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MEETING Minutes

Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM
2nd-Floor Conference Room, Public Safety Complex
49½ Court Street, Canton, NY
And via ZOOM

1. **Call to Order** Chair called meeting to order 6:04 pm
2. **Land Acknowledgement** Sue read a Land Acknowledgement, provided by Tony David, Director of the SRMT Environment Division, and used with his permission:

“As we meet today, let us first give thanks and acknowledge that the land upon which we are gathered is part of traditional indigenous territories, including the Rotinonshionni (Low-dee-no-SHOO-nee), the People of the Longhouse, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy; and the Kanienkehaka (Ga-nyun-geh-HA-gah), the People of the Land of Flint, also known as the Mohawk Nation.”
3. **Introductions**
4. **Comments from the Public / Speaker:**
 - a. Cathy Shrady from Canton Sustainability Committee gave a presentation on EcoAdapt workshop they performed in the Spring. See attached report. Copy of presentation is available
 - b. Cait Darfler, chair of Thompkins County EMC, gave a presentation on their activities
5. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum 10 members present 3 absent**
A QUORUM WAS OBTAINED.
Members present: Catherine Bennett, *Secretary*; Herb Bullock; Lucas Hanss; Michael Iversen; Richard Marshall; Sue Rau, *Chair*; Lance Rudiger (left early); Legislator Nicole Terminelli, *BOL Liaison*; Brian Washburn, *Vice-Chair*; Neil Woodworth.
Members absent: Sean Cunningham; Shannon Hurlbut, (*excused*); Adam Pearson, (*excused*).
Staff: Samuel Joseph, Planner II;
Guests: Nance Arquiatt, DEC Public Relations for region 6; Cathy Shrady, Canton Sustainability Committee; Cait Darfler, Thompkins County EMC chair; Emily Bohnet, EMC member applicant; Lynda Bage, EMC member applicant.
6. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business (Skipped went to approval of minutes)**
7. **Approval of the Minutes of the May, June, July, August, and September 2023 EMC Meeting:** Minutes from the May, June July and August EMC meetings were approved (Bullock/ Hanss).

8. Lance left the meeting. In order to maintain quorum for bylaw discussion, the council went to bylaw discussion (12a.). One change discussed and voted upon by the quorum (Washburn/Woodworth), and unanimously agreed to. Discussion on the number of members needed to approve. According to current bylaw rules, 2/3 of the 16 member board, need to vote in approval of revisions, and therefore we need 11 members to vote yes to approve the new bylaws. Washburn motions to approve bylaws, Woodworth seconds. Passes unanimously of those present, (9). The absent members (4) will receive an absentee ballot electronically and given ten days from the email to vote in approval of the bylaws. Discussion on absentee voting with ability for questions. Include in email the opportunity for questions to be answered.
9. Nance Arquiatt DEC given an opportunity to talk. Discussion on public input to DEC plans (UMP and RMP). Trail changes without having to go through UMP updates. A way to interface with DEC. "DEC Delivers" is an emailing list for updates from DEC that people can sign up for. Discussion about list of environmental groups, and email list of events/activities. Email: nance.arquiatt@dec.ny.gov Discussion about feedback for RMP Conifer-Emporium
10. **Report by Nicole Terminelli, Representative of the Board of Legislators**
 - a. Council members approval
 - i. Mike Iversen approved for EMC with expiration 10/3/25
 - ii. Emily Bohnet second hearing
 - iii. Lynda Bage first hearing
 - b. Hearings on bottle bill and packaging extended producer responsibility
11. Discussion on recruitment. Cat is up for reappointment and she said she is interested in reappointment.
12. **Report of the Committees** no report of the committees
13. **Report of the Staff** no report of staff. Will send out the monthly report of staff.
14. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Sustainability Day/ Green Living Fair
 - i. EMC has a table
 - ii. Emily worked on some flyers and material
 - iii. Showed flyers and logo created by Emily
 - iv. Discussion of social media
 - b. EMC Visioning Document discussion
 - i. Discussion on the need for a more thorough discussion on visioning document. Discussion on role of EMC.
 - c. Goal Creation **(postponed)**
 - d. Neil Discussed Clifton Mines solar development. 12MW project. State looking for a bidder. Discussion on solar in general.
15. **New Business**
16. **Announcements**
17. **Adjournment 8:52 PM**