

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: March 16, 2016

TIME: 9:40 am to 10:55 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Thomas Gulbransen, Vice Chair

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Mary Ann Spencer

Hon. Al Krupski (designee for Hon. Kara Hahn)

ABSENT:

Eva Growney

Hon. Kara Hahn

Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Suffolk County Legislator William Spencer, District #18
Jeff Standish, Executive Assistant, Town of Southold
Nancy Foote, Clerk, Town of Southold
Ron Meyer, Planning Commissioner, Town of Islip
Michelle Bassen, Executive Assistant, Planning, Town of Islip
Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director, Citizen Campaign for the Environment

Minutes:

Minutes for the January 20, 2016 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Legislator Krupski 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 noted that all units are filled at this time. Mr. Martin also noted that Parks has a good program in place where as soon as a tenant moves out Parks immediately advertises the vacancy within the County. It was also stated that there is a new tenant in the Isaac Mills House and at a few other County rental units.

- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin noted that Parks is still working on the custodial contracts. Mr. Martin stated that the new contract format is being used and it is working well. Mr. Martin recently sat down with the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society and they are very happy with the new format. Mr. Martin thanked everyone for their help and input on getting the new contract template completed.
- **Events:**
Mr. Martin brought to the CEQ's attention that there is going to be a fundraiser at Meadowcroft site in Sayville on June 24, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This fundraiser is being sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA). This will be the first time that SPLIA is having their annual spring fundraiser at a County site. Mr. Martin noted that the Bayport Heritage Association has done a lot of work to restore the Meadowcroft and they will be honored at the event. A resolution has been introduced at the Suffolk County Legislature to authorize the use of the Meadowcroft for this event.

Other Business: (Taken out of order)

Mr. Corral brought to the Council's attention that the Town of Southold was present to make a presentation regarding the possible joint Suffolk County/Town of Southold acquisition and subsequent use of the Brushes Creek – Tristate Capital Holdings property in the Town of Southold. Mr. Corral noted that the property is being considered to be acquired under Suffolk County's Nature Preserve Program. Mr. Corral noted that back in 1987 the Suffolk County Charter was amended to include the adopted Nature Preserve Handbook. The Handbook states that a management report is required for properties acquired under the County's Nature Preserve Program and that the CEQ is the body that reviews and approves the management report. As a result the project sponsor would like to get the CEQ's input on the possible uses permitted on this property including the possibility of deer hunting. It was noted that the Nature Preserve Handbook describes hunting as a generally incompatible use but not a prohibited use. It was discussed that it is possible that the management report could be designed in a way that the CEQ finds deer hunting acceptable on the property. Mr. Corral stated that this is not a final determination but only a request to get input by the CEQ so that the Town could have some guidance. Mr. Corral also noted that there is a map of the property and information from the Town of Southold on deer management in the CEQ member folders.

After Mr. Corral's introduction, Legislature Krupski made mention that the Town of Southold is looking at this less as hunting and more as the management of the natural resources on the site.

Mr. Jeff Standish, Executive Assistant with the Town of Southold, gave a presentation regarding the Town of Southold's Deer Management Plan.

In response to the presentation Ms. Russo noted that when the County and Town are ready to purchase the property this should be brought back to the CEQ with all the related back-up information. This information should include the reasons why deer management is needed, how the Town is working with the DEC, and the level of support from the adjacent communities. This information can then be reviewed and an intelligent decision can be made by the CEQ.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Local Law Prohibiting the Distribution of Plastic Carryout Bags Used in Retail Sales in Suffolk County

Legislator William Spencer, Sponsor of Introductory Resolution 1207-2016 and Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, gave a presentation regarding proposed local law (IR 1207-2016) which would prohibit retail stores in Suffolk County from providing plastic, single use, carryout bags to their customers and require that retailers who provide reusable bags to their customers charge a fee of \$.10 per recyclable paper bag and no less than \$0.10 per reusable bag.

After an extended discussion the Council recommended that Legislator Spencer update the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to include in the EAF the requirements that are contained in the legislation. The requirements in the legislation that should be added to the EAF include that the recyclable paper bags used by retailers contain no old growth fiber, are 100 % recyclable overall and contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycles content.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that the EAF be updated to include the requirements that are included within the legislative resolution. The motion was seconded by Legislator Krupski. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommended Type II Actions:

- A. Proposed Replacement In-Kind of Portions of Yaphank County Center Sewers' Conveyance System, CP 8158, Town of Brookhaven

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the proposed replacement in-kind of portions of Yaphank County Center Sewers' Conveyance System. This in-kind replacement

is being conducted to prevent failure or a required emergency response.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #3 Southwest Rehabilitation – Awixa Creek and Pilgrim Psychiatric Center Pumping Stations, CP 8170, Town of Islip

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding Suffolk County Sewer District #3 Southwest Rehabilitation – Awixa Creek and Pilgrim Psychiatric Center Pumping Stations, the proposed rehabilitation includes replacing equipment at the Awixa pumping station and installing a second bar screen to improve redundancy at the Pilgrim Psychiatric Center pump station.

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

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 9, 2016 and March 1, 2016.

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the February 9, 2016 and March 1, 2016 LADS reports and that none of the resolutions appeared to have an issue related to their SEQRA determinations.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the February 29, 2016 and March 1, 2016 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Legislator Krupski. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned