

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: April 17, 2013

TIME: 9:30 am to 11:25 am

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

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair
James Bagg, Vice-Chair
Eva Growney
Thomas Gulbransen
Michael Kaufman
Richard Machtay
Dan Pichney
Mary Ann Spencer
Larry Swanson

ABSENT:

Hon. Kara Hahn

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Peter Scully Jr., Assistant County Attorney
Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner
John Corral, Planner
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Raymond Muxo, Associate Mechanical Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Greg Mead, Project Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Jay Abbott, Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

John Perrotta, Project Manager, Nelson & Pope
John Stalzer, Sr. Environmental Scientist, Nelson & Pope
Chris Lubicich, Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department Health Services, Office of Ecology
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature
Erik Bergey, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning
Mark Cappellino, Stormwater Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Scott Curatolo-Wagemann, Stormwater Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Lorne Brousseau, GIS and Stormwater Program Manager, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Emerson Hasbrouck, Stormwater Management, Cornell Marine Program
Rick Brand, Newsday

Minutes:

Minutes for the March 20, 2013 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. Ms. Growney, Mr. Machtay, and Mr. Pichney all noted that since they were unable to attend the March 20, 2013 meeting they would abstain from voting. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the March 20, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagg.
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**
Mr. Martin noted that there are now a total of three vacancies in the Housing Program. It was noted that two of these rental properties, the Isaac Mills House in St James and the West Sayville Montauk Highway Gate House, are recent vacancies. The third noted vacancy, the First House at the Robinson Duck Farm, has been vacant for a number of years but has now been renovated and is available to rent. A County employee wide mailing regarding these vacancies will be conducted followed by scheduled open houses.
- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin noted that there are no new updates. Contracts are still in progress and there have been no contracts finalized since the Council's last meeting.
- **Current Events:**
Mr. Martin announced that there has been a very successful book launch for the book entitled "Long Island Look". The book launch was held at the Scully Estate last weekend. The book contains many pictures of houses on the south shore of Long Island including six County Historic Sites: Sagtikos Manor, Timber Point, West Sayville Golf Course, Brookside in West Sayville, Meadowcroft, and the Scully Estate. Many of the pictures in the book are from the Suffolk County Department of Parks Historic Services office.

Mr. Martin announced an Earth Day event called the Eco Carnival at the Scully Estate on April 20, 2013 between 11am – 6 pm. Seatuck Association and Suffolk County Parks are the sponsors of this event.

Ms. Spencer requested that CEQ passes a resolution to authorize that a letter be sent to the Department of Public Works (DPW) requesting DPW proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) to do a Master Plan for the Hubbard County Park. It was noted that there are two important historic sites at the Hubbard County Park which includes the Flanders Club and the Black Duck Lodge. In addition it was noted that the Master Plan would address the environmental sensitive areas in the Park.

Mr. Bagg asked if the money is already in place and Ms. Spencer and Mr. Martin noted that the money is in place because it is from a New York State grant. It was also clarified that the letter should go to DPW because DPW generates the RFP but that the Department of Parks will be reviewing the RFP.

Mr. Kaufman added that the letter should also go to the EPA committee.

Mr. Swanson asked who would be involved in doing the Master Plan. Mr. Martin noted that DPW generates the RFP but that Suffolk County Department of Parks will be involved in the whole process.

Mr. Martin added that this should be discussed further with Nick Gibbons with the Department of Parks because he will be supervising the process.

Ms. Spenser's Motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

A. Proposed CP#5603 – Yaphank CNG Fueling Facility

The project manager Mr. Ray Muxo, Associate Mechanical Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works described the project to the CEQ which involves the construction of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility and parking areas located within the existing Suffolk County North Yaphank Complex. Mr. Muxo noted that Greg Mead from Department of Public Works is the co-Project Manager and Nelson and Pope is the consultant for the project.

CEQ members asked Mr. Muxo about the risk of fires/explosions of the CNG fueling facility. Mr. Muxo noted that this facility will be in compliance with all State and local fire codes and regulations that govern this type of CNG facility.

CEQ members also discussed the area to be cleared and that there is County Park land nearby which includes historic structures such as the "Doctors Cottage". As a result of this CEQ added that during clearing the Department of Public Works should work with the Department of Parks to observe and preserve any artifacts that may be encountered.

A Motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The Motion included that all local fire codes and State regulations governing the CNG Fueling Facility will be adhered to and that the Suffolk County Department of Public Works will coordinate with Suffolk County Department of Parks during the clearing to observe and preserve any artifacts which may be encountered. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recommended Type II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for March 19, 2013.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the March 19, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program Annual Report 2013

A presentation was given by Mr. Hasbrouck on the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program.

Public Portion:

No comments were presented at this time.

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned.