

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: August 21, 2013

TIME: 9:35 am to 12:20 pm

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

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

No Council Members Absent

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

No CAC Representatives Attended

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Sarah Lansdale, Director, Suffolk County Division of Planning & Environment
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Nick Gibbons, Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Planning & Environment
Gilbert Anderson, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Vincent Falkoski, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
William Colavito, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Christopher Poelker, Junior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Legislator Al Krupski, Suffolk County Legislator, Legislative District 1
Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 1
Legislator Jay Schneiderman, Suffolk County Legislator, Legislative District 2
Jason Hann, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 2
Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5
Christopher Lubicich, Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature
Tom Vaughn, Director, Suffolk County Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Minutes:

Minutes for the July 17, 2013 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the July 17, 2013 minutes as amended for typographical corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Eva Growney and Larry Swanson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Suffolk County Department of Parks letter regarding appointing Mary Ann Spencer as a member of the Request for Expression of Interests (RFEI) Evaluation Committee in connection with Resolution 918-2011 establishing a Historic Structure Restoration Pilot Program and Directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a Request for Proposals. All CEQ members were in agreement with Ms. Russo that it was very good for Ms. Spencer to be a part of this Committee.

Public Portion:

There were no general public comments offered to the CEQ

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**
Mr. Martin noted that all of the County housing vacancies have been filled.

- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin noted that there are no updates on the custodial agreements and that the Sagtikos and LI Maritime Museum contracts are still in negotiations.

- **Current Events:**
Mr. Martin informed the Council that due to installation of a new sprinkler system at the Deepwells House the Deepwells Historical Society had to cancel this year's Fall Fair. The Deepwells Historical Society do plan to sponsor the Fall Fair again next year.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Acquisition of Land by the County of Suffolk for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the William and Antoinette Smith Property, Located in the Swan River County Park Area, Town of Brookhaven.

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Division of Planning & Environment gave a presentation regarding the acquisition of 1.60± acres of land by Suffolk County for open space preservation purposes. Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- B. Proposed Rehabilitation of Drainage System for Storm Water Remediation, North Fork Preserve, Northville, Town of Riverhead

Christopher Poelker, Junior Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Gilbert Anderson, Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Bill Colavito, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the project stating that it involves the rehabilitation of a drainage system for stormwater remediation for the North Fork Preserve, Northville, Town of Riverhead. The project includes the replacement of the failing pipe system that conveys water from the North Fork Preserve to the Long Island Sound and the installation of leaching basins to contain roadway runoff.

Based on the information received and presented, the Council determined that the project plans were preliminary in nature and needed to be finalized before a SEQRA determination is made for the project.

It was also determined that the Council would send a letter to the Department of Public Works stating that the CEQ conceptually approves the proposed project and that the project plans, when finalized, shall be resubmitted to the CEQ so that they can be reviewed and receive a formal SEQRA recommendation.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to send a letter to the Department of Public Works stating that the CEQ conceptually approved the proposed project but the reviewed project plans were preliminary in nature and shall be finalized and resubmitted to the CEQ so that the project can receive a formal SEQRA Recommendation. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table July 30, 2013.

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report. Mr. Corral noted that one of the introductory resolutions on the LADS report, IR 1692-2013 - Establishing Guidelines for the Use of Methoprene in Suffolk County, was classified in the introductory resolution as a Type II action but it is staff's recommendation that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.10(d)(4) that this resolution should be classified as a Type I action and that a supplemental EIS be submitted to CEQ.

It was stated that staff made this recommendation because it appears that IR 1692-2013 would represent a significant change to the 2007 Vector Control Plan. It was noted that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.10(d)(4) a supplement EIS must be prepared if a proposed change was not addressed in the FGEIS and if that change may have one or more significant adverse environmental impacts.

The SEQRA Recommendation for IR 1692-2013 was discussed in detail by the CEQ. This discussion included information presented by the resolution's sponsor, Legislator Jay Schneiderman as well as Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control and Gilbert Anderson, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the July 30, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Presentation given by Larry Swanson on the Sewage Treatment Plant for Stony Brook University

CAC Concerns:

No CAC's were present

Meeting Adjourned.