

ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING  
January 25, 2012 DRAFT

Chairman Steve Noble opened the meeting at 6:35 and gave an update of the DOE announcing the birth of a daughter for Amanda Lavallo DOE Coordinator.

The November minutes were not voted upon.

UCDOE updates.

2/15 - MS-4 Audits workshop headed by Mandy Wilson, 9:30-11:00, UCCC Business Resource Center.

2/17 - Riverkeeper water quality presentation on testing for pathogens in the Roundout and Walkill Creeks. Town of Esopus Library

1/30 - Holiday Inn, 6-9 pm, Lower Esopus Creek Coalition to review a new list of what can be done about the muddy situation.

Old Business.

Steve described the DEP/DEC Forum which was held in Vanderlyn Hall. UC Executive Director, Michael Hein, voiced concerns about the leaking aqueduct, muddying of the Lower Esopus Creek and questioned DEP's management of the entire Ashokan reservoir system. The rest of the forum was a very vocal and sometimes heated exchanges between attendees and speakers. No progress was made on the above concerns with the exception of a promise by the DEP to repair the leaking aqueduct which could take three or more years to complete. The UCCEMC will review its 2010 resolution on the subject for updating.

New Business

Election of Officers passed unanimously: Steve Noble, Chairman, Cindy Lanzetta, Vice Chair, Ann Brandt, Secretary.

Annual Report. UCCEMC report is due to Legislature.

2012 CAC/ECC Survey Questions. Updates needed.

Other. During February/March, Amanda and Steve will visit Ulster towns.

Plastic recycling: transfer station inconsistencies of items accepted

Round-About.

Gardner: water resources law/wetland and watercourse law progress through an estuary grant

Kingston CAC: continuing plan for energy, audit gas reduction.

Hurley: open space plan on hold - hoping to preserve "bio-blitz" area.

Marlboro: Zero waste conference at New Paltz. Note Hudson Greenway's 20th Anniversary.

Shawgunck: recycling presentation, looking at development sites.

Joe Liuni: 2/4 watershed /stream trout management report-intro to brown trout habitat.

Sportsman's Club has 600 acres for recreation, hunting and fishing from Scenic Hudson

Woodstock: Woodstock has new Supervisor, inoculation of specimen ash tree on Comeau

property, proposed zoning law amendment submitted to TB, plan to re-address climate neutral

initiative, and ask TB to appoint a Comprehensive Plan review committee to push for passage of a new plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Brandt, Secretary