



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Rockland County Environmental Management Council (EMC)

June Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Date: June 30, 2022
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM

Members present: Chana Friedenber, Joanna Galdone, Gillian Ballard, Glenn Sungela, Natalie Patasaw, Darwin Keung, Catherine Mazzocchi, Bill Herguth

Excused: Catherine Mazzocchi

Staff Present: Nicole Laible, Charlotte Ramsey

Members of the Public: Sarah Carlson (joined at 5:16 PM), Vishal Greenaway (joined at 5:34 PM)

Minutes:

- Motion by Gillian Ballard to approve June 2022 minutes with corrections
 - Second by Bill Herguth.
 - Passes unanimously.

Old Business:

- PFAS letter
 - Discussion of sending PFAS letter for the County Executive to review.
 - Decision to put a cover letter on PFAS letter drafted by a Corresponding Secretary, Darwin Keung and Natalie Patasaw to draft a cover letter to accompany the letter.
 - Discussion of pre-approval of future cover letters, content to be approved by email vote.
 - **Motion by Natalie Patasaw to approve letter with recommended edits from EMC to Ed Day for his review and consideration to forward to NYS Senate, pending cover letter drafted by Corresponding Secretary, Darwin Keung and Natalie Patasaw. Natalie and Darwin will work with Nicole to finalize this letter and the board will see via email circulation prior to sending out.**

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- Seconded by Chana Friedenberg.
- Motion passes unanimously.

- Grassy Point GML Review
 - No comments thus far. Comments are due by end of week 7/24/22.
- Working Group Meeting Schedule
 - Communications Working Group: 8/9 4:30 PM
 - Carbon Reduction Working Group: 8/9 5:30 PM
 - Native and Invasive Species Working Group: TBD - pending cooler weather for field work

Agency Updates

- New Amendment to Bylaws
- New York State Open Meeting Law extended
- EMC Website & Social Media
 - Board to update Nicole Liable on content to modify for EMC's County webpage by September 1.
 - Review webpage by 9/30 with new Chairperson's list.
 - Board members with email issues shall contact county IT directly
 - County Executive has requested that each board provide a summary of the mission of the board for the website update.
- Meeting efficiency survey:
 - Board reviews summary of feedback
 - Nicole Liable will be available if board members would like to discuss feedback
- Minisceongo Creek Watershed Alliance representative
 - Catherine Mazzocchi and Chana Friedenberg have volunteered to attend these meetings.
 - **Motion by Glenn Sungela for Catherine Mazzocchi to be the EMC representative at the Minisceongo Creek Watershed Alliance.**
 - Seconded by Darwin
 - Aye 7. Nay 0. 1 Abstain
 - Bill Herguth Abstains
 - Passes 6:03 PM
- County's Sustainability Consultant update
 - Plan for a meeting with the EMC in the Fall.
 - Slight delays to start date of Sustainability Consultant.
- Co. Planning Board Rep.
 - Bylaws state Chairperson must be ex-officio member.
 - Natalie Patasaw volunteers for being the ex-officio EMC back up representative.
- Training for Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation
 - Nicole Liable will send the more information.

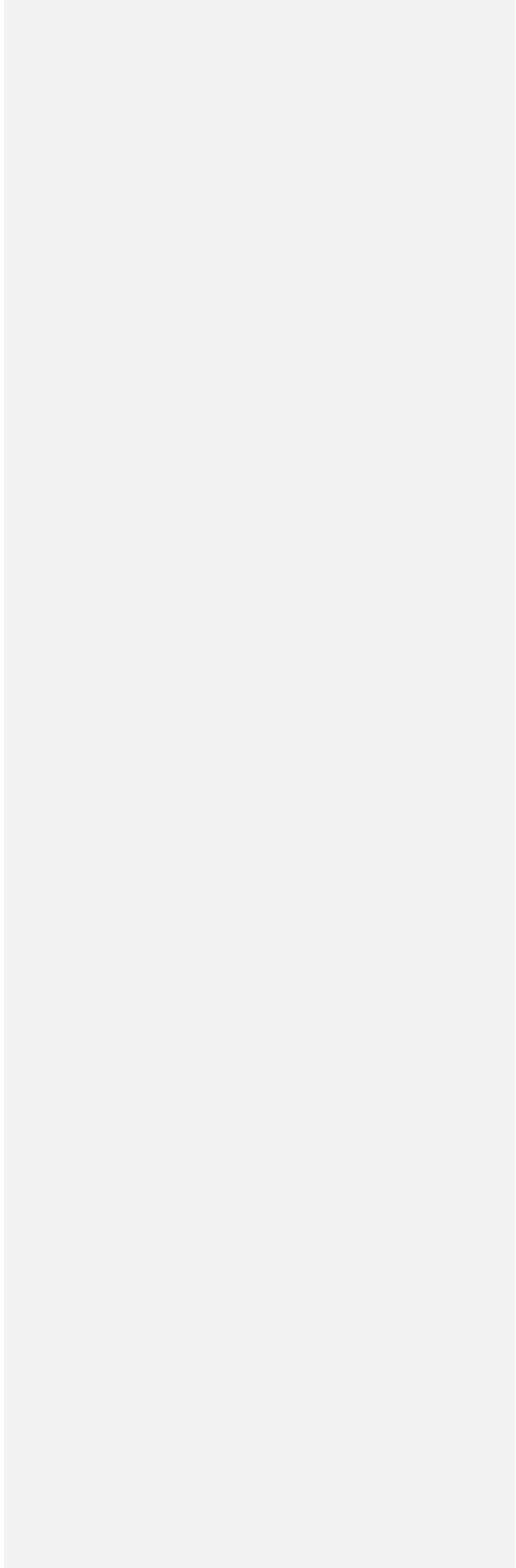
New Business

- **Piermont marsh study update from Bill Herguth.**
 - Solar blankets update as an invention against invasive phragmites, effective in eliminating phragmites.
 - Bill Herguth will keep us updated as the year continues.
 - Advises that the marsh health would be improved if the Mill Pond Dam was removed

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Recording Secretary

- **Bill Herguth volunteers to be the Aug Recording Secretary**



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Chairperson's Report

- Advises board to explore the County Planning Document

Public input

- Vishal Greenaway thanks the board for the opportunity to attend a meeting.
- Sarah Carlson in process for joining the board as an official voting member.
- Glenn Sungela welcomes us Vishal and Sarah to contact him further

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Glenn Sungela motions to adjourn.

- **Bill Herguth seconds.**
- **Passes Unanimously.**

Adjourned at 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted by Darwin Keung, Corresponding Secretary