

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: July 16, 2014

TIME: 9:45 am to 1:15 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
Mary Ann Spencer
Larry Swanson

ABSENT:

None

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

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 Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature

Christopher Lubicich, Principal Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department Health Services

Lisa Broughton, Director of Energy, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Tony Ceglio, Gabreski Airport Manager, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Camilo Salazar, Environmental Analyst (Water Quality), Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Michael Maraviglia, Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Amy Juchatz, Environmental Toxicologist, Suffolk County Department of

Jeff Dawson, Sr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works-Vector Control

Mary Dempsey, Biologist, Suffolk County Department of Public Works-Vector Control

Kevin Papasian, Project Manager FST Engineering

Rob Jackson, TRC Project Manager, TRC

Laura Lefebvre, Environmental Consultant, TRC

Matthew Grojek, Project Manager, SunEdison

Legislator Al Krupski, District 1

Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 1

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Minutes:

Minutes for the May 21, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Legislator Hahn to approve the May 21, 2014 minutes with corrections given by Mr. Kaufman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagg. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

July 14, 2014 Letter from The Sustainability Institute at Molloy College with regards to the SunEdison solar project. The letter was expressing support of the project.

Public Portion:

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**
Mr. Martin stated that they are upgrading ____ house and they are in need of a renter. All other properties are rented.
- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin's update noted that the contract office is still extremely business with grant applications that they haven't gotten to the renewal of custodial agreements but they all have received extension on their original agreements in the interim.
- **News**
Mr. Martin informed the Council that the Suffolk County Historical Society's Board of Trustees and Staff have opened a new Exhibition: From Manor to Museum: Treasures of Sagtikos Manor. An opening reception was to be held on June 28th, 2014.

Recommended Type I Actions:

A. Proposed SunEdison Francis S. Gabreski Airport Solar Installation Project, Town of Southampton

In a presentation by Lisa Broughton, Director of Energy, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning and Anthony Ceglie, Gabreski Airport Manager, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning. It was explained to the Council that the 26.2 acre project involves the installation of two ground-mounted photovoltaic solar module arrays located within the Francis S. Gabreski Airport in the Town of Southampton that will produce up to 6 megawatts of AC electric power.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Francis S. Gabreski Airport's adopted 1990 Airport Master Plan Update and the 2008 Airport Master Plan Draft Update and It was noted that the project sponsor will confirm that there are no endangered species located in the proposed construction area and that the project is in conformance with NYSDEC's Endangered and Threatened Species Regulations. This project will result in the generation of renewable electricity and be in support of the New York State's Regional Portfolio Standards (RPS) policy which seeks to increase the proportion of renewable energy used by its residents. This project will enable the production of electricity without the use of fossil fuels or the emission of air pollutants.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Type 1 Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Pedestrian Safety Improvements to CR 35, Park Avenue, Town of Huntington

In a presentation by Jeff Dawson, Sr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, and Kevin Papasian, P. E., Branch Management, FST Engineers, Inc. this project involves the pedestrian safety improvement project will be located on CR 35, Park Avenue from CR 86, Broadway-Greenlawn Road to NYS Route 25A in Huntington; and the project will provide for the installation of new sidewalk or the replacement of deteriorated/non-standard sidewalk; the installation of new concrete curb or replacement of deteriorated curb; the replacement of driveway aprons if applicable; and the installation of drainage structures and pavement rehabilitation (northern section only). This project will also provide for the construction of new handicap ramps with detectable warning fields; the installation of new crosswalks and pavement markings; replacement of traffic signs where applicable and traffic signal rebuilds (nine total). It was noted that the issues raised by Supervisor Petrone should be identified and coordination with the Town on his concerns.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Type 1 Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Modification to the Vector Control and Wetlands Management Long Term Plan

In a presentation by Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent with the Department of Public Works Office of Vector Control he advised the Council that the proposal to allow the use of a new adulticide containing prallethrin in combination with sumithrin and piperonyl butoxide (“Duet” and other product brands with the same chemical composition) by Suffolk County Vector Control was given at the meeting by Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control; and while the use of the adulticides, including the use of sumithrin and piperonyl butoxide, has been addressed by the Vector Control and Wetlands Management Long Term Plan’s Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) the use of the prallethrin was not addressed by the FGEIS. It was noted that the proposed action, which allows the use of a new adulticide containing prallethrin in combination with sumithrin and piperonyl butoxide (“Duet” and other product brands with the same chemical composition) by Suffolk County Vector Control, will not exceed any of the criteria in Section 617.7 of Title 6 NYCRR which sets forth thresholds for determining significant effect on the environment, as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form; and prallethrin has been registered for Mosquito adulticide use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It was also noted that the proposed action is expected to enhance Suffolk County Vector Control’s ability to control the Asian Tiger Mosquito which has emerged as an invasive mosquito species in Suffolk County that poses a serious human disease threat as a vector for diseases such as Dengue Fever and Chikungunya Virus.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Type 1 Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried

D. Proposed Indian Island/Terry's Creek Tidal Wetland Restoration, Town of Riverhead

In a presentation given by Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning it was noted that this project involves a NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Grant funded project to restore approximately 10 acres of salt marsh which was used in the 1960-1970's as a disposal site for material dredged from Terry Creek; and that the said project seeks to remove spoil and dispose of it off-site at a NYSDEC approved facility, install tidal channels (the main tidal channel will require the placement of a bridge and road crossing), stabilize areas and plant suitable saltmarsh vegetation and reduce/eliminate need for mosquito control through habitat modification of known historic mosquito breeding areas. The proposed project is a modification to a 2011 reviewed tidal wetland restoration project which included the creation of two ponds and the removal of a larger amount of material from the project site. The 2011 Indian Island/Terry's Creek restoration project was reviewed by the CEQ and the Suffolk County Legislature and received a SEQRA determination of non-significance as indicated in Suffolk County Resolution No. 152-2011.

Chairwoman Russo read into the record an email that was received from Mr. Rather regarding the concerns he had surrounding this project.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Type 1 Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 3, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report. Mr. Corral also brought to the CEQ's attention that IR 1513 and 1514 were Suffolk County Community College Resolutions and they completed the SEQRA process. Also Introductory Resolutions 1577, 1578 and 1580 were all Suffolk County Department of Public Works projects that were previously reviewed by CEQ.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the June 3, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

B. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 17, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report.

Mr. Corral also noted that Introductory Resolution 1592 New York State was the Lead Agency.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as amended for the June 17, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Mr. Bagg abstained from Introductory Resolution 1621 which pertains to his reappointment to CEQ. Mr. Kaufman abstained from Introductory Resolution 1624 which pertained to his reappointment to CEQ. Motion carried.

Other Business:

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned