

ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2012 DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm. The January 25th draft minutes were approved as amended. The November minutes were tabled.

Guest Speaker: Michael Courtney, Outreach Coordinator, RUPCO, NYSERDA, Green Jobs/Green NY.

His present job is to involve more homeowners and businesses to sign up for free energy audits. He discussed the willingness of NYSERDA to help homeowners contact contractors who are certified in green building and renovations and energy saving programs at reasonable rates such as appliance upgrades to help with loans for work that is done. A power point presentation explaining the above programs followed. The presentation included a whole house approach for weatherization of homes: fill out and submit a 1 page application, include 1-2 years of utility bills, set up a visit with a contractor, etc. Mr. Courtney stated for further information on any of these programs, contact RUPCO Outreach Coordinator, Green Jobs/Green NY at 331-2140.

April guest speaker will be Catskill Mountainkeeper.

Department of the Environment Update

- There will be an energy conference for older homes and historic structures (no date indicated)
- Golden Hill campus light replacement to LED's
- National Association of Counties - there will be internships available for the summer.
- UC Rec map is being updated.
- An international team of experts will be looking at the Lower Esopus.

Old Business

- EMC Annual Report approved w/corrections
- 2012 CAC/ECC Survey Status/Review to be circulated for additional comments and to be returned by June 1st.

New Business

- Creek Week 2012 - set date. Motion approved to schedule it for September 15-23.
- June Roundtable - set date. Motion approved to schedule it for June 27th in the UCCC Student Lounge if available or the Rosendale Rec Center. Suggested topics included climate change, bio-diversity, open space planning and infra-structures, ethanol from food waste, revise wetlands maps for the County. Other suggestions are welcome. Mary Burke suggested holding the roundtables in various communities in order to reach more people. If the EMC will support this, the WEC could get agreement from its members and Town Board for 2013.

Round-About

- Bill More, DEC, announced an electronic drop-off at RRA, April 28th; reservations

required.

-Woodstock, Mary Burke read the latest draft of the local fracking amendment for the Zoning Law.

-Gardiner-April 11th draft wetland law discussion.

-Rochester/Wawarsing. Scheduled discussions on hydrologic effects of temporary shutdowns of the Roundout west branch water tunnel on the ground flow. Also, there will be an MS4 Rosendale Highway Department Presentation at the local Rec Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Brandt, Secretary