

# ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dave Haldeman, Chair  
Margot Becker, Vice-Chair  
Kenneth Panza, Secretary

## Agenda

Regular Monthly Meeting of July 29, 2020  
6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conferencing

*“The purpose of the Council shall be to review and advise the county and local governments on present and proposed methods of using, protecting and conserving the environment for the benefit of all the people.”*

Although meetings of the EMC are open to the public, Zoom invitations will be sent only to members of the EMC. If others wish to attend, please notify the secretary or the chair to obtain Zoom login instructions and passwords.

## Call to Order

## Announcements

## Approval of Minutes

Consider minutes of the **June 24, 2020** meeting of the EMC.

## Introduction of Speaker/Presentation

**Tom Konrad**, Chair, Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC)

Marbletown is widely recognized as a leader in the transition to 100% Renewables. The Marbletown ECC developed a strategy for obtaining 100% of the community's energy from renewable sources.

Marbletown achieved Bronze Status in New York's Climate Smart Communities Program, completed 8 of the 10 NYSEDA High Impact Action Items, and is the first Ulster County town to implement Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

The Marbletown ECC was a driving force behind Ulster County's adoption of the "Ban the [plastic] Bag" legislation and the "Skip the Straw" local law that makes plastic straws a request only commodity in county restaurants.

Tom Konrad, "A Small New York Town Plans a Profitable, 100% Renewable Energy Future," GreenTech Media, February 7, 2019.

Following Tom's presentation, **Melissa Everett**, Executive Director, Sustainable Hudson Valley, will explain available programs for individual and businesses to implement renewable energy resources.

## Report from Department of the Environment

Amanda LaValle, Coordinator

## Old Business

Consideration of Climate Reality Project's Carbon Tax

Meeting Announcement Process & Procedure

Update, Tree Cutting Along the Wallkill.

Dave Haldeman, Town of Shawangunk

## New Business

Common Environmental Questions?

Protecting our rivers and streams.

Dave Haldeman, EMC Chair

## Council Member Roundabout

## Adjournment

## Next Meeting