

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2015

TIME: 9:50 am to 11:05 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Eva Growney

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Jennifer Kohn, Assistant Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

Richard Martin, Director Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks,
Recreation and Conservation

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks,
Recreation and Conversation

Hon. Al Krupski, Legislator, District 1
Hon. Tom Cilmi, Legislator, District 10
Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide 5th District
John Donovan, Chief Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Boris Rukovets, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Erik Bergey, P.E., Sr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Christopher Lubicich, Principal Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Emerson Hasbrouck, Marine Program Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Carolyn Sukowski, Water Quality Program Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Other Business: (Taken Out of Order)

Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program Annual Report 2014

A presentation was given by Mr. Hasbrouck, Marine Program Director, with Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program. Mr. Hasbrouck noted that Cornell Cooperative Extension will be taking and addressing comments from today's meeting and these comments and responses will be included as part of the final 2014 Annual Report. Comments can also be submitted to Lorne Brousseau at lb66@cornell.edu through the end of April, 2015. The annual report can be found online at www.SuffolkStormwater.com

The Election of a Temporary CEQ Chairperson:

The election of a temporary Chair for the April 15, 2015 CEQ meeting was held due to the fact that Ms. Russo, Chair and Mr. Bagg, Vice Chair were both absent. Mr. Gulbransen made a motion to elect Mr. Kaufman as temporary Chair for today's meeting. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes:

Minutes for the March 23, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Kaufman noted that in regards to the description of the Lakeland County Park Wetlands Mitigation Project it should be made clear that the LIRR has jurisdiction over its ROW and that the project reviewed by the CEQ consisted of the components of the Wetland Mitigation Project within Lakeland County Park. A motion was made by Mr. Gulbransen to approve the March 23, 2015 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. 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 is one vacancy at Cedar Point County Park. Mr. Martin noted that Suffolk County Parks has been renovating that building and the residence should be ready to rent shortly.
- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin stated that the Parks Department is working to issue new custodial agreement contracts for the Sagtikos Manor, Long Island Maritime Museum and the Bayport Heritage for the Meadowcroft Estate in Sayville. These contracts are being updated because the previous custodial contracts have expired. Mr. Martin will bring the contracts to the CEQ to approve the continuance of these contracts.
- **Other updates:**
Ms. Growney noted that she brought in copies of an article that was printed in East Hampton Star regarding the historic Montaukett Indian House. This property was discussed at the December, 2014 CEQ meeting and has now been turned over to the Town of East Hampton for historic preservation purposes.

Recommended Type II Actions:

Proposed Planning and Design for the Forge River Watershed, Patchogue River Watershed, Connetquot River Watershed and the Carlls River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Projects

John Donovan, Chief Engineer with the Division of Sanitation, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, gave a summary of all four projects. Mr. Donovan noted that all four projects are nitrogen reduction projects which involve sewerage around the Forge River, Patchogue River, Connetquot River and Carlls River watersheds to reduce Nitrogen entering the watersheds and eventually reaching

Great South Bay and Moriches Bay. It was discussed that Suffolk County has received a grant for 300 million dollars and a low interest loan for 83 million dollars from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to complete these projects. It was noted that the action before the CEQ today is only for the planning and engineering of the projects. It was stated that the Governmental Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) will be the lead in completing the full environmental reviews, including both the NEPA and SEQRA reviews, for the construction of these projects. Mr. Kaufman noted that when additional Suffolk County Legislative approvals are needed, including funding approvals and sewer district approvals, these projects will again come back before the CEQ. Mr. Kaufman also confirmed with Mr. Donovan that the Connetquot River, Carlls River, and Patchogue River projects are for the construction of new sewer areas that will connect to existing sewer districts and the Forge River project involves the creation of a new sewer district which would connect to a new sewage treatment plant.

Proposed Planning and Design for the Forge River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project, Town of Brookhaven

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to recommend that the planning and design for the Forge River Nitrogen Removal Project be classified as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Proposed Planning and Design for the Patchogue River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project, Town of Brookhaven, Village of Patchogue

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to recommend that the planning and design for the Patchogue River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project be classified as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Proposed Planning and Design for the Connetquot River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project, Town of Islip

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to recommend that the planning and design for the Connetquot River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project be classified as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Proposed Planning and Design for the Carlls River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project, Town of Babylon

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to recommend that the planning and design for the Carlls River Watershed Nitrogen Removal Project be classified as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table March 24, 2015

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the March 24, 2015 LADS report and that none of the resolutions appear to have an issue related to their SEQRA determinations.

Mr. Corral brought to the CEQ's attention that IR 1256-2015 is for the reappointment of Ms. Russo to the CEQ, IR 1257-2015 is for the reappointment of Mr. Gulbransen to the CEQ and IR 1258-2015 was for the reappointment of Mr. Pichney to the CEQ. Mr. Corral also noted that IR 1276-2015 thru IR 1278-2015 are the funding resolutions for the planning and design work for the sewer projects discussed at today's CEQ meeting.

Ms. Growney made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the March 24, 2015 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires asked Mr. Corral and Ms. Lansdale for a copy of the Geothermal Model Code that was prepared by the Suffolk County Planning Commission. Ms. Squires thought the model code was excellent idea and something that the Towns can utilize.

Meeting Adjourned