

EMC Final Minutes
July 13, 4:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

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Attendance

Member		Seat	Member		Seat
George Adams	A	Town of Danby	Ron Szymanski	P	Village of Freeville
Steve Bissen	P	Town of Dryden	Regi Teasley	P	At-Large
Christine Collins	P	Town of Ulysses	Jeff Walker	A	Village of Cayuga Heights
Tom Corey	P	Village of Dryden	Brad Will	P	At-Large
Cait Darfler	P	Village of Trumansburg	David Wolfe	E	Town of Lansing
Marc Devokaitis	A	At-Large	Ingrid Zabel	P	Town of Ithaca
Pegi Ficken	A	Town of Groton	<i>Anne Koreman</i>	P	<i>Legislative Liaison</i>
Melanie Greaver Cordova	E	At-Large	<i>Lindsay Dombroskie</i>	E	<i>Associate Member</i>
Brandon Hoak	P	At-Large	<i>Karen Edelstein</i>	A	<i>Associate Member</i>
Rick Neville	A	Village of Groton	<i>Jason Fenn</i>	A	<i>Associate Member</i>
Steve Nicholson	P	Town of Caroline	<i>Thomas Hirasuna</i>	P	<i>Associate Member</i>
Peter Penniman	E	Town of Enfield	<i>David Weinstein</i>	A	<i>Associate Member</i>
Susan Riley	P	At-Large	<i>Robert Wesley</i>	A	<i>Associate Member</i>
Larry Sallinger	P	At-Large	Darby Kiley	P	Tompkins Co. staff
Lisa Strayer	P	At-Large	Kristin McCarthy	P	Tompkins Co. staff

5 **Guests:** Abigail Conner, Marie McRae, Cynthia Riggin

6 **Call to Order** – Chair Cait Darfler called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

7 **Agenda Review/Public Comment** – No changes to the agenda. No public comment.

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9 **Approval of Minutes** – The draft June 2023 minutes (motion by Chris Collins, second by Regi Teasley)
10 were approved as submitted.

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12 **Presentation/Discussion: Electrify Ithaca with BlocPower** – *Jaden Beck, BlocPower*

13 Jaden Beck from BlocPower presented to group on the company’s work to electrify building stock in the
14 City of Ithaca. Her presentation and the subsequent discussion covered numerous topics. These included
15 number of properties they’re currently working on or have in the pipeline; process transparency; data
16 anonymization; relationship management with contractors and residents; funding streams, capital
17 projects, and green building policies; program expansion to rest of county; collaboration with school
18 district; hurdles faced by private property owners looking to participate; and more. Members were
19 invited to submit additional questions in the chat for Jaden to answer after the meeting.

20 **Executive Committee Report** – Cait updated group on planning for NYSACC conference in September.
21 Tickets are on sale, with field trips filling up. Need for volunteers continues.

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23 **Committee Updates** – Larry shared his experience tabling on behalf of Education & Outreach Committee
24 at the recent Get Your Green Back celebration at Stewart Park. Climate Adaptation Committee had its

25 flooding and extreme heat flyers translated into Spanish. Steve N. reported on UNA budget expenditures
26 for owner notification postcard printing and mailing, electronic distribution of revisions, and printing for
27 libraries.
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29 **Municipal Update: Town of Dryden** – Steve Bissen

30 Steve B. provided an overview of the Town of Dryden, highlighting key aspects of its history, geography
31 and topography, demographics, land-use/conservation, and current issues of concern to residents. His
32 report and Q&A touched on the update to the town’s comprehensive plan, development of the Dryden
33 Rail Trail, conservation board activities, and roadside ditch management (e.g., best practices related to
34 floods, droughts and water pollution), among other topics.
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36 **Additional Municipal Reports (as needed)** – None

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38 **Staff Report (as needed)** – Darby updated group on 2024 County budget process.
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40 **Member Announcements** – County Legislature passed a resolution in support of closing the Seneca
41 Meadows landfill. Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now is hosting the Cayuga Lake Summit on July 18.
42 Keynote speaker Damien Helbling will talk about PFAs and lake water quality. The County’s draft local
43 solid waste management plan is out for review.

44 **Adjournment** – Chair Cait Darfler adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.