

COUNTY OF ULSTER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES, July 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Noble at 6:40 pm on the grounds of the UCCC Campus' Cornell Cooperative Extension's Xeriscape Garden.

The attendees introduced themselves:

John Sansalone, Gardiner ECC
Cheryl Alloway, CCE Master Gardener
Russil(?) Wisner, CCE Master Gardener
Dave Haldeman, Town of Shawagunk
Amanda LaValle, UCDOE
Joe Liuni, Rosendale ECC
Virginia Starke, Hurley CAC
Julie Noble, Kingston, At Large
Steve Noble, Kingston, At Large
Ann Brandt, EMC At Large
Cathy Quick, Town of

Esopus

1. Tour of the Xeriscape Garden led by Cheryl Alloway, Cornell Master Gardener.

Ms. Alloway discussed the garden's zero tolerance aspects. To make a similar garden, one must make a plan, chose plants that require little or some drip watering, and cover the areas of specific water tolerant plants with 2-3 inches of mulch. After the walk-through, Ms. Alloway invited the group to attend the UCCC's Master Gardeners fund raiser on September 15th, 9-12, to raise money for a handicap area at this site.

2. June 27, 2012 Minutes were approved as amended.

3. DOE Update

Amanda Lavallo noted charter amendments being considered: Amanda is a guest, not ex-officio, term limits two to three years only. John Sansalone - motion to check on terms and authorize Chairman Noble to write a letter to the Charter group on the above item unanimously approved. DOE has prepared a grant for joining DOE rain gardens with other types of gardens in the area.

4. Presentation regarding Green Procurement.

Andrew Harris, DOE Intern is taking the County's Green Purchase Program to

various towns such as Marbletown, Esopus and Woodstock to discuss the plan and how the towns can use it for their own green purchases.

5 Old Business

Creek Week status. Registration if on UCEMC website.

LEWP. Comment letter on this subject was sent

6. New Business

Rosendale: setting up a fishing clinic, no meetings in August but planning for Creek Week.

Gardiner: new review of a 2K home driveway that should be an Unlisted SEQR Action.

Hurley: group is reviewing turbidity responsibility from reservoir emptying?

At-Large: Ann and Steve gave an overview of the upcoming Conference on the Environment to be held October 10-13th, Syracuse at the Center for Excellence Symposium on Community Solutions and environmental workshops. Go to www.syracusecoe.org for updates.

Esopus: now involved in rail/trail in the Wallkill Valley.

Kingston: climate action plan submitted to Kingston Common Council

Adjourned. No meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Brandt, Secretary