

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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### **Environmental Management Council**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 21, 2022**

**Time: 5:00pm**

**Location: Virtual meeting**

A virtual meeting of the Rockland County Environmental Management Council (EMC) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Video and audio portions of the meeting were recorded.

**Members Present:** Chana Friedenber, Joanna Galdone, Natalie Patasaw, Catherine Mazzocchi, Glenn Sungela, Bill Herguth, Darwin Keung

**Members Excused:** Gillian Ballard

**Staff:** Nicole Laible, Principal Assistant County Attorney Charlotte Ramsey

**Public:**

**Members Absent:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm. Roll call was conducted, quorum was met.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from March 2022 made by Glenn, seconded by Catherine, and unanimous vote.
3. Chairperson's Report:
  - a. PFAS legislation
    - i. Proposed that EMC encourage CE Day to support several PFAS bills at the state level
    - ii. Motion to update our webpage with information on PFAS by Darwin, second by Bill, unanimous vote.
  - b. Public Hearing on NYS Drinking Water Council
  - c. Spring clean ups with students and Keep Rockland Beautiful May 15th
  - d. Proposal to create a water authority for Rockland County by Rockland Water Study Committee
4. Agency Report
  - a. CE Outstanding Environmental Volunteer Award – Harriet Cornell nominated

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- b. Creative Arts contest – deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup> and award ceremony June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Earth week events, help from Glenn and Catherine in Haverstraw
- 5. Working Group & Special Project Updates:
  - a. Native / Invasive Working Group
    - i. Discussion on communications strategy to engage the public.
  - b. Carbon Reduction Working Group
    - i. Letter to CE Day
  - c. Communications Working Group
    - i. Creative Arts Contest outreach flier and topic refinement
    - ii. Motion to accept flier with correction made by Gillian, second by Joanna, unanimous vote.
- 6. New Business
  - a. Vote for Catherine to serve as recording secretary, motion by Darwin, second by Bill, unanimous vote. Will require amendments to by-laws in May meeting to include a rotation for minute-taking.
- 7. Member Updates:
- 8. Public Presentations: None
- 9. Next Meeting Date – TBD
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana Friedenber, EMC Recording Secretary