

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

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**Attendance**

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

5 **Guests:** Peter Penniman, Lisa Strayer

6 **Call to Order** – Chair Cait Darfler called meeting to order at 4:03pm.

7 **Agenda Review/Public Comment** – Cait gave an overview of the agenda.

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9 **Approval of Minutes** – The draft March 2023 minutes were approved (motion by Regi Teasley, second by Larry Sallinger) as submitted.

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12 **Connect & Collaborate: TC Climate Protection Initiative (TCCPI) and Ithaca 2030 District**

13 – Peter Bardaglio, Ithaca 2030 District & TCCPI

14 Peter gave an overview of current activities of the Ithaca 2030 District and TCCPI. His presentation and  
 15 the subsequent discussion touched on his own professional background; evolution of these two  
 16 initiatives; collaborations with area partners, both public and private; relevant NYS energy and  
 17 environmental legislation; and more. Other topics broached included intersectionality with other  
 18 community plans, energy code regulations, building performance, coordination with builders and  
 19 developers, and more.

20 **Executive Committee Report & NYSACC Conference Planning Update** – Cait Darfler

21 Cait reported that she will be presenting the 2022 EMC Annual Report to the Planning, Energy, and  
 22 Environmental Quality Committee on Monday, April 17. The rest of the report and discussion focused on

23 progress with planning the NYS Association of Conservation Commissions conference, which is  
24 scheduled for Sept. 20-22 with Tompkins EMC serving as host. She gave an overview of the conference  
25 planning kick-off meeting she convened with NYSACC executive director Simon Skolnik, representatives  
26 from the county's municipal conservation boards and commissions, as well as EMC committee chairs  
27 and her fellow EMC officers. Presentation and Q&A covered planning timeline, conference tracks, youth  
28 engagement, outreach to speakers, brainstorming field trip and social outings, securing sponsorships,  
29 logistical considerations such as hotel bookings and meal planning, budget concerns. Members signed  
30 up for various work groups.

31 **Committee Updates (as needed)**

32 No reports due to time constraints.

33 **Municipal Reports (as needed)**

34 No reports due to time constraints.

35 **Staff Report (as needed)** – TK

36 No report.

37 **Member Announcements** – Members shared events and news of interest.

38 **Adjournment** – Chair Cait Darfler adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.