Ulster County Environmental Management Council Monthly Meeting, 17 Pearl Street, Kingston, NY 12401 November 30, 2011 6:30pm

Attendance:

Chair: Steve Noble

Municipal Representatives:

Joe Damarath, Saugerties Cindy Lanzetta, Marlborough Julie Noble, Kingston John Sansalone, Gardiner Cathy Quick, Esopus

At-Large Members:

Ann Brandt, At Large

Ex-Officio Members:

Guests:

Aaron Bennett, UC Department of the Environment Keith Mack Holly Christian

<u>Call to Order and Welcome</u>: Steve Noble called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from October 2011 – Cindy L. motioned to approve the minutes, Ann B seconded. All in Favor

Minutes from August 2011 – John S. motioned to approve the minutes, Bill M. seconded, Cindy Abstained, everyone else, in favor

Minutes from May 2011 - Cindy L. motioned to approve the minutes, Ann B seconded. All in Favor

Department of the Environment

Update:

Amanda Lavalle was not in attendance due to the birth of her daughter Marianna. Congrats!

Aaron Bennett gave a presentation on Ulster County Tourism/Department of the Environment/ Ulster County Planning and Ulster County Information Service's Recreation Mapping Project. First it started with paper map, which was produced as part of UC Tourism Guide.

Reconnect - Should place it on your towns website! www.ulstercountyalive.com/reconnect

Towns/CAC's can turn over Data to add to online map. DOE will have an intern starting in January.

Ideas for the future, Wine Trails, Bus Routes, Cross Country Skiing, Mountain Biking, Pick your Own Trails.

Department of the Environment is the contact for changes, updates.

Old Business:

- Trail Conference held in Early November. 68 People attended Great Event!
- Solid Waste Conference in Mid-November. 80 People attended
 - Will be following up with Round Table Program on various project ideas
 - League of Women Voters will be putting these programs over the next few months.

New Business

Steve will be visiting CAC Organizations in January/February/March

Topics for meetings

CRISP/DEC Forester EAB/Regional Plan - Crisp Involvement Wetland Information – Army Corp of Engineers EPA – Wetland Violation Reporting Website/Enforcement UCRRA – Solid Waste Management Plan Michele Bergkamp – DEC Forestry - 480A,

Flood Plain Management - NYS DEC, Bill Neckahman -

Climate Adaptation/Climate Smart Communities

BioBlitz – with no money

Open Space Corridors and Connectivity

Herpetology, Endangered Species – Mike Clemmons

Roundtable:

Ann Brandt: Woodstock: New Supervisor in Woodstock. Zoning Law work continues. Wednesday, Dec 14th – Protecting Woodstock Trees, DEC will be making a presentation. Setting up informational meetings at 3rd Wednesday of the month, regarding rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.

Cathie Quick: Got Grant for Water Chestnut Harvester for \$4500. Small Access Boat and Depth Finder for "Chester"

Aaron Bennett – Catskill Region Leadership Institute, Friday, December 9th – Peter Manning

Holly Christiana – Asked whether the UC EMC has taken a stance on Hydro Fracking? It has not, but county legislature has.

John Sansalone: Draft law of Watercourse/Wetland Law. Will have some listening sessions, then will provide to Town Board. Should take about 1½ for the entire process. USGS gauging stations in NY are threatened, due to monetary situations. Currently in the Southern Tier and Hudson.

Joe Liuni – New administration in Rosendale, hosted a Forestry workshop last week. Federated Sportsmen: Walleye in Wallkill and Chodikee Lake

Joe Damarath – Comprehensive Plan, wetland plan is also about to go out for

Motion to adjourn by John S, seconded by Cindy L.

No Meeting in December

Meeting adjourned 8:45