

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2016

TIME: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Mary Ann Spencer

Larry Swanson

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

ABSENT:

Thomas Gulbransen, Vice Chair

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Keith Larson, Capital Project Manager, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Kenneth E. Phalen, Architect, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Michael Monaghan, Chief Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
August Ruckdeschel, East End Projects Coordinator Economic Development Specialist –
Agriculture & Marine, Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning
Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Economic Development
and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Kara Hahn District #5
Josh Slaughter, Legislative Aide, Kate Browning District #3
Adrienne Esposito, President, Citizen Campaign for the Environment
Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

Minutes:

Minutes for the May 18, 2016, CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Swanson noted that he did not see in the May minutes for the Proposed Amendment to the Suffolk County Sanitary Code to allow for the Permitting, Registration and Management of Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems that it was discussed that Article 19 would not result in density increases. Staff noted that the May minutes noted that the motion included the reasons which are listed in the EAF Part III for why the proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Staff noted that these EAF Part III reasons included that there will be no changes to density as a result of Article 19 but that this can be clarified in the May minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Staff noted that no correspondence to the CEQ was received this past month.

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.

- Custodial Agreements:
Mr. Martin noted that they completed the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society agreement and are working on the agreements with Old Field Farm and Bayport Heritage Association at the Meadow Croft in Sayville.
- Upcoming Events:
Mr. Martin noted that the Society for Preservation of Long Island Antiquities is having a fund raiser event on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Meadow Croft in Sayville. The Bayport Heritage Association will also be giving tours of the Meadow Croft during the event.

Project Review:

Recommended Type I Actions:

- A. Proposed IR 1479-2016: A Charter Law to Permit County-Owned Farmland to be Utilized for Alternative Energy Uses, Town of Brookhaven

Josh Slaughter, Legislative Aide for Legislator Kate Browning read a report from Legislator Browning regarding permitting County-owned farmland to be utilized for alternative energy uses. After an extended discussion the Council determined that they needed more information in order to make a SEQRA recommendation. Mr. Swanson made a motion to table the recommendation for additional information. The requested information included: that Cornell Cooperative Extension attend the next meeting regarding the intended use of the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, information from the Suffolk County Department of Public Works on the siting of solar energy projects and an opinion from the Suffolk County Attorney's office on whether the proposed action would be subject to the Town of Brookhaven's zoning requirements. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion to table passed.

Later in the meeting Michael Monaghan, Chief Engineer for Suffolk County Department of Public Works addressed questions the CEQ had regarding the exploration of alternative locations for alternative energy locations at the Yaphank County Center. Mr. Monahan also noted that these issues were reviewed in reports Suffolk County completed relating to the siting of solar panels on County facilities. The CEQ thanked Mr. Monahan for this information and asked that these reports be provided to the CEQ for the next meeting.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Pre-Engineered Storage Buildings for Sheriff's Office Riverhead Correctional Facility CP3014, Town of Southampton

Keith Larson, Capital Project Manager for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the pre-engineered storage buildings proposed for the Sheriff's Office at the Riverhead Correctional Facility. The action is to replace existing accessory storage containers and deteriorating prefab trailer buildings with two new modern pre-engineered styled insulated metal buildings at the Riverhead Correctional Facility. Each proposed building will be 50 feet by 100 feet in size and located on reinforced concrete foundations within the existing fenced, disturbed area of the Riverhead Correctional Facility.

A motion was made by Ms. Russo to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included supporting findings that the proposed vehicle maintenance storage building's floor will be sealed with a sealant appropriate to the use of the building, that no storage of bulk petroleum or antifreeze will be stored at the proposed vehicle maintenance storage building and best storage management practices will be employed and that spill containment devices will be maintained at the proposed vehicle maintenance storage building. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**B. Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Farm – Education Center,
CP1796, Town of Brookhaven**

Kenneth Phalen, Architect, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the improvements to the Suffolk County Farm – Education Center. The proposed project, which is to be located on the Suffolk County Farm property in Yaphank, will replace existing office trailers that have surpassed their useful life expectancy with a new facility which will provide working facilities and program space for staff. The facility will also accommodate visitors and provide space for agritourism exhibits project and the facility will be approximately 4,800 square feet in size and have the appearance of a two story barn building.

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

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 1, 2016.

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the June 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 June 1, 2016 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Election of a New CEQ Vice Chairperson

It was discussed that Tom Gulbransen, the 2016 elected CEQ Vice-Chairman, is on a leave of absence from the CEQ due to an out of state job assignment and is unavailable for the next several CEQ meetings and as a result a new a new CEQ Vice-Chair is needed for the remainder of 2016.

Ms. Growney made a motion to nominate Mr. Kaufman as CEQ Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Legislator Krupski. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned