

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Environmental Management Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2022

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Virtual meeting

A virtual meeting of the Rockland County Environmental Management Council (EMC) was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Video and audio portions of the meeting were recorded.

Members Present: Chana Friedenber, Joanna Galdone, Natalie Patasaw, Catherine Mazzocchi, Glenn Sungela, Gillian Ballard, Darwin Keung joined 5:25pm

Members Excused:

Staff: Nicole Laible, Principal Assistant County Attorney Charlotte Ramsey

Public:

Members Absent: Bill Herguth

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm. Roll call was conducted, no quorum at the time. Quorum was met at 5:25pm.
2. Motion to approve the minutes pending changes of acronyms and noting Ryan's departure for the October 2021 EMC meeting made by Darwin, seconded by Catherine, and unanimous vote.
3. Chairperson's Report: None
4. Agency Report
 - a. 2021 accomplishments
 - b. 2022 meeting dates
 - c. Catherine and Natalie volunteer to assist with essay contest
5. Working Group & Special Project Updates:
 - a. Native / Invasive Working Group
 - i. Motion to approve Catherine joining the working group by Natalie, second by Gillian. Unanimous vote to approve.

- b. Carbon Reduction Working Group
 - i. Met in December, working on specific asks, pending updates from County
- c. Communications Working Group
 - i. Focus on recruiting from Haverstraw and Stony Point, engagement with Rockland residents
- 6. New Business
 - a. EMC guidance on NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program- CRWG to draft letter to County Executive and bring for vote at next meeting.
- 7. Member Updates:
 - a. Glenn: Clarkstown clean energy communities certification, electric vehicle tools and charging stations, tree plantings
- 8. Public Presentations: None.
- 9. Next Meeting Date – February 16th, 2022.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm. Motion to adjourn by Natalie, second by Darwin. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana FriedenberG, EMC Recording Secretary

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