

COUNTY OF ULSTER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
FINAL MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Chairman Noble. The attendees introduced themselves.

Steve Noble, EMC Chair, At Large, Kingston
Ann Brandt, At Large, Woodstock, EMC Secretary
Julie Noble, At Large, Kingston
Kathy Nolan, Guest, Catskill Mountainkeeper
Lance Hoffman, Guest, Catskill Mountainkeeper
Virginia Starke, Hurley CAC
Cindy Lanzetta, At Large, Marlborough
William More, At Large, Kingston
Jorge Gomes, Rochester ECC
Dave Hildeman, Shawangunk
Pete Robbins, Marbletown ECC
Stuart Greenfield, Marbletown
Catherine Quick Town of Esopus
Amanda LaValle, UC Dept. Of Environment
Mary P. Burke, Woodstock EMC
Elizabeth Higgins, Kingston CAC
Joe Liuni, Rosendale

Guest Speakers Kathy Dolan and Lance Hoffman from Catskill Mountainkeeper made their presentation; highlights which follows these minutes.

November 2011 and March 2012 EMC Minutes approved

DOE Report- Amanda Lavallo

- UC Travel Guide available with new maps
- Re Fracking brine. County Executive's executive order on banning purchasing brine for county roads; the first county to do so. Now a local law is in process for banning this brine on county roads to be used as a template for individual towns. Need many other NYS towns to ban this substance so that the State will ban it.

Old Business

- EMC Annual Report available to Legislature
- 2012 CAC Survey on the internet

- Roundtable, Rosendale Rec Center, June 27th 6:30 pm
- Creek Week. Registration forms available at June Roundtable. Aaron Bennett handling schedule

Roundabout

- Marbletown has 2 new members
- Marlboro- marketing reusable bags

- Woodstock NYSEDA grant for solar panels for sewer plant, town hall and highway garage. Compliments on the variety of subject info distributed on Earth Day
- Rosendale- MS4 compliance training for highway, 6/3, 5/30 Earth Day activities with Farmer's market.
- Kingston CAC - website up, info on joining bio-monitoring of streams within Hudson River Estuary, Climate Action Plan draft ready 5/1 for review.
- Esopus - 4 new members, Earth Day, chestnut plant debris collection.
- Kingston - RRA Household Hazardous Waste Collection 4/28 (reservations required)
- Rochester - Earth Day road collection, support against using brine on roads.
- Shawangunk - distributed bio-fuel info.
- UCDOE - stormwater report available including rain garden construction.
- Marlboro - UC Solid Waste Management Plan reviewed again.
- Hurley - creek week participation 9/8 w/Catskill Center on bio-blitz of floral and fauna
- Chairman Noble gave an update on recycling purchases for the City of Kingston- rain barrels and earth machines.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Brandt, Secretary

Catskill Mountainkeeper Carbon Neutral Catskills Presentation Highlights

Purpose: advocacy, opposition to fracking, high peak initiative, Catskill foodshed, and carbon neutral initiative.

Currently: fracking and renewable energies. Limitations - not cleaner than

coal, not a finite resource, not a bridge fuel. Renewables need access motivation.

Carbon neutral: renewables, solar for schools, zero waste results in a healthy Catskills.

Partnering goal - increase energy, solar free installations, grid sell back, clean power.

Adopters - wind, biomass, geothermal, hydrogen, work w/engineers to replace gasoline but need funding. Solar for schools program w/Bonneville Env. Fund.

Work w/zero waste target 100% to

produce clean air, healthy exercise areas, transportation. Partnering w/community gardens, green lawns wild flower planting native groundcover

Carbon offsetting: research, investing in renewable energies, decreasing pollution. Mountainkeeper's goal is to promote healthier lifestyles by getting groups involved in projects such as changing street lighting, review energy running on hydrogen.

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