

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2011

TIME: 9:35am to 1:15pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair; Gloria Russo, Vice-Chair; Hon. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Eva Growney; Tom Gulbransen, Michael Kaufman; Richard Machtay, Daniel Pichney, Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

James Bagg

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

STAFF:

Michael Mulé, Environmental Projects Coordinator
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Sarah Lansdale, Director
Suffolk County Department of Planning
Dan Gulizio, Deputy Director
Suffolk County Department of Planning
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications
Suffolk County Presiding Officer

GUESTS:

Christopher Kent, Chief Deputy Suffolk County Executive
Suffolk County

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department of Planning

Pamela Greene, Director
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Division of Real Property Acquisition and Mgmt.

Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
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Phyllis Benincasa, Acquisition Agent
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
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Michael Amoroso, Assistant County Attorney
Suffolk County Department of Law

Anthony Ceglie, Gabreski Airport Manager
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Aviation Division

Dave Lory, Producer
Escape to New York

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

MaryAnne Taylor, Consultant
CDM

Nantie Vignola, Consultant
CDM

Mark Wagner, Consultant
Cameron Engineering

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Shawn Jullian, Clerk – Treasurer
Village of Lindenhurst

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Machtay to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes.
The motion was seconded by Hon. Vilorina-Fisher. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter to Sarah Lansdale from Larry Swanson regarding County Sewer Policy
- Letter to the CEQ from Sarah Lansdale regarding SUNY Empire State College Land Acquisition SHPO request

- Letter to Empire State College from State University Construction Fund regarding SHPO requirements
- Letter to Christine Malafi, County Attorney from Larry Swanson regarding the wireless communication facility at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum
- Letter from Greg Dawson, Chair Suffolk County Park Trustee to Hon. Lynne Nowick Chair Suffolk County Parks Committee regarding the wireless communication facility at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum

HISTORIC TRUST DOCKET:

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation updated the Council on the following:

On Housing:

- The County has rented the Oakley House in West Hills County Park and they should be moved in in July.
- The Stimson House at West Hills County Park is still vacant.
- Parks Department to send out a county wide memo to spur interest in the Stimson House.
- Hon. Vilorina-Fisher recommended that Richard bring this issue before the Parks Committee and they may be able to assist in getting the county wide memo out.

On Custodial Agreements:

- The new contract for The Maritime Museum at West Sayville is being reviewed by the County Attorneys.
- The Sag Harbor Historical Society is going forward with an extension on their agreement. The Meadowcroft custodial agreement has also been extended.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Unlisted Actions

SUNY Empire State College, Selden, Land Acquisition, Town of Brookhaven

The Council agreed based on the letter from the Construction Fund and the comments by Sarah Lansdale, Director of the Suffolk County Planning Department that this project go forward with the recommendation that a Phase I archeological reconnaissance survey be prepared by the State prior to any construction activity on site

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to table. Ms. Russo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Unlisted Actions

Purposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as The Nature Conservancy, Inc. – Lack Property, Village of north Haven, Town of Southampton

A presentation was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Planning, concerning the acquisition of 25.87 acres in total.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to classify the project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay and was passed unanimously.

Director Pamela Greene, Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy Division of Real Property Acquisition and Mgmt. along with Michael Amoroso, Assistant County Attorney with the Suffolk County Law Department gave a presentation regarding the timeliness of doing Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments in relation to receiving the SEQRA determination and the Legislative approval for proceeding with the acquisition of open space.

Proposed Gabreski Airport License Agreement – Escape to New York, Town of Southampton

Anthony Ceglio, Gabreski Airport Manager with the Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy, Aviation Division informed the Council that Escape to New York and Secret Productions will be holding an outdoor event at the Shinnecock Reservation in Southampton beginning August 5 to August 7, 2011. Temporary use of approximately 15.6 acres at Gabreski Airport for vehicle parking and tent camping over a four day period in August. Due to set up and removal, the license agreement will be for a 7 day period August 1 to August 8. All required permits are being requested and coordinated with the Suffolk County Department of Health. Mr. Dave Lory Producer from Escape to New York went in to detail on the use at the airport as well as his coordination with local EMS and the local Fire Department, the Suffolk County Police, Southampton Police and New York State Troopers to comply with all their regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to classify the project as an Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney and was passed unanimously.

SD #21 – SUNY Stony Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade (CP 8121), Town of Brookhaven

Chairman Larry Swanson recused himself from this project and Vice Chair Gloria Russo took over the proceedings. Larry Swanson left the table and did not vote on the project.

Ben Wright Principal Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation regarding the Suffolk County Sewer District 21 – SUNY Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Improvements are to expand existing STP to treat additional flow by adding; sludge thickening, denitrification tanks, odor control and associated site work. Would like to go to construction by spring of next year.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to classify as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Mr. Machtay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Recommended Type I Actions

Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Bellport, Sayville, Ronkonkoma Hub, Middle Island Corridor, Mastic/Shirley, Yaphank, and Southampton (CP8179)

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation. This item was brought up before CEQ at the May 18th meeting. This project is for the feasibility study of areas identified as critical areas by the Suffolk County Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Taskforce as having a high potential of improvement in social, economic and environmental concerns for water quality. These are unsewered areas with no existing infrastructure and will require the creation of sewer treatment plants with one or more districts. These areas discharge directly into the groundwater. This project will require a scoping document and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. DPW is recommending it be classified as a positive declaration. The consultant on the project CDM spoke regarding the environmental parts of the project.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to classify as a Type 1 Action with a Positive Declaration and to move forward with a public hearing. Ms. Russo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Port Jefferson, Riverhead/Calverton, Patchogue and Sag Harbor (CP 8185)

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation. This item was brought up before CEQ at the May 18th meeting. This project is for the feasibility study of areas identified as critical areas by the

Suffolk County Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Taskforce as having a high potential of improvement in social, economic and environmental concerns for water quality. These are existing sewers that have SPEDS permits issued by DEC. This project would involve expanding the existing infrastructure that is discharging into the surface water. They will provide environmental goals, objections and concerns and do a coordinated review. This will have a smaller impact due to the type of discharge and will look at the environmental issues and have a discussion on those issues as part of the conclusions in the feasibility study. DPW recommended that this have a negative declaration.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to classify this action as a Type 1 with a negative declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Recommended Type II Actions

Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 7, 2011

Ms. Russo made a motion to accept staff recommendations. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed Improvements to Lindenhurst Village Square County Park, Town of Babylon

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation made a presentation regarding replacement of a gazebo 12x18 that was completely destroyed by recent storms. They also want to add a 18x25 structure which would meet several uses such as meeting space, bathrooms and a police substation. There will be an additional paver walkway. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation supports the project and would classify it as a Type 2 action keeping with the previous use of the property. Town of Babylon Clerk Shawn Cullian spoke more regarding the setting.

Ms. Russo made to classify this actin as a Type 2 action. Hon. Vivian Viloría-Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dan Gulizio, Deputy Direction of the Planning Department gave a presentation on County sewer initiatives

DeWitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Department of Planning – Presentation on Mud Creek Watershed Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

CAC Concerns

Ms. Squires informed the Council that the SEQRA regs are changing

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