

# Ulster County EMC Meeting Minutes February 27, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

## Members in Attendance:

Steve Noble, Chair, At Large

Amanda Lavallo, UC Dept. of Environment

Dave Haldeman, Shawangunk

Jim Littlefoot, New Paltz

Catherine Quick, Esopus

John Sansalone, Gardiner

Virginia Starke, Hurley

William More, At Large, Kingston

Joe Liuni, Rosendale

Cindy Lanzetta, At Large, Marlborough

Julie Noble, Kingston

Renno Bodziak, Town of Ulster

## Guests:

Joan Delatorre, Marbletown CAC

Kristen Schara, Hurley CAC

## **Old Business**

### **Appointments**

There are still openings on the EMC. Those interested should submit a resume to the UC Executive's office. Appointments to the EMC will be voted on in March by the UC Legislature

### **Sustainability Guide (UC Dept. of the Environment)**

Plans for a workshop regarding the new Regional Sustainability Guide were solidified. It was proposed that the guide be the topic of the EMC Roundtable Workshop scheduled in June. J. Sansalone made a motion to accept, Catherine Quick seconded and the motion was carried. The workshop will be held at the Rosendale Recreation Center on June 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, depending on availability. J. Liuni will confirm with the Rosendale CAC. A. Lavallo is interested in receiving input on the presentations to be made at the workshop. Her target audience for the workshop includes municipal leaders and decision-makers (i.e. highway/buildings dept. heads, town supervisor/clerks, etc.) who will implement the initiatives. Additional copies of the guide are available or can be downloaded.

### **Green Infrastructure**

There will be a presentation of the draft maps prepared by the consulting firm GICINC.org. The public is encouraged to attend and provide comment. GICINC.org will provide an overview of the mapping methodology used, including explanations of the data sets, layers, ranking systems, and themes employed. J. Sansalone

suggested that those involved in the state open space plan for Region 3 be invited. Municipal planning board members would also benefit. S. Noble proposed that the March 28<sup>th</sup> EMC meeting be used as the forum for this presentation.

### **MS4 Stormwater Program**

Public Comments are sought on the draft of the updated MS4 Stormwater Program regulations. A workshop will be held in April for municipalities newly affected by the plan.

### **New Business**

EMC meeting topics are as follows: March - Green Infrastructure Mapping, April – Riverkeeper, May – TBD, June – UC Sustainability Guide

### **Roundabout – Information Shared by Attendees**

D. Haldeman, Shawangunk: The CAC passed a resolution to ban fracking in the town. A. Lavelle commented that UC Planning Dept. put has a list on the website of the towns that have statutes relating to fracking.

Catherine Quick, Esopus: Events in April include a sapling giveaway and Rural Clean-up Day. A new town committee is being formed to aid communications between departments.

J. Luini, Marbletown: The DOT and DEC are installing new signage in the Catskill Park which includes a new logo. DEC rangers will be receiving their new assignments for the fall. Volunteers who work on trails will be covered by state liability insurance. Lark in the Park is scheduled for October 4-14. They are looking for ways to advertise the events. A symposium titled Retrofitting for Resilience is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. Tour of a local house may be included. Applications are still not available for DEC youth summer camps. The town usually offers scholarships for youth who are interested.

W. More, At-Large: The DEA issued new guidelines in December for pharmaceutical collections, including the use of drop boxes. They are still taking comments. A national collection day has been set for April. Visit the US DEA website for details. Local municipalities are reminded to review their chemical storage areas because they may be inspected.

V. Starke, Hurley: The town has started a project to install solar panels with grant money from the state.

J. Noble, Kingston: The flooding task force has generated a great deal of interest among stakeholders including a donation of \$100,000. The task force is looking at current vulnerabilities along with the potential for damage in 2060, and 2100 due to projected sea level rise combined with storm surge. Riverkeeper will present data collected on the Rondout to the Kingston CAC on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Work on the Climate Action Plan is continuing.

J. Littlefoot, New Paltz: The town is investigating the installation of solar panels along with energy saving devices such as LED bulb replacements for street lights. It is estimated that a 2 MW system could supply the energy needs for all of the village and town owned buildings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.