

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES**

DATE: July 20, 2016

TIME: 9:15 am – 10:50 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Mary Ann Spencer

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

### ABSENT:

Thomas Gulbransen

Larry Swanson

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

**GUESTS:**

Russ Mackey, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment  
Jen Culp, Assistant to Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Health Services  
John Stype, Legislative Aide, Al Krupski District #1  
Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Kara Hahn District #5  
John King, Owner, Grapes & Greens  
Brian O'Donnell, Principal, Stan Tec  
Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the June 15, 2016, CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Staff noted that correspondence was received on July 19, 2016 from Joshua Slaughter from Legislator Kate Browning's office stating that IR 1479-16, which would allow County-owned farmland to be utilized for alternative energy uses, was withdrawn and the Legislator's office requested that it be removed from the CEQ agenda.

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**  
Mr. Martin noted that they have started renovations to the kitchen at the Blydenburgh Cottage in Blydenburgh County Park and the cottage should be ready to be rented out again in September.
- **Custodial Agreements:**  
Mr. Martin noted that they are still working on the custodial agreements with Old Field Farm and Bayport Heritage Association at Meadow Croft in Sayville.

Mr. Martin noted that the Society for Preservation of Long Island Antiquities fund raiser at Meadow Craft event that was held on Friday, June 24, 2016 was a great success and provided good publicity for the County historic preservation program. Mr. Martin noted that approximately 160 people attended the event.

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed Acceptance of a Donation of Land for Open Space Purposes – a Suffolk County Department of Health Services Board of Review Transfer of Development Rights Requirement – Ref. No. C06-16-0004, Town of Riverhead.

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning Division of Planning and Environment gave a presentation on the project. The project involves an acquisition of land by Suffolk County through a donation required for a SCDHS Board of Review variance. The variance is dependent on the Transfer of Development Rights from the donated parcel and its dedication to the County Parks Department in order to assure it remain in open space and in its natural state for passive recreational use and habitat management purposes.

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

- B. Proposed Improvements to CR21, Middle Island – Yaphank Road, from Longwood Middle School to New York State 25, CP 5138, Town of Brookhaven.

Russell Mackey, Senior Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Brian O'Donnell, Principal, Stantec Consulting Services gave a presentation on the project. The project involves improvements to County Road 21, Middle Island –Yaphank Road from Longwood Middle School to New York State 25, Middle Country Road. The improvements include providing continuous curb and sidewalk on both sides of the roadway for pedestrian safety and mobility, rehabilitating existing pavement, providing drainage improvements, and providing operational improvements at the Longwood Middle School entrances.

After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Hon. Al Krupski. Motion carried.

- C. Proposed New Patchogue Health Center at 501 North Ocean Avenue, North Patchogue Including the Interior Renovation of the Existing Building, Town of Brookhaven.

Jennifer Culp, Assistant to the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, gave a presentation on the project. The proposed project involves the relocation of the existing Patchogue Health Center to a new location at 501 North Ocean Avenue in North Patchogue. The new location, which consists of an 8 acre lot and an existing commercial/industrial building, will be purchased by Hudson River Health Care as part of a New York State program that works to reduce avoidable hospital use. The proposed project also involves design/architectural planning work and the exterior and interior renovation of the existing structure. It was noted that the design/architectural planning work and renovation work will be funded by Suffolk County. It was also discussed that the Health Clinic will include a primary care and an urgent care center that will be available for all Suffolk County residents.

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

### **Project Review:**

#### **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 21, 2016.

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the June 21, 2016 LADS reports.

A question was raised regarding the nature of IR 1660-2016 – Establishing a Vibrant Communities Policy in Suffolk County. CEQ Staff noted that it read through the IR and it is Staff's understanding that it encourages but does not require Suffolk County offices to be located in County downtown locations.

A question was also raised regarding HR-05 – Requesting the State of New York To Discontinue Use of Certain Land For Park Purposes. CEQ Staff noted that it was staff's understanding that this Home Rule Message was part of the process for this property to be acquired by the Elwood School District. Mr. Martin, Director of Historic Services, noted that a few years ago there was a County initiative where Suffolk County Parks Department was directed to look for community partners who could provide private resources to restore County owned Historic Properties. Richard Martin also provided some background information on the nature of this proposed acquisition by the Elwood School District to be used for library purposes. Mr. Martin also discussed the school district's proposed restoration and addition to this property. Ms. Spencer also noted that a few years ago the Suffolk County Historic Trust Committee meet on site and discussed the Elwood School District's proposed use and addition to this building

and was generally supportive of the School District's plans.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the June 21, 2016 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney.  
Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

None

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned