

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: March 19, 2014
TIME: 9:45 am to 11:05 pm
LOCATION: Scully Estate
550 South Bay Avenue
Islip, NY 11751

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair
James Bagg, Vice-Chair
Thomas Gulbransen
Michael Kaufman
Mary Ann Spencer
Hon. Kara Hahn

ABSENT:

Eva Growney
Dan Pichney
Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

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

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Michael Postel, Police Communications Systems Director, Suffolk County Police Department

Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Enrico Nardone, Executive Director of Seatuck Environmental Association

Chairwoman Russo revised the meeting agenda so that the CEQ could take the Project Review out of order and consider it at the beginning of the meeting and move the Historic Trust Docket to the end of the meeting to allow time for a presentation by Enrico Nardone, Executive Director of Seatuck Environmental Association.

Project Review: (Taken Out of Order)

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Installation of Public Safety Radio Communication Equipment at Babylon (1st Precinct Monopole), Port Jefferson (Roof of St. Charles Hospital), and Montauk County Park (GATR Site) as Part of the Countywide System Enhancements to the 800 MHz Radio Communication System Project (CP #3241)

Michael Postel, Police Communications Systems Director, Suffolk County Police Department, gave a presentation on the proposed project which involves the installation of radio communications equipment at the 1st Police Precinct in Babylon, St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, and the GATR site in Montauk. This equipment installation will improve public safety radio communications in areas that currently have poor radio signals and will allow people located in these areas to communicate adequately with Suffolk County Police Headquarters.

Mr. Postel stated that at the 1st Police Precinct in Babylon the project will add a police antenna next to an identical existing antenna on the 1st Police Precinct Monopole. The additional needed equipment will be stored in the basement of the 1st Police Precinct building.

Mr. Postel noted that in Port Jefferson a police antenna will be installed on the St. Charles Hospital roof next to several existing roof antennas. The additional communications equipment will be installed within the hospital and will replace existing Police communications equipment.

Mr. Postel described that the proposed project at the GATR Site in Montauk. Mr. Postel noted that this project is an update to a 2007 CEQ reviewed emergency communications project which included the installation of 2 antenna poles but unlike the current plan also included the installation of equipment structures to house communication equipment. In addition, in 2007 the installation was planned to be done by a private cell carrier company and now the installation is planned to be done

by the County. Mr. Postel also specified that the two installed monopoles at the GATR site will replace two existing wood poles and said monopoles will be brown in color, not stripped or lit, and will not exceed the height of the existing wood poles at the GATR site.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included the reasons in the SEQRA determination of non-significance for the 2007 GATR site project (Suffolk County Resolution No. 1334-2007). The motion also included that the installed monopoles at the GATR site will replace two of the existing wood poles on the GATR site and that said monopoles will be brown in color, not stripped or lit, and will not exceed the height of the existing wood poles at the GATR site. Mr. Gulbransen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Minutes:

Minutes for the February 19, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the February 19, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagg. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

There were no general public comments offered to the CEQ

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table March 4, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report and in terms of the SEQRA recommendations there was nothing further to bring to the Council's attention.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the March 4, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires stated that she wanted to inform the Council regarding the importance of Carbon Monoxide (CO) monitors. Ms. Squires noted that she recently attended a Cleaner Greener LI meeting where Neil Lewis spoke about the importance of CO monitors. Ms. Squires shared with the Council some of the information she gained regarding CO monitors including the importance of using a digital monitor. Ms. Squires also noted that Town of Brookhaven is having a Public Hearing on 25th of March to consider new legislation introduced by Supervisor Ed Romaine to declare March “Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month”. The Town Board of Huntington is considering resolutions on April 5th regarding legislation to require carbon monoxide monitors in commercial buildings.

Legislator Hahn noted that the Suffolk County Legislature just passed a resolution relating to equipping first responders, public health nurses, restaurant inspectors, and County employees that enter businesses and homes with portable CO detectors.

Historic Trust Docket:

Director’s Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:
Mr. Martin stated that all available County housing units are currently occupied.
- Custodial Agreements:
Mr. Martin’s update noted that there has been no change since the February 19, 2014 meeting.
- Update on Suffolk County Environmental Center by Enrico Nardone, Executive Director of Seatuck Environmental Association
Mr. Nardone gave a history of the Scully Estate and provided information regarding Seatuck Environmental Association’s involvement with Suffolk County and the Scully Estate.

Meeting Adjourned.