

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: May 20, 2015

TIME: 9:35 am to 11:30 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

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Mary Ann Spencer

Larry Swanson

ABSENT:

None

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Jennifer Kohn, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law
Walter Dawydiak, Chief Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services,
Division of Environmental Quality
Richard Martin, Director Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks,
Recreation and Conservation
Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Division of Water Quality, Suffolk
County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Melissa Kangas, Planning Aide, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development
and Planning
Andrew Amakawa, Research Tech, Suffolk County Department of Economic
Development and Planning
Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide 5th District
Daniel Gulizio, Peconic Bay Keeper
Lisa Gatti, Executive Director, Pal-O-Mine
Joseph Flood, Volunteer, Pal-O-Mine
Rick Brand, Newsday

Other Business: (Taken out of Order)

Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan

Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning and Walter Dawydiak, Chief Engineer with Suffolk County Department of Health Services gave a presentation to the CEQ regarding the Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.

It was noted that the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan is available online at:

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HealthServices/EnvironmentalQuality/WaterResources/ComprehensiveWaterResourcesManagementPlan.aspx>

As part of the discussion Ms. Lansdale noted that CEQ may wish to designate a CEQ member to participate on the steering committee that is being developed to guide the creation of the different sub-watershed plans that are discussed in the Comprehensive Resource Management Plan.

It was also discussed that the Health Department did do SEQRA on the Appendix A and the pilot project sanitary systems which are discussed in the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan. The CEQ requested that copies of this SEQRA documentation be provided to the CEQ.

Minutes:

Minutes for the April 15, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mr. Corral noted that a letter addressed to Gloria Russo, Chair of CEQ, was received from the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) regarding SEQRA Lead Agency Coordination for the Village of Patchogue Out-of-District Sewer Extension. It was noted that GOSR has requested to be the SEQRA Lead Agency for the project. The CEQ discussed the letter and noted that they did not object to GOSR being designated SEQRA Lead Agency and that Ms. Russo would sign the letter on behalf of CEQ indicating that the CEQ did not object to the Lead Agency designation.

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 nothing new to report on the housing program.
- **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 Association located at the Meadowcroft Estate in Sayville. These contracts are being updated because the previous custodial contracts have expired. It was discussed that the process is very time consuming and that these agreements can take a year to be completed. Mr. Martin noted that he believes that there needs to be one template for non-profit organizations and a separate template used for the concessionaire contracts. It was recommended that a letter be drafted from the CEQ, as the Historic Trust, to the County Attorney's office suggesting that a separate contract template should be used for non-profit organizations seeking custodial agreements with the County.
- **Other updates:**
Mr. Martin also noted that there is an event tonight at 6 p.m. at Deepwells regarding the history of St. James.

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

Proposed 2015 Suffolk County Annual Agricultural District Modifications

A presentation regarding the proposed 2015 Suffolk County Agricultural District Modifications was given at the meeting by Laretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning. Ms. Fischer noted that the Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed 8 applications totaling 23 parcels of land for possible inclusion within certified Agricultural Districts and recommended that 20 out of 23 parcels of land be included within an existing certified Agricultural District. These recommended parcels were determined by Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to be viable agricultural lands that would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

Ms. Fischer then provided an overview of each of the 8 applications and the related parcels that were recommended/not recommended for inclusion into an existing certified Agricultural District.

After the CEQ discussed the details of the project Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hahn. Motion carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table April 28, 2015 and May 12th, 2015

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the April 28, 2015 and the May 12, 2015 LADS report. Mr. Corral brought to the CEQ's attention that IR 1403-2015, which is for the Acquisition of the Tuccio property – Peconic River Greenbelt Addition - Town of Riverhead, had a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) completed which recommended that a Phase II ESA be completed. As a result staff recommends a Type II SEQRA classification for this Master List property pending the Phase II ESA.

Mr. Kaufman inquired about IR 1337-2015 - Authorizing the Transfer of a Sawmill to the Long Island Antique Power Association. Mr. Martin informed the Counsel that this sawmill has been unusable for quite some time and that Legislator Krupski noticed it and thought that the Long Island Antique Power Association could possibly restore it.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the April 28, 2015 and the May 12, 2015 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded

by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

None. No CAC representatives were present.

As part of “Other Business” Chairwomen Russo requested that she wanted to have a letter drafted from the CEQ to Sarah Lansdale recommending the placement of Larry Swanson and Tom Gulbransen on the Suffolk County sub-watershed steering committee. The formation of this steering committee was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan presentation.

Meeting Adjourned