

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: October 15, 2014

TIME: 9:35 am to 10:30 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

Hon. Kara Hahn

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Thomas Gulbransen

Michael Kaufman

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

Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, 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 September 17, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the September, 2014 minutes with two minor typographical errors corrected. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hahn. Mr. Bagg abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

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 on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 11 am is the grand opening event of the Big Duck Museum at the Town of Southampton's Big Duck Park.

Recommended Type II Actions:

A. Vector Control 2015 Annual Plan of Work

Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Division of Vector Control made a presentation regarding the 2015 Annual Plan of Work for the County's Vector Control and Wetlands Management Long Term Plan.

Mr. Ninivaggi noted that this work plan for 2015 is similar in nature to the plan of works that have been done since the adoption of Suffolk County's Vector Control and Wetlands

Management Long Term Plan. Mr. Ninivaggi noted though that there are some differences in this year's plan of work. One difference includes the ability of Suffolk County Vector Control to use a new type of adulticide known as Duet in non-marine areas. It was stated that earlier this year the CEQ and Legislature reviewed a modification to the Vector Control Plan to permit the use of this new adulticide in non-marine areas. Another difference is the expected adoption this year of the Wetlands Stewardship Strategy. Mr. Ninivaggi noted that this Wetlands Stewards Strategy Plan, which includes a number of different wetlands management projects, will be brought before the CEQ for review. It was also discussed that this past year the Division of Vector Control, in conformance with the Long Term Plan, started conducting resistance testing to determine if mosquitos are developing resistance to different types of adulticides.

Mr. Ninivaggi also discussed the tick control measures that were incorporated into this year's Annual Plan of Work. It was noted that a 2013 Legislative Resolution established a Tick Control Advisory Committee which was created to recommend tick control measures for the 2015 Annual Plan of Work. However, because this committee did not start meeting until July, 2014 its time frame is being extended by Legislative Resolution to provide the Committee with additional time to develop recommendations. Mr. Ninivaggi stated that he has notified the Committee that an environmental review will be required before any tick measures can be implemented. Mr. Ninivaggi stated that the tick control measures in this year's annual plan of work are limited to actions such as planning activities and tick surveillance studies that do not require environmental review. The Council had an extended discussion with Mr. Ninivaggi on the issues related to ticks and tick control measures.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table October 7, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the October 7, 2014 LADS report and that none of the resolutions appear to have an issue related to their SEQRA determinations. Mr. Swanson had a question related to IR 1889-2014 which was in reference to a new Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven in connection with stormwater abatement to West Meadow Creek. Mr. Corral noted that the Town of Brookhaven was the Lead Agency on the project and that the initial IMA for the project, which was approved in 2010, had expired and a new IMA was required.

Ms. Growney made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the October 7, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagg. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

Joy Squires, CAC representative for the Town of Huntington, updated the CEQ on the 2014 Council on the Environment Conference that was held in Binghamton, NY. Ms. Squires noted that the Conference was a big success and included hot topics such as energy, climate change and food sustainability. Ms. Squires also informed the Council that she was elected President of the New York State Association of Conservation Commissions. Ms. Squires also recommended that if possible the CEQ should either host a workshop with Mark Lowery, Climate Policy Analyst, NYSDEC or have him make a presentation to the Council on climate change issues.

Meeting Adjourned