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EC EMC MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

Tuesday, 19 January 1999, 7:00 PM
Conference Room 1004, The Rath Building
95 Franklin Street
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1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM Attendance & Quorum
Acceptance of minutes of the 15th of December Meeting
Acceptance of, & additions to this Agenda

II. "Intro to 1999" remarks by Commissioner Rich Tobe

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Planning Ms. Nancy Smith
- "Objectives for '99"
- EIS / SEQR Review Ms. Leona Rockwood
- Brownfields Mr. Thomas Gilmore
- Niagara Frontier Transportation Council Mr. Thomas Gilmore
- Energy Policy Mr. Walter Simpson
- the County Energy Action Plan

IV. EC EMC VENUES AND TOPICS

- 16 February EC EMC Meeting Venue ???
Bob Shibley
- 16 March EC EMC Meeting Venue ???
Paul MacClennan

V. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 1998

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Peter Warn called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

ROLL CALL - Lou Brehm took roll call; a quorum was present.

Present - Jerold Bastedo, Joan Bozer, Thomas Gilmore, Kevin Hogan, Kenneth Koehler, Annett Motak, Frank Newton, Blake Reeves, Hugh Sampson, Tony Lupino sub. for James Smith, Nancy Smith, Mary Alice Tock, Peter Warn

Excused - David Bartholomy, Lamont Beers, Henry Kreher, John Marriott, Susan Peimer, Leona Rockwood, Walter Simpson

Absent - Ken Heiler, Leonard Janiga, Linda Kaiser, Bruce Kohn, Lorraine Masset, Christopher Walbrech

Acceptance of Minutes for the November 15, 1998 Meeting - Minutes were accepted with the following correction; Tom Gilmore should be listed as being present.

Acceptance of Agenda - Agenda was accepted without changes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - The Brochure of Natural Places was distributed to the membership for an update review prior to reprinting. Members were informed that meeting minutes of the neighboring EMC's are being received. Two log books are available for review from Lou Brehm upon request; Neighboring EMC minutes and outgoing letters.

1998 EMC Budget - There is a balance of \$930 in the budget for 1998. The \$500 designated by the EMC for Earth Day at Martin Luther King Park was not accepted by the Olmstead Park Society. It was suggested to use the remaining funds for a speaker on urban sprawl, towards efforts to raise public awareness for environmental issues, planting trees, and a reprinting of the Brochure of Natural Places. Nancy Smith suggested purchasing copies of "Common Sense Pest Control" for distribution to municipal pest control managers. Motion was made and carried to use the remaining funds for the mentioned purposes. Lou Brehm will look into the possibility of rolling over the remaining funds into the 1999 budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Lee Rockwood was not available for a report on EIS/SEQR; Lou Brehm mentioned that no significant project

applications were submitted. Joan Bozer reported on a meeting she attended with Walter Simpson and Rich Tobe on County energy consumption. DEP is directed by the Legislature to develop an energy action plan to reduce energy consumption by 20% in 5 years. NYSERDA can help with funding and technical assistance; EMC should stay on top of this. Peter Warn suggested that the Erie County and City of Buffalo EMC's work together to encourage energy efficiency in the new county court house and convention center. Blake Reeves felt that energy conservation directives are being ignored. Energy efficiency in the new court house must be done immediately. The EMC must express disappointment in not seeing progress in the county action plan. A timetable for action is needed. Commissioner Rich Tobe has been invited to the January 19, 1999 meeting and these concerns can be aired at that time.

Farmland Preservation - Ken Koehler updated the council on the Newstead initiative to categorize prime farming soils. DEP has offered assistance. The soils are rated on the number of tons of digestible nutrients per acre that a particular soil type can produce annually. The objective is to keep farmland economically viable by devising a town ordinance that will require developers to donate an equivalent amount of development rights on property elsewhere for any parcel of farmland which they want to develop into residential, commercial or industrial property.

Brownfields and Greenspace - Tom Gilmore read a position paper he drafted that would require development to occur in brownfields that are suitable for particular projects. He cited cases indicating that Brownfield redevelopment in Europe is far ahead of the US. Lou Brehm will put it into resolution format and submit it to the membership by mail for comments at the January meeting.

EMC Planning - Nancy Smith distributed a list of the goals of EMC's as outlined in the NYSAEMC brochure. Several suggestions were made for the EMC to better accomplish these goals. The meetings should be limited to two hours, the number of meetings with guest speakers should be reduced, speakers should be limited to one hour, the agenda should limit time spent on each topic. There should be a review of the bylaws and charter. The EMC should be more proactive. There should be strategic planning for EMC activities. It was strongly recommended that Mr. William Shipley be invited to invited to the February meeting to act as facilitator to help plan the strategy for 1999.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.