gardiner--Informed Commission of a 20 to 50 acre farm being considered by Open Space which the Town will accept. His ECC also prepared a draft of a aqua protection law to the Town Board. This includes water supply regulations - Aquifer Law. In reference to the Wetland and Water source law a 2008 grant for

wetland mapping now (?) half of the Town. Lastly, the Town will be holding its Annual Cupcake Fest on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ann Brandt--Town of Woodstock--discussed a hydro racking protest. During the Earth Day Event she will have a table on Environmental issues and healthy eating habits. Ann also spoke about "alien invaders" in the form of EABs. She said that they are notifying people about these insects. Jim Hansen is giving a seminar on spotting the Ash Bore insects. She is also going to ask the Farmer's Market about having a table for information about the issues of land conservancy and local zoning laws.

John Sansalone made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. and Ann Brandt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Green, Recording Secretary