

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: September 17, 2014

TIME: 9:40 am to 10:40 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Eva Growney

Hon. Kara Hahn

Larry Swanson

Michael Kaufman

Mary Ann Spencer

### ABSENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Thomas Gulbransen

Dan Pichney

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

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

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5  
DeWitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning  
Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning  
Dominick V. Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control  
Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the August 20, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Swanson to approve the August 20, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Mr. Kaufman and Ms. Spencer abstained. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

It was noted that a copy of a memorandum from John Rather was placed in each CEQ member's informational packet. The memorandum regarded Mr. Rather's reply to CEQ with reference to the Indian Island/Terry's Creek Wetlands Restoration Project.

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:  
Mr. Martin stated that there were no new updates to report.
- Custodial Agreements:  
Mr. Martin stated that there were no new updates to report.
- News:  
Mr. Martin notified the Council that the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society's Fall Festival will be held at the Sagtikos Manor on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 11 am to 4 pm. In addition, the Deepwells Farm Historical Society is sponsoring the Deepwells Fall Fair on Saturday, October 11, 2012 and Sunday, October 12, 2014. Mr. Martin also noted that the Big Duck Museum grand opening is taking place at the Town of Southampton's Big Duck Park on Saturday October 18, 2014 at 11 am. Lastly, Mr. Martin noted that the exhibit at the Suffolk County Historical Society on the Sagtikos Manor has been extended until November 8, 2014.

### **Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed Acquisition of land for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Carmans River Watershed Addition – Avalon Bay Communities property, located in the Carmans River Watershed County Park, Town of Brookhaven

DeWitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, made a presentation on the project which involves the acquisition of 25.5 acres of land for open space preservation purposes. The acquisition of the parcel is one out of five parcels of contiguous land to be acquired for open space preservation totaling 171.02 acres. The four additional parcels are Suffolk County Master List Parcels which were approved for acquisition by Suffolk County in 2004/2005. Suffolk County issued a SEQRA negative declaration for the proposed future acquisition of Suffolk County Master List parcels.

The council raised the question about possible past farming on the property and any related possible impacts. It was noted by Staff that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was conducted and there were no Recognized Environmental Conditions noted and no De Minimus issues noted with the subject property.

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

It was discussed that prior to the next CEQ meeting Staff would provide the CEQ members with the document that outlines Suffolk County's requirements for what shall be included in a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.

### **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

- A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table September 9, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the September 9, 2014 LADS report. Mr. Corral noted that SEQRA for a number of the resolutions on the LADS report was completed previously and there are no resolutions that appear to have an issue related to SEQRA determinations. Mr. Kaufman noted that IR1765-14 which regards the reconstruction of the Shinnecock Canal locks was reviewed by CEQ in 1993. Staff noted that this resolution is for additional funding to complete the ongoing project.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the September 9, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

Dominick V. Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control, discussed with the Council the information Vector Control

has about Prallethrin which is a component of a mosquito adulticide. Mr. Ninivaggi also wanted to discuss with the Council the CEQ and Legislative Resolution that limited the use of Prallethrin to non-marine areas. After a discussion with the Council it was ascertained that Prallethrin would not be used in any marine areas or adjacent salt marsh. Mr. Ninivaggi noted that this information would be added to the 2015 Annual Plan of Work which the CEQ would be reviewing at the October CEQ meeting. Chairwoman Russo stated that the Council does not feel at this point that there is sufficient information regarding the impacts of Prallethrin in marine environments and therefore would like to keep the CEQ resolution as it is. Mr. Ninivaggi stated that Vector Control will continue to look at the scientific literature for any new information. Ms. Russo noted that at any point when additional scientific information can be brought back to the CEQ the question of using Prallethrin in a marine environment can be revisited.

**CAC Concerns:**

Joy Squires, CAC representation for the Town of Huntington, informed the Council that the 2014 Council on the Environment Conference is being held in Binghamton, New York from October 2, 2014 to October 4, 2014. The conference will include information on climate issues, weather related issues, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Meeting Adjourned