

**Ulster County Environmental Management Council
Monthly Meeting, Howard C. St. John room, SUNY Ulster
September 28, 2011 6:30pm
Meeting Notes**

Attendance:

Dave Halderman, Shawangunk

Cathy Quick, Esopus

Cindy Lanzetta, Marlborough

Guests:

Amanda LaValle, UC Dept. of Environment

Call to Order and Welcome: Cindy Lanzetta called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. There was not quorum, however, so this was an informal meeting.

Minutes:

The May 25th, 2011 minutes were tabled until a future meeting with quorum.

Department of the Environment:

Amanda provided an update on the UC Department of the Environment's new rain garden. She also discussed ongoing energy conservation initiatives. And finally discussed Creek Week.

New Business:

The EMC is currently looking for a secretary as Lillian Green has resigned from the EMC and she was our recording secretary.

Conference on the Environment- The annual NYS Conference on the Environment will be held the weekend of October 22nd. There is a very high caliber of speakers presenting and it promises to be a good conference. There is a special emphasis this year on the link between environmental issues and planning issues. Cindy suggests sending the conference notice to Planning Board Chairman and each town supervisor.

Roundabout:

Dave Halderman, Shawangunk- Mentioned a great presentation by DEC evaluating wetlands. The DEC's remapping efforts would increase mapped wetlands by 17%. Also discussed an upcoming public session on recycling (Cindy discussed this further) and the town's efforts to get out additional information on recycling. .

Cathy Quick, Esopus. Esopus is using their water chestnut harvester. So far it has been very successful. There is a large volunteer effort underway and many different people are being trained in the operation of the harvester.

Cindy Lanzetta, Marlborough. Cindy said that the CAC not doing anything of note currently. However, the League of Women Voters has initiated a solid waste committee. The builds on historical interest by the LWV in the County's solid waste management plan. LWV is attending RRA and the legislative committee meeting having to do with solid waste management. Bonding and financing seems not to be well understood. Also, alternative models, like pay as you throw, are not well understood either. On. November 16t from 3pm-7pm there will be a conference at SUNY New Paltz on the issue. .

Cindy also mentioned that on November 5th at SUNY New Paltz, there will be a trails conference. Focus for Ulster County will be on making the connections between trail systems.

Meeting adjourned.