

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING and AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 18, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Chairperson
Leg. Lou D'Amaro, Vice Chairman
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley
Leg. John M. Kennedy, Jr.
Leg. Daniel P. Losquadro

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Legislator William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer
Legislator Joseph T. Caracappa, Fourth District
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Ben Zwirn, Assistant Deputy County Executive
Brian Bielanski, County Executive's Office
Jim Dahroug, County Executive's Office
Thomas Isles, Director of Department of Planning
Lauretta Fischer, Department of Planning
Janet Longo, Department of Real Estate
Carrie Meek Gallagher, Commissioner/Dept of Environment & Energy
Seth Squicciarino, Aide to Leg. Vilorio-Fisher
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Leader
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Debra Alloncius, Legislative Rep for AME
Walter Dawydiak, Suffolk County Health Department
Edward James Pruitt, SC Planning Commission
Jesse R. Goodale, III, SC Planning Commission
Jane R. Devine, SC Water Authority
George Proios, SC Water Authority
Steve Jones, SC Water Authority
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Kraus, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

(THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 1:04 PM)

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Will all members of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee please come to the horseshoe, we would like to proceed with the agenda. Thank you.

Welcome to today's meeting of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee. And I would like to ask our guest, Legislator Caracappa, to lead us in the pledge.

SALUTATION

Thank you. We don't have any cards and we don't have any presentations today. And so what we're going to do, with the agreement of the rest of the committee, is to take the items out of order which are appointments so that the people who have taken time out of their day to come here for an interview can be expedited as quickly as possible. So we will begin in numerical order with IR 1466. I'll make a motion to take 1466 out of order.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **IR 1466** is before us. **(IR 1466, To reappoint member of the Suffolk County Planning Commission Edward James Pruitt) (Co. Exec.)** Mr. Pruitt, if you could just please come forward and take a seat. Okay, hello.

MR. PRUITT:

Hello.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you for coming down.

MR. PRUITT:

Thank you for inviting me.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It's nice to see you. Okay. Oh, it's a reappointment. Thank you. No wonder I'm lost. Thank you.

Mr. Pruitt, can you please tell us a little bit about yourself and a little bit about your experience on the Planning Commission and what you feel you brought to it and what you want to continue to do because you are a reappointment; yes?

MR. PRUITT:

Yes. Yes, my name is Edward Pruitt. I've been on the Planning Commission now for a year representing the Town of Brookhaven. My background is primarily in business. I was President of the Hauppauge Industrial Association for the past three years. And that's how I got on the committee kind of represented the business interest.

I've lived in Coram since I moved here in 1986 from Florida. So 20 years here in New York. And I've enjoyed that as well. I enjoyed my time on the committee. I've learned everything from slopes, ten percent slopes, land locks, those types of things. And I tried to make every meeting. I don't recall missing but two in the 12 meetings that we had.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you. Are there questions from the committee members? Any questions from the committee members? Okay. Is there a motion? Maybe we're not ready yet? Has everyone looked at the resolution? Is that what's -- well, I'm going to make a motion to approve. Second?

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. Was there a question Mr. -- Legislator Losquadro? I couldn't tell.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No, it's all right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. All right, there's a motion and a second.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

It's a reappointment.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes, it's a reappointment. There's a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **1466 stands approved. (VOTE: 3-0-0-2 Not Present: Legislator Kennedy, Legislator Horsley).** Congratulations, Mr. Pruitt and thank you very much for your public service.

MR. PRUITT:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

We appreciate it very much. It's a very important commission.

MR. PRUITT:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you. Okay. The second item that we -- oh, Mr. Pruitt, although we will be considering this at Tuesday's meeting, at the General Meeting of the Legislature, you do not have to return. You just need to come when the committee meets.

MR. PRUITT:

Thank you. Have a great day.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you, sir.

The second item that we will be considering is IR 1483. I'll make a motion to take 1483 out of order, seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1483 is before us. **IR 1483, Appointing member to the Suffolk County Water Authority Jane R. Devine (Lindsay)** And, Jane Devine, if you could please come forward. And this is appointing Jane Devine to the Suffolk County Water Authority. And if you could just tell us a little bit about yourself, Ms. Devine, and what you feel you bring to the membership of the Water Authority Board; and then if we have any questions, we'll ask.

MS. DEVINE:

Okay, thank you. I bring to this primarily, I guess, ten years sitting up there as a County Legislator where we certainly took A look at all of the water issues at that time that were important in Suffolk

County. And they continue to be important to this very day. The preservation of our drinking water is, I think, probably the top issue because we can't live here without it.

So I bring my Legislative experience. I also bring experience as a Commissioner of Consumer Affairs in the County of Suffolk for three and a half years. And I started in Consumer Affairs so I bring to that -- to this appointment a specific and new perspective I think that of seeing the ratepayer as a consumer. A consumer of product, of services. And I actually see it as a public service to the ratepayer to get the best possible water -- I'll just wait till you're finished, certainly.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Sorry. I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you, Joe. Sorry.

MS. DEVINE:

To get the best possible water and service to the ratepayer. I believe it's a \$140 million operation. That's a lot of money and that needs a lot of oversight.

I, you know, I have a very long career starting with a national magazine as a teacher going through public service. I am a chaplain. I've worked in AIDS as a chaplain for four years. I'm a trained chaplain; hospital chaplain.

I started a public relations company, which is still going strong. And I have a very varied balanced background in policy making, which I think is important. That's actually what the board does. And I think that I take to it a lot of experience that way.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you, Jane. Are there any questions for Ms. Devine?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Hello, Ms. Devine. How are you?

MS. DEVINE:

Hi.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I was reading through your resume. And one of the areas that I think is currently lacking a bit in terms of the members on the Water Authority Board is a specific science background. Could you give me any idea, do you have any specific background areas, the type of science that we're looking at when we're looking at contamination of our groundwater areas of that nature?

MS. DEVINE:

I do not have specific science background. I do have certainly the proven ability to take information, assimilate it, come to a conclusion and be able to adapt that to whatever policy is necessary. I feel very confident in my ability to do that. I did it as a Legislator, as a Commissioner and all through my life.

So, no, I do not have specific science background. I don't know whether it's necessary. I mean, I don't think if you're a member of the board of directors of General Motors that you have to know how to make a car.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I agree with you. But just as this body, as you well know, 18 individuals, people bring different backgrounds.

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

You like to have some balance --

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- to the backgrounds that individuals bring.

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

From what I've seen is, that is an area that is, or would be somewhat lacking. And I think would be an asset to the board at the moment. I understand your point completely and I know for myself as a member of this body there are many areas I certainly don't have expertise in.

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

And I have to assimilate that information.

MS. DEVINE:

And it doesn't stop you from making a good decision.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Absolutely.

MS. DEVINE:

That's my point.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

But as I was saying, it certainly is helpful to have people of a diverse background.

MS. DEVINE:

With respect, I'd like to say that I do bring something to this. And I don't think it's ever been on the board before. And that is the perspective of a professional consumer advocate. And I don't think that that's ever been present in any of the talents, the many talents that the people who have served on the board have. And I think it's about time we had that on the County -- the Suffolk County Water Authority.

I think that the ratepayer's need to have someone who can speak directly for them in a different -- with a different perspective and in a balanced way as policy develops.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Are there --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- any other -- oh, I'm sorry.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No. That's all.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I thought you were done. Were you done?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Other questions? Legislator D'Amaro.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay, Ms. Devine, welcome.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Welcome and taking a look at your -- or listening to your presentation and also taking a look at, you know, the resume you submitted to the Committee, I want to first thank you for offering your services.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Your depth of experience is well documented. And I do think you bring much needed representation for consumers to this board.

MS. DEVINE:

Thanks.

LEG. D'AMARO:

And along that line I'd like to ask you do you have a personal position or a position you would bring to this board with respect to health benefits for board members?

MS. DEVINE:

Well, I presently, if you see from my resume, I'm a Vice-Chair of the Planning Board in the Town of Huntington. I did not take health benefits there when they were offered because I have them from the County. I don't need health benefits, I myself. I have followed very closely the discussion; the public discussion about health benefits for part-time employees, which is what this is all about.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Right.

MS. DEVINE:

And I don't think it's required. I don't think it's necessary. So that would be my position. If offered I wouldn't take them anyway.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you, Legislator D'Amaro. Legislator Horsley was there a question?

LEG. HORSLEY:

No. I don't have a specific question excepting to note that Ms. Devine's professional background has always been one of the highlights of not only town but County government. You know, I just as a fellow -- as a former town official, who dealt in -- worked with the Town of Huntington as well, Ms. Devine's reputation was extraordinary in her involvement in the community affairs. And I for one am very pleased that you're here today --

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you.

LEG. HORSLEY:

-- to put your name forward. It's a good fit.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you. I hope that I will be able to continue in public service as a member of the board. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Legislator Losquadro has another question --

MS. DEVINE:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- Ms. Devine.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I guess this is more of a comment to you than a question because some of my other questions -- I'm a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Board; myself and Legislator Viloria-Fisher are board of directors members of that body. And a lot of my other questions really go to some of the specific science and concerns we have regarding agriculture and how it affects our water supply. And these are areas that I would imagine you are somewhat unfamiliar with without a background in science. But what are some of your thoughts regarding agricultural economy on the east end and how that --

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- affects our water supply?

MS. DEVINE:

With respect, I was -- served up there --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes.

MS. DEVINE:

-- for ten years.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I wasn't --

MS. DEVINE:

And doing that, in the hey day of the Farmland Preservation Program, there was an awful lot of discussion then about agriculture. I can remember Lee Kopplemen coming in with one of the water analysis, one of the big reports; and talking about the affects of our agriculture and our groundwater. We did a lot of that then. I don't know whether you still do it now --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes.

MS. DEVINE:

-- in the Legislature. Apparently you do in your regular -- in separate boards. But as Legislators back in those days when I was here the Legislature itself was very much involved in developing policies that would protect the groundwater including agriculture, which was very much a part of our discussions and the affects of agriculture on groundwater.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

That's sort of what I --

MS. DEVINE:

And we weren't experts. Maybe you're a soil expert. I don't know. But we weren't but we could understand it.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No, I certainly understand your point. My real question was what -- I know you served on this body for quite sometime.

MS. DEVINE:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Do you currently have any concerns regarding agriculture and our groundwater?

MS. DEVINE:

I certainly understand the relationship between agriculture and what products are used in developing agricultural uses and the groundwater. We all know that we walk on our water so anything that is used in the development of agriculture is something that's very important to take a look at and to weigh. We're talking about balance, balanced policy here, I believe. And so that's what my main purpose would be.

I can understand and I do understand the relationship between agriculture and groundwater purity. And I understand the need to preserve the purity of our groundwater. So all of that would have to come into any decision that would be made.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Of course. And really my comment was going to be if this body were to appoint you to this position, that some of the questions that I've raised and some of the science behind it are going to be something that -- and again it's not something that you're unfamiliar with doing but you will have to --

MS. DEVINE:

Oh, yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- you know, refamiliarize yourself with things like MTBE and perchlorate.

MS. DEVINE:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

And even the problems that we're having with pharmaceuticals --

MS. DEVINE:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- in our groundwaters with our septic systems and, you know, the proliferation of antibiotics. So these are all concerns that we have. And they're all things that are going to have to be addressed as a member of that board. So again more a comment for you --

MS. DEVINE:

Right. I understand.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- but something that I want you to be aware of.

MS. DEVINE:

I understand. And believe me if I am appointed to this board I will work very hard. I have a reputation for taking a hard work to whatever I do. But I must tell I -- the reason I smiled when you're talking about septic systems is because it brought back to my mind the very, very first public meeting I had as a County Legislator in 1978. And it was entitled, everything you ever wanted to know about cesspools but didn't know who to ask. And I had standing room in the South Huntington Library. They were out in the street. We had about 300 people because nobody had ever done anything like that before. And I'm sorry. I had to explain why I had a smile because it wasn't at you. It was my memory that was coming back. And it was great meeting.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And who knew that many people would attend something like that.

MS. DEVINE:

Oh, you know, that's the thing of people -- that's what I'm saying. I'm talking about the consumers in this County who have a lot of concerns about water. You all have gotten the calls at your office. I know you have. They haven't stopped in the years since I've gone. And that's what I want to take a look at. What they're worried about, in addition to all of the other policies.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, thank you. And thank you for your thoughtful questions, Legislator Losquadro. Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Madam Chair, thank you very much. And as a matter of fact I'm sorry that I'm late but actually this is an extremely important appointment and hello.

MS. DEVINE:

Hello, Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Hi, Legislator Devine. How are you?

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you very much for the honor.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Absolutely, positively. This is no easy gig, is it?

MS. DEVINE:

Well, it brings back a lot of memories.

LEG. KENNEDY:

I guess so. You hit the nail right on the head as far as water goes. Certainly the 12th Legislative District since October of '05 more than half of it has been impacted by water, underwater water or water everywhere. We call it water wars.

It occurs that there is, I guess, evolving what needs to be a macro focus associated with what's going on with groundwater issues and percolation. And the Water Authority itself plays a big role since you are the primary pumper and consumer and pull water up from the aquifer. And then wherever it winds up going, whether it's through our septic systems, our lawn sprinkling, our car washes or wherever, it migrates back into the ground. And our neck of the woods, as you know there is a clay lense that actually extends from up near the Sound and comes down to right around the Lake Ronkonkoma area and runs east to west.

I would ask you as a Commissioner to please have the Director place some focus on what impact this cycle is or how the cycle for extraction and recharge is impacted by the presence of that clay lense; better definition of it. And most importantly, where we've got the donut holes so we can strategically locate our sumps. That's something that I think we have to go forward with from a planning perspective if you would.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you very much, Legislator Kennedy. And if I'm appointed, I certainly will take a look at that and do everything I can to bring some balanced thought to it.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you, Legislator Kennedy. Is there a motion?

LEG. D'AMARO:

Yeah, I'll do it. Yes, Madam Chair, I'd like to offer a motion to approve.

LEG. HORSLEY:

I'll second it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion by Legislator D'Amaro, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? **(VOTE: 5-0)** Congratulations, Legislator Devine.

MS. DEVINE:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And as you heard me mention earlier, there's no requirement that you show up on Tuesday.

MS. DEVINE:

All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you; thank you for being here and thank you for your service.

Okay. Again we have another resolution that we would like to address now, **IR 1513, (Reappointing member to the Suffolk County Water Authority (George Proios) (Caracappa)** And that's another appointment to the Suffolk County Water Authority. George Proios, please. Okay. Again this is introductory resolution 1513.

MR. PROIOS:

Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Good afternoon. Welcome, George. And you know the routine. I'm going to just ask you to tell us about your experience because you are already a sitting member of the Suffolk County Water Authority. And what you felt you brought to it and what you feel you would like to continue to bring to it and then there will be questions.

MR. PROIOS:

As many of you know, I have an extensive background in water resource protection. I've been governed for over 35 years. I have a degree in biology, a minor in chemistry, master of science education. And I have been working as a Chair of the Soil and Water District and have been intricately involved in a lot of the issues affecting water contamination for many, many years. When I headed up the State Water Resource Commission for ten years, one of our major pieces of legislation was the landfill law that prohibited the towns from burying raw garbage above their water supply. We also passed 40 other pieces of legislation that I had a hand in writing.

I started out as a sanitarium with the Health Department. And one of my jobs was to visit every public water supply well field, take samples, bring them back to our County lab to analyze and compare to what their samples were to see if everything was the same in terms of what was being analyzed for.

So I physically have visited these sites in my earlier days. In my most recent years I have been working with many other environmental departments in my previous position as the Assistant County Executive of Environmental Affairs. I interfaced with the Health Department, with Parks Department, with many entities that in some way affect the environment and ultimately affect the water supply.

I have had extensive backgrounds I passed out to you in terms of water studies from the 208 Study to the Source Water Assessment Program, which is the more recent one, which is where we've done extensive modeling to show the capture zones around all of our 550 well field sites so that we can determine what may or not be an incompatible land use. That study was done two and a half years ago. We haven't taken the next step, which is to contact the ten townships and get them to change the zoning right now in those areas that are incompatible. For example, if there's something zoned for a gas station, which is within the capture zone, should it remain there?

We have an ongoing controversy with a sand and gravel pit in Middle Island, where the capture zone for one of our public wells is immediately down gradient of where that sand and gravel pit has now created a 20 acre lake and is proposing to build it, expand it into 200 acres. And it's the first time we've ever seen that much groundwater exposed anywhere on Long Island and anywhere within the sole source aquifer in the country. I've contacted EPA's Sole Source Program to find out. Have you ever seen this much exposed groundwater in a sole source aquifer? And he said no. And yet we have no regulations to deal with that type of activity. The concern is that once you expose groundwater it's a lot easier to contaminate it. The sand is not the greatest filter but it's better than

nothing. And once you remove the sand whenever you place in a service body water pretty much can permeate out and contaminate it. So I have an extensive background. I'm not going to reiterate all these things. But just to show you all of the studies dealing with water issues.

As member of the board, I've been involved in trying to address some of the concerns this body has raised over the years. My original appointment was somewhat contentious over some of the other issues going on at the Water Authority. I tried to address some of those, for example the use of credit cards. They used to go before the board at one point. They stopped going before them. I asked that we see copies of all the receipts, which are now put into our folder each month so we see how people who have credit cards are spending money.

I asked for a pilot project to use a hybrid vehicle, which I drove for two years, the Honda Civic there, as a test in order to see whether or not we can convert over to hybrid vehicles especially for people like meter readers who do a lot of stop and go driving as an alternative to using larger cars.

I've been intricately involved in programs to address protection of our water supply from agricultural issues as Legislator Losquadro mentioned in my position as Chair of the Soil and Water District. For example, one of the issues that came up at one meeting is that we normally offer 75 free feet of main to new developers. And I questioned, should we be doing this if you're in an ag district? It makes no sense that the County on one hand is protecting agriculture and buying it and at the same time if an applicant comes before us that we're going to give them 75 free feet of main. And I raised this argument with the other board members and they agreed with me and we passed a resolution that said we will not offer 75 free feet of main for any developer that wants to develop within a Suffolk County designated agricultural district. And it's the first time anything like that has been done anywhere in the state as far as I could determine.

And as I mentioned this sole source -- the Source Water Assessment Program is one again that I'm intricately working with the Water Authority in the district. As you know, Legislator Fisher since you took the lead on adopting our local AEM Program, the Agricultural and Environmental Management Program, and what I've done with the district is that we have been focusing in the east end and especially as a pilot project in the North Fork on public wells. We have nine public wells there. And looking at the land around those wells in terms of which ones are agricultural lands, so the district is placing a priority on those. And we're doing an AEM tier one, tier two, looking at the agricultural operations. And for the ones where we think we can make improvement, developing a plan and then applying to the state for monies to help those farmers become better stewards of the land. If we find out they have underground storage tanks, we want them to replace them.

If we find out that they had mixed pesticides on bare ground and don't have a place to collect the spills, we have an agreement that our district sign, which is the only one of its kind in the state where we access pesticides violation funds to the tune of -- now our district has \$400,000 that's been transferred into our account. And we will pay farmers 75% of the cost to install a pesticide mixing pad that will collect these pesticides if they spill and recycle it rather than let it go into the ground.

So this is unique. And it's a way of combining my experience in knowing what the water concerns are with other programs that the County has both here at the Soil and Water District in the state. I sit on the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, which actually gives money to all of the Counties to help farmers implement these programs.

So I kind of, I think, bring a wealth of information. And as my positions on other boards dovetailed together to help the Water Authority in following this mission, which is to provide safe, pure drinking water at the lowest possible costs. I've been impressed with the technical expertise of the people there. There are people that say I know more about water or issues than anybody I've met. And I'm put in my place when I see some of the engineers we have at the Water Authority who really know their stuff. I was at a conference with them at the American Water Works Association where we did some table top testing and what happens if a terrorist affects our water supply, what do we

do? And watching our Chief Engineer and some of the other staff people handle those problems was truly amazing. And as I told them at a meeting recently we had in case I'm not reappointed, I said I just wanted to tell you that I've learned a lot in the last five years working with these people. And aside from the politics, which is at the board level, the people below are pretty much the best employees that we have working here to provide us with a safe drinking water and at the lowest possible cost.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you very much, George, for sharing that. And certainly all of us here are very much aware of the value that you bring to the boards on which you serve. Having served with you on CEQ and Soil and Water, I've been -- I've seen firsthand the knowledge that you have. Are there Legislators with questions? Legislator Kennedy; then Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. KENNEDY:

George, hi. I'm going to ask you to speak about just two areas. One, your thoughts about the Lloyd Aquifer and the drilling into Lloyd Aquifer. As you know there is this request to do so up in Northport. You have a somewhat unique perspective having been with the Long Island Water Conference, I guess and knowing, I guess, the importance of the regional approach to maintenance of the aquifer.

Secondly, I'd just ask you to speak a little bit about the Water Authority's policy, if you will, about preservation of existing well fields and in particular where there may be efforts on the part of the Water Authority for acquisition for additional property around existing well fields as we continue to get more and more built out.

MR. PROIOS:

When I was with the State Water Resource Commission, that was when we drafted the legislation for the moratorium on the Lloyd. And if you go back to our -- I believe it was 1983 report and look at the basis for why we thought there should be a moratorium, there's no mention of the word Suffolk County in there. We were looking at the activities of Nassau County. Nassau was pumping out at or exceeding what we call the safe yield, which was at that time we thought was around 180 to maybe 200 million gallons per day. And they were also accessing the Lloyd and several events have happened simultaneously.

One, they punched through -- you talked earlier about the clay lense. Well there's a raritan clay. And it's right above the Lloyd Aquifer. And I think it was Garden City, I'm not sure, but one of the entities had had contamination punched through the clay lense. And what had happened uniquely was that the contaminant followed the well casings straight down through the clay lense and contaminated the Lloyd. So the first time ever we now had a contaminant in the Lloyd Aquifer.

Secondly, Long Beach and Lido Beach, which were coastal communities were starting to pick up chloride levels in their water supply. And the reason was that is that as you draw water out of the straw, the coastal areas start to shrink in size. And in terms of Lido Beach and Long Beach they were now -- the saltwater, freshwater interface was right at their border. And if more water was pumped out they would be drawing saltwater.

So there were at that time close to 35 wells in Nassau County in the Lloyd. And we said there has to be a moratorium until the state can study this and permit the new -- the new well installations in these areas. Never at anytime did we you discuss a problem with Suffolk County. And at that time I think we only had two wells in Suffolk County.

The current proposal for the Water Authority is to put one more additional well in to blend with nitrogen because we can't find it in the area -- in the north Huntington area that is clean enough that we can use to pump water to those areas. We are in a process of evaluating the first denitrification system of its kind in the state. And it will be a little bit presumptuous to build another one right now until we have some long-term data to show how it works. It's very extensive to

remove nitrogen. You can't just run it through a carbon filter. It has to be reverse osmosis.

And so our thought, we did modeling. We were asked by the Health and State Department to look at a worse case scenario or at least more than one well. We looked at five wells pumping. We used a {hydromagnetic} model that this Legislature has paid the Health Department to develop. And the modeling showed that with five, six, seven wells pumping in the north shore, it would have virtually no affect on shrinking the Lloyd saltwater, freshwater interface in Suffolk County.

This is not to say that Nassau doesn't have its own problems. And what's happening now is that Nassau is putting now -- they have a total of 41 wells. And the Lloyd Aquifer is starting to move. That instead of moving outwards over Huntington is where you have the greatest mound and it moves east and west. And as you create this drawdown in the lower areas, the water will start to move then from eastern part of the Island to the west. So in a sense our water will be moving into Nassau County. And this will be the first time we'll have a situation like that if there's no control on the amount of water they're withdrawing.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Is that going on right now?

MR. PROIOS:

I believe it's going on at the lower levels. And you can see in the West Hills area there's been a significant drop in what used to be the highest elevation, which was around 140 feet above sea level. But you can begin to see the movement of water more in a westerly direction than you had ever seen before. And unfortunately we lost our hydrologist, {Sy Robins}, that used to prepare these maps that showed groundwater contours on a yearly basis. And you could start this plot. You need to look at this overtime. It doesn't happen one season because you may have a lot of rain one season and a drought. But if you look at it over decades, you begin to see movement towards the western part.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Is the Long Island Water Commission still in effect and is that moratorium still something that's pertinent?

MR. PROIOS:

The Long Island Water Commission is not but the moratorium is still in effect. The application -- in the moratorium law it said that you could apply for a waiver, which the Water Authority has done. It's gone through an administrative judge. The administrative judge has actually granted the approval or his recommendation to grant that well. It now goes to DEC Commissioner Grannis for him to make the final determination.

And your second question about purchasing land, I mean it's always been the Water Authority's policy to look at land that was the most pristine to located public water supply wells. And in fact when we had a colossal of property down gradient of Brookhaven lab, we again used the sophisticated groundwater model that {Kempt Restermegee} had prepared for us; and said well what happens in five years, ten years, 15 years? Is it possible that a plume from Brookhaven National Lab may intersect this site? Which we only purchased the land; we didn't install any wells.

And the modeling showed that possibly within 20 years a plume from there might reach that site. So we took the position that it was no point in taking the chance. And we actually sold the property. And what we do now is working with the County, like we had an agreement because of the perchloric contamination of the Westhampton Air Base by the County Police Department exploding fireworks, contaminated our well over there. We have an agreement that we will try to access quarter percent properties that the County has purchased. And if we located a well next to that open space, we're pretty much assured that the water will be free of contaminants. And so we always look for adjoining parklands as a location to put our public water supplies.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Do you partner with the County as far as acquisitions if we have a --

MR. PROIOS:

We've talked about that. I don't think -- I'm not sure if we've actually done it, but we've talked about trying to do -- I mean, we're doing it with our comprehensive plan. We're putting resources together because the County doesn't have it in terms of putting a plan together.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Okay. All right. I'll yield, Madam Chair. Thank you, George. I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you. George, number one, I think it should be obvious to everyone your technical experience and knowledge in this area is really unparalleled. And I just want to thank you for putting so much of your time into this board. I've worked with you for quite a while. I would just say to my colleagues that certainly nothing against any other applicants, but I think it would be a mistake not to reappoint Mr. Prios.

George, back to the question that I had asked earlier, are you aware of any of the other members having any sort of formal scientific background?

MR. PROIOS:

No, no other members have any background in science. I'm the only one. And as you looked -- for the last five years of meetings, I think I've missed two meetings in five years to other personal family matters. But if you look at the minutes, you'll probably will see very clearly that I asked the most questions unfortunately than anyone there. I tend to delay the length of the meetings as you know from the Soil and Water District meetings sometimes to your chagrin.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

We call that thorough, George.

MR. PROIOS:

But I have questions myself. There are new things coming out. I'm always amazed how much I don't know. I mean, sometimes you get into politics and everybody becomes an expert overnight. I'm just amazed, you know, a few years ago we never heard of the word pharmaceuticals. This is something brand new. We never heard of {efoxylates}. I mean it's a new cleaning thing that now are being used in companies like {Syntas}. And it's changing the sex of fish in Jamaica Bay. And we're wondering what else it's doing because you also find that in deicings materials that we're using at our airport, including at Westhampton, which we know has a direct connection to our water supply. So my next question is well maybe are these {efoxylates} moving in that direction as well?

Perchlorate, we're just beginning to see the financial impact of that. If EPA lowers the standard for perchlorate down to one part per million, we're in serious trouble. Because it's not easy to remove perchlorate from drinking water supplies. There's only a couple of plants operating in the country that do that. And it's very expensive. And then you have a lot of brine that you have to get rid of. And I don't know where we're going to rid of it because I think they'll allow us to dump it into our coastal waters.

So right now we're very concerned about what aspect there is. We're looking at new technologies and trying to find if there's anybody out there looking to address this problem so maybe we can help assist them in developing a more cost effective treatment for this new type of contaminant.

But now that we're down to being able to test for things in parts per billion and lower, the question is what happens not if you have find one or two, but we're finding toxic cocktails with the

pharmaceuticals. We're not finding one item. We're finding five, six, seven items. And what happens synergistically when all of them are in there. One of the interesting things is we find caffeine all over the place in the largest concentrations. And we're using caffeine as a surrogate. If we find caffeine, we know there's a direct connection from sewage to the water supply and, therefore, we should start looking for the more exotic contaminants at the lower levels, which are harder to detect.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Something as a particular concern to me because it's in the district that I represent is the sand mining operation you mentioned earlier. I know that we bump up against the fact that the DEC had granted the permit for that mining operation in its entirety including the creation of the lake, which would then be dedicated back as a public benefit. Where is the Water Authority on this and what is your position in dealing with the DEC on matters such as this?

MR. PROIOS:

The Water Authority voiced its concern about the fact that its well field is located southeast of the site. And that had gone into the record I believe. I reiterated at the public hearing that DEC held, it was my contention that DEC had no authority to grant that permit because it had abandoned that mine operation for a number of years. The site had already been cited by DEC before they intersected groundwater for storing illegal vehicles, junkyards.

Phil {Barbato} was the regional water engineer at that time. And he testified that there were contaminants released at that time when it was operating this sort of junkyard in the hole. So we already knew that there was some contamination there to begin with.

The fact as I said earlier that you're intersecting groundwater -- that we have several projects like this. This is by far going to be the largest on the Island. And it's unfortunate neither DEC nor EPA that gave us the designation of the sole source aquifer -- we owe -- you hear everybody saying we're a sole source aquifer. What does that mean? If you look at the State Safe Drinking Water Act, it doesn't mean anything because it doesn't say thou shalt not do this in a sole source aquifer.

So one of things it doesn't say is you shall not create a 200 acre lake in a sole source aquifer. So that raises a lot of concerns to me because whether it's on purpose or by accident that someone dumps unwanted material in there, there's no way to filter it out at that point. It's hard to drain a lake that's 200 acres in size and filter it. So I think it raises some serious concerns.

The only thing DEC did do to their credit was they said that the dredge that's operating now -- and you have to picture this -- you're in the middle of Long Island. And it's a dredge sitting in the middle of the Island because there's a lake there. And they were told they could not use diesel fuel, they had to use compressed natural gas in there in case there was a spill from that. But this issue is still currently was -- I know it was brought before new Commissioner Grannis to ask him to reopen it to reevaluate where that permit should have been granted.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you. Well, where did -- oh, Legislator Kennedy's still here. Being that this Committee does not actually give the approval, I would like to make a motion to approve Mr. Prios and have the full body have the opportunity to decide between these two applicants.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. There's a motion to approve. Is there a second?

LEG. KENNEDY:

Yes, I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Kennedy. On the motion?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion to table by Legislator Horsley. Is there a second to the motion to table?

LEG. D'AMARO:

I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. On the motion, Legislator Losquadro, I saw you moving you're -- okay. Okay, the motion --

LEG. D'AMARO:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

On the motion, Legislator D'Amaro.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Just very briefly. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Proios, thank you very much for coming before the committee today. I appreciate your public service as well.

You know sometimes we look -- sometimes we have more than one qualified individual, but at times we also look sometimes to make a start, a change or a fresh start if you will in government. I think it's important to bring different perspectives to a policy making body such as the Water Authority. So I would not want any -- I would not want my vote to be taken as an indication on your ability to perform this function. That's number one.

The second thing, I had asked the prior applicant whether or not you had a position with respect to health benefits while at the County Health Department -- I'm sorry -- the Water Authority.

MR. PROIOS:

Yes. And in fact we did bring this up. I as a member of the Suffolk County employees, I have my benefits through the County already. And we discussed with other members, the Chairman and Mr. Brady are retired and have their benefits through their retirement system. And it was the two recent appointees of this body who are adamant against giving up those health benefits. I told Mr. Lindsay that I'd be happy to introduce a resolution, but Mr. Halpin said he doesn't have any other benefits and he needs them as did Mr. Deering.

So it was the two recent appointees that were opposed to giving those benefits. The other three members, myself and the other two it doesn't affect us at all.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay. Thank you. Again, I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. The motion to table takes precedence. So there's a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Opposed.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Please note the opposition. **(VOTE: 3-2-0-0. Opposed: Legislators Losquadro and Kennedy)**
Thank you for coming down, George, and thank you for your good public service.

The next resolution that we will be considering is **IR 1471, (To reappoint member of the Suffolk County Planning Commission (Jesse R. Goodale, III). (Co. Exec.)** This is a reappointment to the Suffolk County Planning Commission. And that is Mr. Goodale. If you could just tell us a bit about yourself. And it doesn't have to be very lengthy; and your experience on the Commission thus far. And if you could just pronounce your name correctly for me. I'm not certain if I pronounced it correctly.

MR. GOODALE:

Yes, it's Jesse R. Goodale, the Third.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Goodale, okay.

MR. GOODALE:

Yeah. I've been on the Commission for a couple of years as the representative from the Town of Riverhead. And I would say that, well, first of all, about myself, I'm a -- I have a doctorate in political science from the university. I have been for the past 20 odd, 23, 24 years a principal along with my brothers in the Riverhead Building Supply Corporation headquartered in Riverhead; has locations throughout Suffolk County and one in Nassau.

My governmental experience is largely one of advising the Town of Riverhead on the development of what was now called {Ebc} the former Grumman property, Navy property, in the Town of Riverhead; that I was Chair of the Riverhead Development Corporation for a number of years in that I had to leave that Chairmanship about a year ago. In fact now the RDC is largely -- is as a matter of fact no longer operating. But I had to leave personally because my company determined to purchase about 40 acres at {Ebc}. And so there was a direct conflict of interest there so I resigned for that reason.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And your experience at the Commission, sir?

MR. GOODALE:

At the Commission, first of all I think has been -- the people who have come on since -- even since my time, there's been a tremendous turnover in the Commission itself. Strikes me as being one of a broadening of experience and point of view and professionalism. And strikes me as the Commission even in my short period, relatively short period on it, is a much more professional group than had been perhaps even before, although I don't have all that much experience with it except for the few years that I've been on.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Have you been -- sorry.

MR. GOODALE:

I think very highly of the staff. I think staff is an excellent staff. I think that -- a couple of things. I asked and I guess they don't keep -- you know, we -- the Commission passes resolutions of disapproval or approval with suggested changes or approval directly of various projects around the County. I'm not too sure what impact that aspect of the Commission has had. It doesn't seem to be any record keeping of what happens based upon the Commission's decisions; whether or not it made any difference what the towns did, about what the --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, there's record keeping of your determinations but what you're saying is --

MR. GOODALE:

We don't know what happened.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- you're not sure of what kind of follow-up there is.

MR. GOODALE:

Exactly. We don't know --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, we'll ask that of our Planning Department and see if, you know, what the impact is and what they know.

MR. GOODALE:

Yeah, I thought that's kind of -- just for us to know whether, you know, we are --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MR. GOODALE:

-- just doing things that --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MR. GOODALE:

-- in the end don't really matter in terms -- this is separate from what the staff does --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. Okay.

MR. GOODALE:

-- at the Planning Commission, which I think is just excellent work.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah, I understand the question. We'll broach that. Your attendance; have you been able to attend most of the meetings?

MR. GOODALE:

Yes, indeed. Yeah, that hasn't -- I missed a couple for other professional reasons. But I think basically, yeah, that has not been a particular difficulty.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MR. GOODALE:

I would say that -- as I say I think that it would be fair to say that there has been general consensus on the Planning Commission of -- as proposals are brought forward even though there is a rather disparate backgrounds on the Commission, which I think indicates that there is a general consensus about the direction that Planning is going in the County. In my area eastern Long Island, I think the issue of open space is kind of a done thing. It's still going on. But it's very clear the direction in which that has headed, which I fully support.

I would like to think, and I have noticed in my time that there is increasing interest in this issue of affordable housing in the County, which I believe personally is a very serious matter. And I'm

hopeful that the direction that -- to the degree that the Commission could do anything about it, is one that would be -- could for Suffolk County.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, thank you for your thoughtful responses. And are there any questions from the members of the Committee? Okay. If not, I'll entertain a motion. Motion to approve by Legislator Losquadro?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1471 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**
Thank you, sir. Thank you for your service.

I'm going to call Mr. Jones to come up very briefly because we are trying to get Legislator Caracappa's legislation. He's been waiting very patiently.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Because, you know, it's such an awful day out.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes, I know.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

I had a lot of things scheduled today.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. There's a question that has come up in a couple of different venues. And we thought since Mr. Jones was here we could just ask a -- throw out a question that's been thrown out before. And have you ponder it, you don't have to answer it in full now. And I believe the question is from Legislator Horsley. Was it you who asked the question? Was it Legislator D'Amaro? I can't remember who it was that wanted to pose the question.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, go ask the question.

LEG. D'AMARO:

You want me to ask the question.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, you ask the question.

LEG. D'AMARO:

All right, I'll ask the question. We've had a series of debates dealing with protection of groundwater over the last several weeks. And one thing that seems to be raised periodically is that protecting open space, which is then protecting our groundwater, let's say, further on the east end of Long Island is not in anyway, shape or form contributing to protection of groundwater on the western part of the Long Island or even Suffolk County. And if you could speak to that, tell us if that's right, wrong, yes, no, maybe it's a gray area, or whatever your initial gut reaction might be to that.

MR. JONES:

It's important to protect open space at the surface for -- to protect the groundwater and hence the drinking water because it's all pretty local. We have 250 pump stations. And each of those operate independently. And all of our customers get their water from within maybe two or three miles of the source. So it's very important to protect open space in the east end, west end, and everywhere else because it relates directly to the people, the customers that are in that immediate vicinity.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, going beyond the immediate vicinity analysis, if you -- just by way of example, if you protect a parcel of land over the aquifer in Riverhead or East Hampton further east, does that impact the water quality say in Babylon and Huntington?

MR. JONES:

No.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay.

LEG. HORSLEY:

That answers the question.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Is that the immediate term or long-term?

MR. JONES:

Both.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Both.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Well, there we go.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

LEG. HORSLEY:

This has nothing to do with the way we feel about open preservation. It's just a -- it was an -- it was an argument amongst the Legislators whether that was true or not.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes. And we will ask the question again and in, you know, in a more detailed manner because it -- you know, hydrogeology is kind of a complex science. But we will be revisiting this but you gave us the short answer.

LEG. D'AMARO:

And, Madam Chair, if I could because I was anointed to ask the question.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yes, you did.

LEG. D'AMARO:

I just want to add for the record that I am in no way, shape or form saying I'm opposed to --

LEG. HORSLEY:

Right.

LEG. D'AMARO:

-- protecting the groundwater on the east end of Long Island.

LEG. HORSLEY:

That was exactly where I was going to go.

LEG. D'AMARO:

I just want to get -- I just want to get it clear in my mind exactly when we do protect the groundwater, where are we protecting the groundwater? That's the reason why I asked the question. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And it was a question that had been brought up by a different Legislator at another meeting. Okay. Thank you, Steve. Okay.

We will now be moving to the agenda because actually Legislator Caracappa's resolution is the first one on the tabled resolutions. Mr. Isles? Okay. Legislator Caracappa is here and has distributed some maps.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Thank you, Madam Chair, for inviting me to the Committee today. I know this has been on the agenda for some time. And you just wanted me to come down and maybe give you a little bit more overview as to what we're trying to accomplish with this little sliver of land that you see on the map before you in the purple, which is the Grace Presbyterian Church, which is **Resolution 1018, (Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), Farmland Preservation, and Hamlet Parks Fund (Property of Grace Presbyterian Church), Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-392.00-03.00-017.000). (Caracappa)**

Let me give you a quick synopsis, some background as to this parcel and what it's been through. It's been before this Legislature for a final approval on two separate occasions prior to this. The first time around this Legislature did the planning steps, we approved the acquisition. And for reasons that -- well, actually the church had -- was going through a lot upheaval with relation to their attorney and everything. So time had lapsed during the negotiations. So when they finally came to the table ready to sell, it was during that time when real estate prices were booming so we had to do a new appraisal.

That was done. We came up with the new price. It came before us again. And it was approved once again. And in that resolution we had a user group as part of the resolution --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

-- as was dictated by that land use policy -- not land use -- by the acquisition program it was under.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It was the Greenways Program.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes, it was Greenways. So under that program the user group or the stewards of the property had to have a financial review by Budget Review as an advisory opinion. That advisory opinion was done over a lengthy period of time. And it came back not so glowing in terms of the Little League that was going to steward the property. So that kind of stumped Park's and they didn't want to go forward with the acquisition. So we sat down. I asked them exactly how -- along with Real Estate how they would want to see the new resolution put forward, under what program. And that's what's before you now.

I'd like to just give your attention to the map for a second here. If you follow Nicolls Road here north and where it intersects with Hawkins Road, you'll see two large green sections. The upper section, which is Levitt Park -- it's actually in your district, Legislator Vilorio-Fisher, where your district and mine meet. Levitt is a very large baseball complex and it's still growing. They're adding fields to that northwest tip as you see it's undeveloped. The fields are going there.

To the south there's the Centereach pool, which is run by the Town of Brookhaven. And the -- on the northwest corner of that our green parcel is the future home of the Selden/Centereach Youth Association. The blue parcel just to the east of Levitt is a parcel under -- we're in final negotiations now, the County, with Three Village School District. And we've passed the planning steps here already. We're partnering with the Town of Brookhaven to extend athletic fields passed the Levitt complex and across the street from the pool and youth center. And we're going to hopefully come to finalization with that and develop fields -- well, the town will develop the fields. And we'll buy the property. So that's hopefully very close.

And as we move further east, you'll see a couple of green lots on the south side of Hawkins Road. Those are County -- town pocket parks that are very heavily used. And we work our way east to Grace.

The reason why I did this west to east is what we're trying to create along the Hawkins Road corridor is an athletic row field or a youth row. And Grace comes into it. And if you see just to the east of Grace is the Hawkins Path Elementary School, the part that's not shaded. All that open space that you see below the town field, which is Veteran's field and east of Grace, that's all been approved by the Middle Country School District to develop into athletic fields as well.

So that's moving forward. And with Veteran's field, the town field that's currently there, that's scheduled for a complete overhaul. So between Veteran's field, the Hawkins Path field and what I'm trying to bring to Grace, which are all dilapidated ball fields in its current state, we're trying to create a master plan of athletic fields and youth activity spots along that whole corridor.

So the Grace portion of it which has again been before us many times will be the hub of those new fields at the eastern end of this what I'm calling again, athletic row. So though Grace, the resolution itself is kind of small, it's the smallest parcel on the whole run of spots here, it is substantial in the overall master plan, which I might add is supported by the Coalition for Smart Growth, which is a very active group in the area. It's also supported by both the Selden and Centereach Civic Association, and I might add all the youth agencies in the Selden/Centereach area.

As I mentioned earlier, seeing that it's been before us several times, and I was trying to finally get this done before I do leave, the Legislature, I did go to Parks. And past former Commissioner Foley, recommended through Real Estate that we go this route this time around. And seeing that all the process has been done once, twice and now this is the third time, we hopefully could move this forward, have the County purchase it, enter into an agreement with one of the user groups that are going to be helping develop and use those other fields that have been mentioned.

There's a long, long line of groups waiting to be stewards of this property to enter into and adopt our program with the Parks Department once it's acquired and to move forward finally with some much

needed athletic fields, which I might add was number one and two on the -- when we had our visioning a couple months ago the weekend visioning was the --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

The Middle Country visioning, yeah.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

-- yeah, the top priorities of the community was more athletic fields so that's what we're trying to accomplish.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And, Joe, it's right near the school complex there, too.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

With Selden Middle School and Newfield.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yeah. If you see Hawkins -- where is says Hawkins Road there that -- those schools just in the middle of that community just to the south, that's both the Selden Middle School and Newfield High School. So again this whole area we're trying to develop into the area where kids will, you know, develop themselves on playing fields, which I might add I did on the fields that you see on Hawkins Path --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, oh.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

-- which was my elementary school.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Is that an argument for it, Joe?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes. Which is my elementary school. I played ball on the original Grace fields as a -- growing up as a kid. And if you look at the southwest corner of Hawkins and Boyle, that was my childhood home. So I grew up across the street from the school there.

So obviously it's important to my community. It's important to me obviously as a representative of the community. And it goes a long way in restoring and growing what was a very -- it still is a very impressive -- a youth organization through way of sports, through the Middle Country community. So it's very important to us all so hopefully you can see in a master plan how important it is rather than just that little sliver of land you see in the resolution.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Joe, can you just tell me because I'm trying recognize, you know, I know the neighborhood fairly well; just northeast of the Brookhaven parcel, you know --

LEG. CARACAPPA:

The Levitt.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

That kind -- no, no, no. Where the Grace Presbyterian Church --

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- that corner. And if you follow Boyle Road north --

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- there seems to be like a diagonal development. And there's open space around it. What is that?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

That's St. Joseph's Village.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, St. Joseph's Village. Okay.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

The dioceses has their housing unit there.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I thought St. Joseph's Village was south of that. Okay. Good. Any questions? Any other questions?

LEG. D'AMARO:

Convinced me.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Sounds good.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I will be -- I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Motion stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and members of the committee. I'm off to fulfill my other day's duties.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes, we know.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

All indoor activities, I'm sure.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

My golf clubs are getting bored. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thanks, Joe. Okay. We're going to move to **IR 1020, Authorizing planning steps for the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (Lenzer property - Town of East Hampton) (SCTM No. 0300-126.00-01.00-014.025). (Schneiderman)**

LEG. D'AMARO:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Month to table by Legislator D'Amaro, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1020 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

IR 1050, Amending the 2007 Operating Budget to transfer funds from Water Quality Protection (Fund 477) and amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with a watershed study of Lake Panamoka (CP 7152). (Romaine) I don't believe that that's gone before the review board yet. Has it?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

How soon?

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

No, it hasn't. We did have a meeting, which I think I told you about in last committee.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

And since then I've been speaking with {Allen Seboda}, the Town of Brookhaven, who will be preparing the actual application. That will then be submitted to the Water Quality Review Committee. And once -- as I said before, once the application's submitted, we'll set a date for the next committee meeting.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

To ensure that it's in, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. No, thank you. I just want to point out that I -- in especially in light of what Mr. Proios was say earlier, I think this is particularly important because the middle of that lake is actually very deep and goes through several of those subsurface clay layers and acts as a direct conduit into some of those lower layers of our aquifer. So I think this is something that is important that we do move forward on.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1050 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

IR 1144, (Adopting Local Law No. -2007), A Local Law to prohibit the sale, introduction and propagation of invasive, non-native plant species. (Viloria-Fisher) And just by way of explanation there had been some changes to this and that's why it was in the public hearing again. What I did is I removed the management list because that's something that can be done within, you know, interdepartmental memoranda. And the Advisory Committee is now a part of this resolution. That was something that the industry asked for and so we had a roundtable discussion, everybody's on board. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1144 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

Thank you.

IR 1241, Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program (Boatyard Vistas, Inc. Property) Town of Brookhaven. (Schneiderman)

LEG. D'AMARO:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Did you say table or approved?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Table.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Tabled by Legislator D'Amaro, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? IR 1241 is tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

IR 1247, Authorizing planning steps for the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (Yaphank property - Town of Brookhaven). (Browning) Motion to table --

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- okay, by Legislator D'Amaro, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1247 is tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**. Stop me if you want to jump in, Lauretta. Did you want to say something about that? No.

MS. FISCHER:

No.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

You okay?

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

We're okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

IR -- you had that --

MS. FISCHER:

Look in my face.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- look like you wanted to say something. Okay.

IR 1261, Authorizing planning steps for the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (Reiter property) - Town of Southold. (Romaine) Motion to table by Legislator D'Amaro, seconded by Legislator Horsley.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Is that the restaurant?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah, yeah. That's the restaurant that's still open there. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? IR 1261 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

IR 1357, Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), Farmland Preservation, and Hamlet Parks Fund (Toppings Farm property) Town of Brookhaven. (Romaine) Motion to table by myself, seconded by --

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? Yes, on the motion.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I just don't recall this one in particular. What was the particular deficiency with this property?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

This is the one on 51. It only got 13 points on it. Maybe Mr. Isles could speak further to it.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

That's exactly it. It's on County Road 51 on the west side. It's a little bit north of what's known as the Dreams Come True Farm that came before the Committee a couple of times. It is not a farm even though it's identified as Topping's Farm property. It is a wooded parcel. We did look at it from the County Planning's Department perspective and rated it under an open space acquisition. It is not adjacent to or near other County lands. In and of itself it really didn't --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Right.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- I'm just looking at the rating in front of me.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

This would be one that would be -- it would score more or we would look at it more favorably if it was an assembled with --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- but aren't there some parcels that we're looking at?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

No.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

In the surrounding area; or no?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Here again, Dreams Come True is the only one and that was a --

MS. FISCHER:

Farm.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- potential to purchase their development rights. There's no other open space pieces in this location that I know of.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

All right. Yeah, usually I recall these specifically but this one was alluding me.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right. And the only thing I remember from the sponsor on this one when I think he was on this Committee was he thought the Town of Brookhaven was going to be a part of it. I'm not sure if that would change our rating anyway but at this point it's just the County that's part of this.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you. There's a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? IR 1357 is tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)** We've acted on 1483.

IR 1484, Amending the Adopted 2007 Operating Budget to transfer funds from Fund 477 Water Quality Protection, amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds in connection with storm remediation improvements for CR 36, South Country Road, (CP 8240.319). (Co. Exec.) And that's that \$980,000 from 477 and for stormwater improvements. To tell you the truth -- oh, it hasn't gone before CEQ and since it was only a two week period we haven't met yet.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right. So 1484 and 1485 are in the same boat.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you. So I'll make a motion to table 1484, seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1484 is tabled for CEQ review. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

IR 1485, Amending the Adopted 2007 Operating Budget to transfer funds from Fund 477 Water Quality Protection, amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds in connection with storm remediation improvements at County Road 65, Middle Road, (CP 8240.320). (Co. Exec.) And that needs to be tabled for CEQ review. So I'll make the motion, seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? 1485 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

1488, (Amending the Adopted 2007 Operating Budget to transfer funds from Fund 477 Water Quality Protection, amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds in connection with fertilizer nitrogen reduction residential and golf course)(CP 8710.117). (Co. Exec.) And this is the one with that fertilizer nitrogen reduction. And that was the one about golf courses that we talked at the last meeting.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right. Golf courses and now adding the residential component. And actually, Walter Dawydiak, has prepared some handouts and I think you'll find that this hopefully will answer most of the questions that came up at the last committee as to what we hope to achieve with this. And I did just want to state, I don't know if we said it last time, but the -- just the golf course nitrogen reduction program had actually been approved by the Water Quality Review Committee in a prior year and somehow never made it to Legislative resolution. I'm not sure why this was, you know, before it was under Environment and Energy but -- so that had been approved and then just never made it further. So now we would be adding on the residential component. And as part of the process including education, outreach, signage, all the other additional pieces.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, there was a question about why we tabled it. I think there were a few reasons why we tabled it. I know that for my own feeling regarding this, we've been doing a lot of hard work in many different ways to try to get the public educated regarding nitrogen load. And as you know, Commissioner, you've spoken with the Homestead Assist Program with people who have voluntarily been working on this. And there is a piece of legislation that might be introduced at sometime that would also help to further our efforts to reduce nitrogen that's being introduced into our systems.

And so it just seemed like a lot of -- you know, maybe a few years ago there weren't as many other projects going on. So that was my concern about this. And are we duplicating efforts and are we spending money on a consultant now on elements that have already been introduced and discussed and seem to have been studied?

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Here's what I kind of look at this as an opportunity to take all that information and put it in one place comprehensively because there have been different initiatives. And even as you know through Homestead Assist, there's Long Island Neighborhood Network has their version of a training program and they're putting out their information.

Cornell Cooperative Extension has their version of a training program and is putting out their information to a certain audience. You have Nassau/Suffolk Landscape Gardener's Association doing something similar in their own way and then Healthy Grassroots Lawn.

So you have different people doing it kind of piecemeal. I think this would help put everything under -- maybe under one umbrella, take a comprehensive approach, have someone who -- by having a consultant they could be focused on this in way that a staff person a, who doesn't exist right now but, b, then, you know, who's always getting pulled in other things so this way you get someone focused on it. And you have then the backing also of Cornell University and Dr. {Petrovic}, which is very renowned in this area to kind of back up, that we've looked at all the different programs that are out there. We've looked at the different recommendations that have been put forth. And this is what we would recommend as kind of a comprehensive program to

address both golf courses and residential. And, therefore, have, you know, like I said, kind of this one comprehensive program. It seems to be a little bit piecemeal maybe and maybe this would take a comprehensive approach to it. That's how I was looking at it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And do you envision -- because the final report hasn't been completed by the Homestead Assist Task Force. And we've had two very well attended public hearings. So would Dr. {Petrovic} then perhaps work with some of the findings that --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- because there have been many, many hours spent by this group putting information together. And as a matter of fact, I believe you might have been at the public hearing where we talked about having a consortium and having an MOU similar to the one that was done with the Chesapeake Bay --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- consortium; and have some of the major players such as Scott's and some of the, you know, Lebanon and some of the other--

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Companies. Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- corporate entities as well as the stakeholders in the environmental community be a part of that MOU and public officials.

So if there could be a sense that Dr. {Petrovic} would be working with the people that I've been working with on -- with the Homestead Assist because, you know, that was in legislation that was introduced by a different Legislator --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- by Legislator O'Leary, but --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

You continued on.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- I wound up being Chair by virtue of being Chair of this Committee. And I just don't want to drop what has been done by these volunteers for so long.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Yeah, no it wouldn't make sense.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And subsume it, you know, or, you know, kind of reject it by putting in a lot of money to someone who's coming in from the outside.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right. No I think it would only make sense if they were working with all the same people especially since Homestead Assist has been looking at those other programs that are out there and trying to then evaluate what they see as the best mechanism.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And we've already developed some educational folders. We've already develop inserts for the Suffolk County Water Authority to put in. We developed concepts for public service announcements so, you know, I just didn't --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Yeah, no I see it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- want to see that thrown away --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- and pay a consultant to do the same work.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

I think it would just help progress it and get us to the point where the County could then really, you know, implement it in a more comprehensive fashion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Any other questions? Is there a motion? You know, I was waiting to hear if there were any other questions from the Committee because --

LEG. KENNEDY:

Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- I'm not completely convinced because it seems like a lot of money. It makes sense what the Commissioner is saying to have somebody who could pull it together, but I don't know.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Madam Chair, I'll add to my thoughts to it. And I've listened to the dialogue. And I agree with the importance of studying this. However, I find that when we go to 477 we are consistently at it for a variety of different matters. And I guess I'll come back to something that for me now is a theme that I've just harped on over and over and over again, which is actual bricks and mortar for 477 as far as the source of project funding.

It is unfortunate, but we're being put into a position where we have many different competing needs. And it seems that the actual hard money to do stormwater remediation really can only come from 477. Some of the study funding can be accessed from a variety of different types of areas. So in a manner of prioritizing, which I guess is part of what we have to do, I think I would say that even though there's merit to this project, I'm probably going to vote to abstain or oppose on it because I think that we have a dwindling resource with 477 and we need to save it to spend actually on the hard cost improvements. We have very little places to get that money from to do that. So that's my thinking with this.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Legislator Kennedy, I'm going to make a motion to table. Because I do want to think about it a little

bit further. It's very worthy, but I'd like to have the Homestead Assist conclude its report and then look at this. It's just my own feeling because there has been so much time. Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll wait. Is someone going to second that motion? I just wanted to say something.

LEG. D'AMARO:

I'll second that motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Legislator D'Amaro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

On the motion I just wanted to say that the reduction of our nitrogen load is something that I know we've all been trying to work towards finding a way. And this does seem a little more comprehensive or perhaps bringing everyone under the umbrella with some of the programs that we've been doing. And I think it's something that I certainly want to look at more and perhaps even expand this to include some of the other initiatives. I think that this is quite possibly one of the largest challenges we face as far as, you know, environment and our water quality is concerned, is the reduction of that nitrogen loading. And I know it's something that thankfully has been getting some attention lately.

So I want to further that. And if this is something that's going to accomplish that, then, you know, hopefully we'll move forward on that within the next month or so as we can, you know, perhaps get -- I would like to get together and maybe discuss this with you at a little further length as well.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Oh good. I'd be happy --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

-- and anyone who has --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I think we just need, yeah --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

-- ideas, comments, suggestions, we'd be happy to hear them.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah. Because as Legislator Losquadro said, we do have, you know, the AEM Program with the agricultural -- see how that's been working.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And put it all altogether. I think we do need to look at that.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sure.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Could I just respond to what Legislator Kennedy said briefly?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sure thing, of course.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

There are two 477 funded projects as you saw before, 1484, 1485 that are stormwater remediation. And it actually has been my experience that it's harder to get planning funds in other places. And that's why 477 is used for that because it's less, you know, it's the planning steps tend to be less expensive whereas all of the capital projects, stormwater remediation has to be both 477 and capital because it -- they're simply -- they're so expensive. You saw between those two you're looking at one \$1.4 million right there for two, just two County road projects.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, Madam Commissioner, and, Legislator Kennedy, you've both supported my suggestion when we're talking about the Quarter Percent extension, which is to put a greater percentage of money into our 477 account. Because that money, we're saying to taxpayers, it's a quarter percent tax for water quality protection. And yet 32% of that money is going to tax relief. So, you know, I don't know if that's being honest with our taxpayers. We need to put more money into our Quarter Percent Program. So just, you know, something to think about as we speak further on the Quarter Percent extension.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Madam Chair? Pardon? If I might also, Mr. Dawydiak just wanted to make one point on the Peconic total daily maximum -- total maximum daily load nitrogen.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes, I did have a question about that last time you were here, which the Peconic had recommended one pound per 10,000 square feet and a -- correct?

MR. DAWYDIAK:

Yes. Yes, Madam Chair. Walter Dawydiak, Chief Engineer for the Suffolk County Health Department. Thank you for your time. If I could just make a one minute pitch for why it's essential to get this done now rather than a few months from now because it's going to be months before this gets up to speed.

There was a question about cost. Initially this was a \$90,000 project geared for golf courses. Because of economy of scale it's become a 150 so you're doubling the effort with only a 70% increase or so in the cost. So for the \$150,000, which you're getting is {Petrovic} world renowned Ph.D. in this field coupled with two full-time extension educators for one full year. So you're getting two full years of expert staff support coupled with a Ph.D. overseer.

This is just not the kind of resource we have available anywhere in the Health Department and probably not anywhere in the County. It's important to us that this happen now. Because if we get these people on board, they can support Homestead Assist, the Peconic Estuary Program and other initiatives while the options are fluid and we can get a lot of bang for our buck so to speak. Having this technical resource is going to give us a lot of technical support as well as credibility. On a regional scale this, if implemented, will result in the reduction of thousands of pounds of nitrogen to groundwater per year.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

If we can get the message out to all those residences and get them to listen, that's the biggest challenge. Isn't it though?

MR. DAWYDIAK:

It is. But if it could be done in even a modest way, it's worth all the other Quarter Percent projects put together and then some for a \$60,000 onetime investment.

The other point about the Peconic total maximum daily load is this project is going for a public review and comment this coming summer. And it's going to be critical that during the comment and completion period that we have additional expertise on turf management and other areas to support the Peconic total maximum daily load to limit nitrogen to the 110,000 acres.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

What's going up for public review? I didn't quite get what you just said.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

Okay. Yeah, EPA and the State Department of Environmental Conservation are completing a document, which makes nitrogen load allocations to point sources, agriculture and residential uses to reduce nitrogen to minimize eutrophication to the Peconic Estuary. This document has been drafted. It's going to be several months. It's probably going to be oh, eight before it's complete. But the fluid period is going to be between August and early '08 in terms of when adjustments to this document could be made. And there's a lot of money quite honestly and a lot of resources at stake here in terms of how to allocate these load reductions among these different user groups. Having this group on board is going to help tremendously with that Peconic process in terms of credibility, defensibility and effectiveness in a timely manner as well.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Who's the audience that's --

MR. DAWYDIAK:

I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- when we -- the public hearings? I mean how are they going to be held and -- are they public hearings you're talking about?

MR. DAWYDIAK:

The Peconic total maximum daily load is going to be driven by the New York Code of Rules and Regulations Procedures for Notice. It's overseen by EPA but it's run by the DEC so -- however, the DEC does its hearings, I'm not sure what their publication requirements are.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Do you know what concerns me, Walter? What concerns me is that you know the DEC phase II that --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Stormwater phase II.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- stormwater.

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

EPA stormwater phase II we have to be in compliance by January 2008.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. Now there was a report that was supposed to be done at a public hearing by Emerson -- I don't remember --

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

Oh yes, from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

Hasbrouck?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

From Cornell Cooperative, yes.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

Emerson Hasbrouck.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Emerson, thank you. Emerson Hasbrouck. In any case, this was something -- which was a very interesting presentation. But it was supposed to be presented to the public. And in order to meet this requirement, this group came to a CEO meeting and there was no public there. And it was just CEO members so it was preaching to the choir. And having attended so many Homestead Assist meetings, our biggest challenge has been not agreeing on what the parameters are and not agreeing on what we need to do, you know, trying to tell people to water their lawns one inch per week and water deeply instead of ten minutes, you know, that kind of thing and how to apply fertilizer, etcetera.

The issue has been how to get the message out there so people can listen. And with all due respect to the qualifications of the people that we're looking to bring on board, we can bring in the best people in the world. But I think this is almost more a question of marketing than science.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

I agree with you in part but I disrespectfully agree on another part.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Did you say disrespectfully?

MR. DAWYDIAK:

I'm sorry. I respectfully -- that would be very bad, wouldn't it? I respectfully disagree in terms of the message. I've been part of these estuary programs for 20 years now. And it's been probably my biggest personal source of frustration that this message has not been able to go out there. And the reason is we've not brought together the key people to consolidate and crystallize this in a manner that people agree upon. Scott's Fertilizer objects, trade groups object, the commercial landscapers object, residents don't agree. There's not a clear message. And if you look at the materials before you, the Peconic Program is saying zero to one pound per thousand square feet because lawns should be natural.

Homestead Assist is saying two to three pounds. {Petrovic} is saying up to four pounds if it's a new lawn, if it's a lawn in trouble, if it's sandy soils. There are so many different recommendations that this really needs to be tied together, you know. If it's two pounds, one pound twice a year, that difference regionally is going to make a bigger difference again than all of the sewage treatment that we can affect on a Countywide basis, no doubt.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I certainly agree with you.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

Honestly if you look at the Peconic documents that have come out, the users guides, there's never been a good set of recommendations that the average person can look at it and say, oh, this is what I should do. I've got an average lawn, an average condition, once in the spring, once in the fall, at one pound per thousand square feet.

On top of that it's almost impossible to figure out what one pound per thousand square feet is based on confusing labels. This is where we need a system whereby manufacturers comply with some reasonably understandable method, get some sort of reseal approval.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

And this has happened in part due to technical quibbling about variations. And we can bring this together. You've done a great job with the task force. We're almost there. But if we don't bring it together, it's just going to be another missed opportunity and this is why for the \$60,000 I think this is going to provide assist support.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

But we're looking at 151,000.

MR. DAWYDIAK:

It's 90 -- essentially if we did the golf piece alone, it would be 90,000. Because of economy of scale between {Petrovic} and his interns it goes from 90 to 150. So you're essentially buying the residential piece for 60.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And is there required compliance on the part of golf courses? It's volunteer, isn't it?

MR. DAWYDIAK:

It's voluntary but we will have monitoring data. We've been monitoring a number of golf courses over the years to look at nitrogen and pesticide leachate. We'll continue to do that to see whether they do indeed reduce their pollution loading.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Very compelling and very interesting. I think we still need to talk more about it. But anybody in the Committee have a sense that they want to change the motion? Okay. We have a motion and a second to table. All in favor? Opposed? Motion is tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)** All right. We're on 1489?

1489, Amending the Adopted 2007 Operating Budget to transfer funds from Fund 477 Water Quality Protection, amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds in connection with Suffolk County Eelgrass Restoration Initiative (CP 8710.118). (Co. Exec.) You know, I like that one. Why did we table that?

COMMISSIONER MEEK-GALLAGHER:

No. We just asked that it go through CEO first.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, is this CEO? Sorry, I'm sorry. Okay. So I'll make a motion to table --

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- for CEO review. Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? 1489 stands tabled
(VOTE: 5-0)

IR 1511, Adopting Local Law No. -2007, A Charter Law extending and accelerating the Suffolk County ¼% (Drinking Water Protection Program for environmental protection.) (Cooper) Oh, we have to table this one, it's still in public hearing. I'll make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? 1511 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

We already voted on 1513.

1519, Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program (Forge River Watershed property) Town of Brookhaven. (Browning) Yes, Tom.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay. We've circulated the aerial photograph as well as the accompanying rating sheet. The resolution's for planning steps. The parcels involved are those that are outlined in red. The parcels are located north of Sunrise Highway in Mastic in the Town of Brookhaven. It is within the watershed of the Forge River. And in our review of the resolution the total parcels are around 69 acres. We will point out that there are a few out parcels that you'll see on the map in yellow. And those are parcels that we understand are under consideration for acquisition by the Town of Brookhaven in a condemnation action.

But in looking at the environmental aspects of this property, we did do the rating form, it is a large parcel. And what we're recommending today is given the proximity of at least a portion of the property directly to the watershed, you can actually see some of the swell areas of the Forge River going northwest and also going westly through the red area of the property. We think this parcel is one that does warrant approval of the planning steps resolution; to at least consider an acquisition of the property perhaps in part, perhaps whole.

The reason I'm kind of holding back a little bit for just a full blown recommendation is a, the sheer size is rather extensive. We understand the property is approved for development or is in the final stages of development approval for an attached development. So it may be a case where some sort of partial acquisition of a portion of the property may be warranted. But here again, that'll depend on the appraisal and what the value is and what's appropriate for a possible County involvement. It's also dependent on the involvement of other agencies potentially including the Town of Brookhaven.

But at this level, and here again, understanding we take planning steps very seriously we feel that there's enough here with the potential adverse impact of the Forge River itself, the benefit of reduced development, the fact that this is a relatively densely developed community in Suffolk County, that we think the planning steps resolution is warranted at a rating of 27 points understanding that it will be subject to further analysis of the critical areas that would be necessary

to protect the watershed and obviously the dollars and cents when that process is completed. Do you have any questions? We'll do our best to answer those.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Mr. Isles, you said that the one piece that gives you pause is that it's so large; however, we've been looking at a number of resolutions, planning steps and the -- even to the point of acquisition of -- in the Forge River watershed. And actually wouldn't this be an economy of scale if we're having one appraisal on this very large piece --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- rather than have the piecemeal approach?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Let me just -- absolutely. And let me just clarify what I meant by that which is the large in itself is generally a good thing. We actually give more points for that.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

The concern that I was trying to express is that this is very far along on the development review and approval process. So we're buying something that's ready to be developed or close to it. And that becomes part of the financial consideration of the competition for county dollars and so forth. This will be an expensive acquisition potentially. And the County may be confronted then with the choice of what's, you know, is this appropriate in the scale of the entire County acquisition program? Is there some subset or a partial acquisition that may be most appropriate? Obviously the eastern portion of the property is the part that is most directly impacting on the Forge River watershed and the Forge River itself.

So that's my -- that was the purpose of my statement about the size. I will point out that the Town of Brookhaven does own from the information we collected the blue parcels, which are extending to the north as well. And that's significant. And by the way, they were apparently given that as part of the development agreement on the subject parcels. Here again, once again it indicated that they're pretty far along. They've made dedications on the reliance of getting a development approval.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Now we voted on -- we have voted on a lot of Forge River watershed acquisitions. But they're not on this map, right? They were further south?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

To the east and to the south, right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. All right.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

In fact we have a parcel before you a little bit later on in the agenda directly -- or to the east of this

parcel.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

But not that far from Sunrise Highway either, right?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

No, not at all.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I'm recalling some of the other maps.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Sunrise Highway's directly to the south.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Legislator Lindsay.

P.O. LINDSAY:

The only point that I was going to make is being that it is far along in the development process, you know, that I think us showing an interest, you know, we might be in the game a little bit too if the town reneges a little bit about going forward with it, maybe the developer will even think about additional dedication.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay. That I don't know.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I don't know either.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yeah.

P.O. LINDSAY:

But I think having the planning steps on the table could be helpful in the process.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Just quickly, obviously, you know, this isn't a bill that you put together --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- you know, you're just doing your job as the department. But being that this is as far along as it is and the dedications that have taken place, do we -- it's probably a question you don't have to an answer to but do we have any indication at this point that this is -- when that letter of interest goes out on our part that we would get a favorable response back from the developer? Or would they just say time, effort and money invested into this so far, you know, you couldn't offer a sufficient amount to make that worth our while. That would be -- being that with the dedication and what I've seen with development thus far, that would probably be my inclination as to what's going to happen. But I could be pleasantly surprised here, I don't know.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right. I don't know either. I don't know if there's an interest by the owner of the property. I don't know if the sponsor has checked that or not. Certainly as part of the typical process we don't do it unless we have a planning steps --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Of course.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- resolution to do it. The only other factor here again, it's a little bit of an unknown is that, you know, there's some comment that there may be some slow down in the Real Estate market that may be -- there would be an interest so it's hard to say. But here again, I think the point that it has been the subject of an extensive process and so forth, here again, may affect a, their interest and b, the value of the property in the end.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Is there a motion? I'm going to make a motion to approve. Is there a second?

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? Okay. IR 1519 stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)** Okay.

*(*Include P.O. Lindsay on votes/Leg. D'Amaro left*)*

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

IR 1520, am I correct? I'll make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. I didn't read the title though. Do you need me to do that? Read the title. All right. Sorry.

IR 1520 (making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space preservation purposes known as the Forge River watershed addition Peipman property, Town of Brookhaven. (Pres. Off.) Did I call the vote?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. 1520 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1521, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space (preservation purposes known as the) Overton Preserve - (T. & S. Builders, Inc., Town of Brookhaven). (Pres. Off.) Make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. We'll be doing same motion, same second on the rest of these. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1521 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1522, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space preservation purposes known as the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area II addition - Algieri property, Town of Brookhaven. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro) That's on the Algieri property.

IR 1523, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space preservation purposes known as the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area II addition - Casto property, Town of Brookhaven. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1524, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space preservation purposes known as the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area II addition - Graham Estate property, Town of Brookhaven. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1525, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven for open space preservation purposes known as the Bay Avenue property, Town of Brookhaven. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1526, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of East Hampton for open space preservation purposes known as the Airport County Nature Preserve addition - Ross School property, Town of East Hampton. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1527, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Huntington for open space preservation purposes known as the Emerald Estates addition - Coscia property, Town of Huntington. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1528, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Islip for open space preservation purposes known as the Doxsee's Creek County Wetlands addition - Drago property, Town of Islip. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1529, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Shelter Island for open space preservation purposes known as the Fresh Pond/Dickerson Creek - Lawnsdale LLC property, Town of Shelter Island. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1530, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed acquisition of land in partnership with the Town of Smithtown for open space preservation purposes known as the Mills Pond - Arthur H. Cotins Revocable Trust property, Town of Smithtown. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1531, Making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed short term construction of Suffolk County Sewer District #3 Storage Building at Bergen Point, Town of Babylon. (Pres. Off.) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro) Okay. And now we move onto -- what am I up to, George?

MR. NOLAN:
1554.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
Thank you. We're up to **1554, (Adopting Local Law No. -2007), A Charter Law to strengthen the Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program. (Schneiderman)** Which needs to be tabled for public hearing. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1554 stands tabled. IR 1600 --

MR. NOLAN:
Did we get a motion and a second?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
Did somebody second that?

LEG. HORSLEY:
No.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
No -- sorry.

LEG. HORSLEY:
It's okay, I'll do it though.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:
I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
You start to get tired after a couple of hours.

LEG. HORSLEY:
No problem.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
I think I used all my oxygen for that last bunch. Okay. So there's a motion by Legislator Horsley, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? IR 1554 is tabled for public hearing. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1600, Okay. Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under the Suffolk County SOS (Save Open Space) Program - Hamlet Parks component - for the Aero World Corp. property, Town of Islip (SCTM No. 0500-355.00-01.00-001.000 p/o 0500-355.00-01.00-005.000). (Co. Exec.)

I have a question on this. Okay. It was indicated to me that there had been previous planning steps on this property.

DIRECTOR ISLES:
Correct.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
Why are we seeing this again?

DIRECTOR ISLES:
This was originally approved under Greenways Active Recreation.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:
Oh, change of program?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right. And the County actually has been proceeding over the years to consider an acquisition. It is still active and due to the fact that Greenways expired we need a reauthorization to continue and complete negotiations if they are successful.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Can I ask you this though because I thought that we would need a new acquisition resolution. But I thought that if you already had the planning steps resolution you've done the appraisals, you've written the letters so now in order to fund it wouldn't that be covered by the resolution to acquire?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

That's not something I can answer and the answer that we got when we raised that question was that it required -- since the program is now terminated, since it's completely gone it doesn't exist anymore, that we must start from a new resolution. So that's the basis on which we are doing that.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, it's not just like a program that maybe just doesn't have enough funds.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

This is a program that no longer exists.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

It's extinct, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

So the Law Department is saying that we have to do another resolution.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, that's answer the question that I had. Dan, did you still have a question about it?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah, I guess that sort of answers it but I've -- seeing this issue come before us, what, a dozen times over the past few years of whether or not you need a new resolution --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- when something is changing funds. And I think we've gotten different answers on about ten of those 12 occasions. So there doesn't seem to be any hard and fast rule as to whether or not you definitively need a new resolution or if they're still active. I guess in this case because the program doesn't exist --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- maybe, you know, that's a little more concrete. But, you know, in the -- as we move forward,

you know, let's try to find some consistency as to whether or not, you know, if something exists or if it's a belt and suspenders approach or if it's redundant, I've heard it classified in too many different ways for me to count at this point.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

But you're comfortable with this one, understanding that it's extinct? Okay. Expired.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sort of.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay, okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I mean if we have to do it we'll do it but it doesn't mean that you have to go back to square one. All of the work you've done --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- doesn't have to be -- you don't have to order new appraisals.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Which in a way flies in the face of the determination that you have to have to have a new resolution because you've already complied with everything the resolution -- the original resolution asks you to do. Right?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yes.

MS. LONGO:

Yeah. Can I answer that?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sure, Janet.

MS. LONGO:

We -- the planning steps resolutions enable us to pay the appraisal reports out of a funding source. So if the funding source doesn't exist we can't pay all those costs, all those bills.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, pretend they're a child care agency.

MS. LONGO:

Well, I don't know about that.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sorry, sorry.

MS. LONGO:

But that's, you know, we can't pay for appraisals in a funding source that doesn't exist.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I'll make a motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, okay.

MS. LONGO:

So when they're -- when the funding source is gone --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah.

MS. LONGO:

-- that's where we need the new planning steps resolution.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

In order to proceed.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

All right. So we haven't paid for any of that?

MS. LONGO:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay, okay. So there's a motion by Legislator Lindsay. I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Okay. IR 1600 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1601, Authorizing planning steps for acquisition under the Suffolk County SOS (Save Open Space) Program - Hamlet Parks component - for the RD Associates, Inc. property - Town of Babylon (SCTM No. 0100-177.00-02.00-083.000). (Co. Exec.) It's very, very tiny, right?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right. This is a similar case to the prior one where this was approved under Greenways Active Recreation. Similarly we're requesting a replacement resolution under the SOS Program, Hamlet Parks in order to complete the negotiations and possibly an acquisition of the property.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. So it had already gone through all the approvals and you have appraisals on it and everything?

MS. LONGO:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

This was also under Greenways.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. Okay. Legislator Horsley, did you want to make the motion on this?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Sure. I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion by Legislator Horsley, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1601 is approved.

(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro) Okay. 1602, we're back on the Forge River. Right?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right. We are.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

IR 1602, Authorizing acquisition of land under the (Suffolk County Save Open Space) (SOS), Farmland Preservation and Hamlet Parks Fund - Open Space component - for the Peipman property - Forge River watershed addition - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-750.00-03.00-037.002). (Co. Exec.)

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay. This is a parcel that was included on Master List II. It's part of the Forge River watershed as explained by Madam Chairman. This is also directly to the east of the parcel that we just spoke of earlier involving the Woods at Mastic that was previously spoken of.

This parcel is one of many that are included in the watershed to the Forge River. This happens to be a relatively small piece that based on planning steps authorization from Master List, Real Estate has proceeded with an interested seller. This becomes a little bit of a patchwork of accumulating parcels but what's important here is that this area is undeveloped so there are a number of privately owned parcels that are undeveloped. This would be --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Was that on that other map that you gave us?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- moving us in the direction of consolidating those.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Tom?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Pardon me?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It looks like you're pointing -- and it's on that other map?

MS. LONGO:

Yeah.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes. It's on the map -- the previous map that they had.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yeah, on the previous map you have --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. Yeah.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- the one on Mastic Woods. It's directly to the east of that to the right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

So it's actually closer to the river than the prior piece.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. And now that one, it doesn't have any of the same issues that you mentioned before with the approvals and development pressure?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

No.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

To our knowledge there's no development application pending for this parcel.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay, is there a motion?

LEG. LINDSAY:

I'll make the motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion by Legislator Lindsay. I'll second the motion. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1602 is approved.
(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1603, This is Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program - Open Space component - for the Casto property - (Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area II, Town of Brookhaven) (SCTM No. 0200-984.60-03.00-039.000). (Co. Exec.) Okay. All right. And it's about a quarter of an acre and it's \$24,000?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

It's a little bit bigger than that. It's .39 so it's over a third of an acre.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I thought it was point -- okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

It's property that's located here again in Mastic/Shirley conservation area. It was included in Master List II. Once again, it's an agglomeration or accumulation of parcels wherein the County owns a number of parcels in this peninsula presently. The rest were included in Master List. There's very little development in this area.

Mastic/Shirley as previously explained, as a result of a Planning Department study called the Narrow Base Study, this was identified as being an area of significant flooding threat. It's close point in terms of the proximity to Fire Island into the Atlantic Ocean. It's an area that's subject to, you know, storm threats and so forth as well as problems with development in this location in terms of the environmental impacts, the surface water impacts.

So for a variety of reasons there's been a consistent policy at the County as well as at the town because the town's also proceeding with acquisitions in this location to seek to conserve these areas that have been identified. Here again, this continues that practice and implementation.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Kennedy. You heard flooding and you were in there. Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Had me right there. That was it.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

All in favor? Opposed? 1603 stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1604, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, - Open Space component - for the Lawnsdale LLC property - Fresh Pond/Dickerson Creek, Town of Shelter Island (SCTM No. 0700-023.00-01.00-024.010). (Co. Exec.)

P.O. LINDSAY:

Same price as the Mastic/Shirley?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah, close. Okay. Dan, did you have a question?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes, I do.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Is this property adjacent to other holdings? Is this, we're adding to --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Dan, I have the map if you want to look at it.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah. I just -- I don't recall the --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

It's not directly adjacent to a County property. It is within the watershed of Fresh Pond and Dickerson's Creek where the County and the town have planned and accomplished a number of acquisitions in this location.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

It's on the other side of Dickerson's Creek?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

West side.

MS. FISCHER:

It's on the west side. It's outlined in red.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No. Opposite from our County holdings.

P.O. LINDSAY:

That's why I said that.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. What did this get in a rating? Do you remember?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yeah, Laretta worked on the Master List II. So I'm going to ask her just to give a little background as to how it got placed on the list.

MS. FISCHER:

This was on Master List II. And it's one of a number of parcels within this watershed that we identified. These were also identified by the Peconic Estuary Program Critical Lands Protection Strategy within a 1,000 of the, you know, water -- surface water. So there were those issues that we wanted to somewhat satisfy to reduce any kind of further development in this watershed that flows into -- Dickerson Creek actually flows south directly into Peconic Bay in the Sag Harbor North Haven area. So that was an area that we had earmarked to look at for protection.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. It's a pricey piece.

MS. FISCHER:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And there's a partnership with Shelter Island 50/50, correct?

MS. LONGO:

No.

MS. FISCHER:

No, actually this is not.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

This one doesn't.

MS. FISCHER:

Yeah. Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, this is one of the few that doesn't have that partnership.

MS. FISCHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay, because our other one's do.

MS. FISCHER:

We've done a number of partnerships with -- Shelter Island has been very good. They've bought other pieces. And we haven't partnered on them but this is one that we're doing on our own.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Wow.

MS. FISCHER:

But we did do a number of other sites with them and are continuing to partner just to the east on a few others.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, we partnered on the one to the north, right?

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Off of Fresh Pond.

MS. FISCHER:

Exactly. That was {Pisado}. We partnered in the one to the --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

To the east on Fresh Pond.

MS. FISCHER:

-- east of it is also one that we partnered.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. Okay. So this is unusual. Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

The parcels to the north that are still remaining from the Master List, which would create an assemblage in that northern area, I think would be a better acquisition while still probably incredibly pricey. But if my memory serves me correctly, highest and best usage for this parcel is for a single residence. And I just think at a million dollars an acre, which is what this amounts to \$1.2 million for 1.2 acres, could be, you know, better spent on perhaps, you know, 14 acres of, you know, farmland development rights or, you know, better leveraging our assets.

It's very difficult for me to say no to preserving land, especially land as beautiful as this parcel right on Dickerson Creek. But I think in the grand scheme of prioritization of our remaining funding, that this is too high a price to pay and not enough bang for the buck for something that would most likely wind up being a second, third or fourth residence for someone, especially given this price and a single home placed on this parcel. So I don't know about anyone else but I think this is too rich for my blood.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

You either make a motion it able or I will.

MR. ZWIRN:

Madam Chair, if I might.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes. Wait a minute, was that a motion?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No. I'll wait.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MR. ZWIRN:

No, the County Executive, you know, shares a lot of the comments that Legislator Losquadro's made and we made earlier when we spoke before the Committee meeting today, and I think it is indicative of the fact that we have, you know, resources that are limited in how we spend our dollars. But it has been the County Executive's position that when we have planning steps done and we've gone through the process, we bring it back for the policy to be set by the Legislature. This may be one of those parcels where Legislator Losquadro's right, maybe that money could be spent -- as beautiful as this -- and pristine as this parcel is, you may be able to use it for more and higher use purposes down the road.

I know that I live out in East Hampton and I have watched property values grow from the time -- I paid \$30,000 for my building lot where I am today. Today those lots go for, probably because I'm still in the neighborhood, for over 3 quarters of a million dollars. And the last remaining parcel that was on the water up in North Woods where I live went for over \$2.2 million. It was sold privately. But again it was a water front parcel. But it's in an area where there are houses. I don't think anybody in our area ever thought that somebody should come out and buy it for public use as opposed to private use. One more house in the community is not going to make a difference.

But I think -- I just wanted to express the County Executive also shares your concern. But in addition we'll still be bringing piece of -- parcels that may appear like this before the Legislature for your consideration.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And that's appropriate, Ben. Dan and I both sit on ETRB.

MR. ZWIRN:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And sometimes we look at the prices and say hmm, but that's not the right venue --

MR. ZWIRN:

Correct.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

To express a policy opinion.

MR. ZWIRN:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And, and --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

It's a fair price.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It's a fair -- right.

MR. ZWIRN:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

So we approved it in ETRB because --

MR. ZWIRN:

As you should have, right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- it met all the criteria.

MR. ZWIRN:

Correct.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

This committee is the place where we make the policy decision on when we're seeing that we are \$7 million in the red right now with all of our outstanding contracts, I think we're being more circumspect. And this just makes a wonderful backyard for the people on either side who have a waterfront piece of property.

MR. ZWIRN:

But as you have pointed out --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Or side yard.

MR. ZWIRN:

-- as we have building resources I think that these decisions are going to have to be looked at more closely than they ever have before. I just want to say the County Executive has not -- has no objection for this being -- to be tabled.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Madam? Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, Tom, I'm sorry.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Just to add to that, too, we look at this from the County Planning standpoint from an environmental and a resource protection standpoint. And we still support what we said in terms of Peconic Estuary Program and so forth. We respect the value of the decision makers in terms of is this important for the County to do. So that's -- we respect that, we understand that's separate. But when we're making our recommendation to you it's based on those environmental --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- and resource protection issues and we stand by those.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. And that's a given.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

We know that that's important.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay. Good.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

What's the rating on that?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Did you say the rating?

MS. FISCHER:

No, we didn't rate the Master List.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, that's why.

MS. FISCHER:

We put them through --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

They were all done based on an environmental plan.

MS. FISCHER:

Analysis of it.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

That's fine.

MS. FISCHER:

And we don't necessarily know the cost at the time.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

All right. I'll make the motion --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- and you can second it. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1604 is tabled.

(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1605, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program,- (Open Space component) - for the Algieri property - Mastic/Shirley

Conservation Area II, in the Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-984.60-01.00-028.000). (Co. Exec.)

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Okay. So this is similar to the one prior to -- it's number 1603, pardon me. Here again you've seen again a lot of the Mastic/Shirley conservation area acquisitions dealing with properties in floodplain, properties either within wetlands or adjacent to wetlands.

This piece is a similar piece with a County owned parcel directly across the street. County parcels located south of this property, Master List II including surrounding parcels. Looking a little bit more broadly, there's open surface water to the east and there's open wetlands to the west, also all within a floodplain. So we recommend your favorable consideration of this matter.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And what is that body of the water to east? It looks like a lake or a pond or something?

MS. FISCHER:

That's Sheepen Creek, which then flows into Narrow Bay, comes around in a peninsula.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I'll make a motion to approve.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1605 stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1606, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, - Open Space component - for the T. & S. Builders Inc. Property - Overton Preserve, Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-495.00-05.00-001.000). (Co. Exec.) Okay. This is for 12 and a quarter acres and that's a 50/50 split with Brookhaven Town.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Motion by Legislator Losquadro, seconded by myself. And this is again adjacent to other Suffolk County --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Well, it's part of the 400 acre --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Overton Preserve.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- Overton Preserve that the town and the County have targeted for preservation. It's in the Central Suffolk special groundwater protection area. It's within the Pine Barrens zone.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

So it's been a significant effort.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. There's a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? IR 1606 is approved.
(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

IR 1607, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), (Farmland Preservation and Hamlet Parks Fund) - Open Space component - for the Bay Avenue Properties LLC property - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM Nos. 0200-915.00-03.00-001.000, 0200-915.00-03.00-002.000, 0200-916.00-01.00-003.010, 003.011, 003.012, 003.013, 003.014, p/o 003.015). (Co. Exec.) And this is eight acres, right?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

8.5 approximately.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah, a bunch of small parcels. Okay.

MS. FISCHER:

Well, actually this was one large -- it was a 16 acre parcel that we're partnering with the Town of Brookhaven on but we're doing a divided interest.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. All right.

MS. FISCHER:

The town's already closed on their half.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

They did. Okay. I remember talking about this.

MS. FISCHER:

So we'll hopefully be closing on ours.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Good point.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. All right. Motion by Legislator Losquadro, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1607 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1608, Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program - Open Space component - for the Graham Estate property - Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area II, Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-984.70-01.00-011.000). (Co. Exec.)

And this is a small parcel. It's .14 acres.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yeah, it's exactly similar to the prior two Mastic/Shirley resolutions. County land in the vicinity, a lot of undeveloped land so it has the potential to be significantly developed as a location. All the balance of the undeveloped lands that are not currently owned by the County are included on Master List II so it's part of a planned acquisition program. And the implementation has been going very well with the support of Real Estate so this would be continuing that effort.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Tom, may I ask you this, this little kind of peninsula here, was this ever part of that program where people traded because of floodplain --

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- or that program?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yes. The Land Exchange Program.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. So some of the pieces we've acquired were through that trading?

MS. FISCHER:

Yeah, about a half a dozen we acquired through that program.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. FISCHER:

And this was the -- actually the area that was identified as the Mastic/Shirley conservation area for that program.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. I remember that peninsula going out.

MS. FISCHER:

Exactly.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Thank you. All right, I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Losquadro.

(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay, okay. **IR 1609, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, - [C12-5(E)(1)(A)] for the Drago property - Doxsee's Creek addition - Town of Islip (SCTM No. 0500-271.00-03.00-013.000). (Co. Exec.)** Okay. And this is .66 acres. Oh, that looks like it's also part of the Master List II.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Right.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

This is Master List II there's significant holdings.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Would you like to make a motion?

P.O. LINDSAY:

I will but I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Sure.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I'll make a motion and then I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Question by Legislator Lindsay.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Does that -- that fund must be close to being exhausted now. How much monies --

MS. LONGO:

The Islip money, yeah it's getting low. We're trying to spend it --

P.O. LINDSAY:

I know.

MS. LONGO:

-- on parcels like this.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I know.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Well, this looks like a good piece.

P.O. LINDSAY:

But there can't be too much money left.

MS. LONGO:

I don't remember what the figure is.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

I didn't bring it with me.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Okay. Thank you.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

There's enough to cover this.

MS. LONGO:

Oh yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

And there's enough -- everything that we bring to you for the authorizing reso's we've got the money for.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

You've got the money for it. You're good for it. Okay. Was that a motion Legislator Lindsay?

P.O. LINDSAY:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1609 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1610, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program - Open Space Preservation Program - for the Coscia property Emerald Estates Town of Huntington (SCTM No. 0400-168.00-02.00-082.000 p/o). (Co. Exec.) Emerald Estates just goes on and on and on.

MS. LONGO:

This is it. It's almost the last one.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

This is it? This is the last piece?

MS. FISCHER:

Isn't there one more? I thought there was one more.

MS. LONGO:

No. I think this is it.

MS. FISCHER:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I'll make a motion. Dan, you want to look at the picture? Okay. You got it? Okay. Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1610 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)** We certainly know the efforts that have gone into that.

MS. LONGO:

There's one more after this, Vivian. It should be coming soon.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yes. Okay.

IR 1611, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), Farmland Preservation, and Hamlet Parks fund - Hamlet Parks component for the Arthur H. Cotins Revocable Trust property - Mills Pond (Town of Smithtown - SCTM No. 0800-040.00-02.00-002.000). (Co. Exec.) Yeah, I'm sorry. It was just wrong on my agenda. This is the Mills Pond.

MS. FISCHER:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

In the Town of Smithtown. Am I reading this correct, 1611?

MS. FISCHER:

Yes.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And you know if it says Mills and it says Town of Smithtown, maybe Mr. Kennedy would like to make a motion on that.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Yes, Madam Chair, as a matter of fact I'd be happy to. This is a little north of my district --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Right. It's in Lynne's district.

LEG. KENNEDY:

-- but my colleague, Lynne Nowick, and I know the area very well. And as a matter of fact it's a very appropriate acquisition. Yeah, I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Yeah, actually I went there on a field trip with Legislator Nowick and it's very good.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I'm opposed. It's wetlands we should build on it.

LEG. KENNEDY:

You think so, Bill? Multi-story, big hotels.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I'll second it but there's a comment on the motion by Mr. Isles.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

I just want to make the comment just for the record. Certainly everything's been done in terms of the Planning Steps, working with the sponsor, the development, the appraisal. There is still a question in terms of the ultimate management --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

The use, yeah.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

-- of the property. I believe the town was approached and they are not able to offer assistance on that. So just so you know that that's still an issue.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I thought it was local group, they had come to look at the property with us.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

There may be some interest and hopefully something comes about but I just want you to know it's not settled yet.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Could I just comment? I mean -- and I'm not really opposed to the purchase of the property but, you know, there's a few towns one of them is my town as well as yours, John, that does not participate in land preservation but usually they accept the stewardship of the property. It's just --

LEG. KENNEDY:

I would imagine through the Chair, Mr. Presiding Officer, that as a matter of fact I'm in some dialogue right now for some assistance for a parcel that I'm hoping will move to ETRB. And perhaps I may share with Legislator Nowick that there might be some other avenues of approach to the town to look at.

I'm also well aware of the Smithtown Historical Society, which is very close by. As a matter of fact I think they occupy a property --

MS. FISCHER:

Right next door.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Only about 1500 feet away.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And actually they were there --

MS. FISCHER:

The town does.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

-- when I looked at the property as well.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Yeah. So there may --

MS. FISCHER:

They manage it.

LEG. KENNEDY:

-- be an opportunity through some enhanced dialogue to find, you know, some participants for stewardship.

MS. FISCHER:

I think they were approached but I don't know the outcome of it, the Historical Society.

LEG. KENNEDY:

I honestly don't know, Laretta. And as a matter of fact I had spoken with Lynne earlier and I'll be happy to go ahead and chat with her again about this.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I don't mean to continue this.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Please do, Mr. Chair, I find it illuminating.

P.O. LINDSAY:

And again I'm not it's just -- it's not that I'm looking -- I'm just trying to nudge the town into taking some responsible position with this.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Stepping up.

P.O. LINDSAY:

I mean they --

LEG. KENNEDY:

Mr. Chair, that has been the source of frustration for me on many occasions although I've been mystified on occasion when I do get a positive response. And I have gotten them on occasion as well. So I think it's just part of the dialogue we have to promote as local electeds. But I hear what you're saying.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. There was a motion and a second to approve. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1611 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amato)**

IR 1612, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program - Land Preservation Partnership Program - for the Ross School property - Airport Preserve addition Town of East Hampton (SCTM No. 0300-181.00-01.00-007.000). (Co. Exec.)

And this is for 71 acres. And it's a 50/50 partnership with the Town of East Hampton. And I will make a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. And that is certainly beautiful looking, Okay. That's a -- all in favor? Opposed? IR 1612 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amato)**

IR 1613, Authorizing the acquisition of Farmland Development Rights under the Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), (Farmland Preservation, and Hamlet Parks fund) - Farmland component - for the Farr property - Town of Riverhead (SCTM No.

0600-080.00-01.00-003.002 p/o F/K/A 003.001). (Co. Exec.) And again this is a -- is this 50/50 or 70/30 with Riverhead?

MS. LONGO:

70/30.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It's 70/30. Okay. Better than none. And it's 27 acres and there is row crop farming done on this, isn't there?

MS. LONGO:

Yeah, there are some grapes. I think about ten acres. There's a vineyard and the rest is crops.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. I'll make a motion.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1613 stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amato)**

IR 1625, Authorizing the acquisition of Farmland Development Rights under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program for the Reeve property (Town of Riverhead - SCTM Nos. 0600-008.00-02.00-012.004 p/o & 0600-008.00-02.00-012.005

p/o). (Co. Exec.) And again this is a 70/30 share and it's for 21 acres. Same motion, same second, same vote? Okay. IR 1625 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1626, Authorizing acquisition of Farmland Development Rights under the Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program for the Zilnicki property (Town of Riverhead - SCTM No. 0600-043.00-01.00-003.000 p/o). (Co. Exec.) Again a 70/30 partnership with Riverhead. It's -- how many acres is it? 70 acre parcel on Sound Avenue. Same motion, same second, same vote. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

IR 1634, Authorizing acquisition of land under the Suffolk County Save Open Space (SOS), Farmland Preservation, and Hamlet Parks Fund - Hamlet Parks component - (for the Lewis Oliver Property) (Town of Huntington, Village of Northport - SCTM Nos. 0404-011.00-02.00-004.000, 005.000, 006.000, 007.000 and 008.001). (Co. Exec.) And that is one point, almost two acres. It's a 50/50 share with the town in the Town of Huntington. Is there a motion? We don't have our Huntington people here. Anybody make a motion?

P.O. LINDSAY:

I'll make a motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion by Legislator Lindsay, seconded by Legislator Horsley.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

On the motion, Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Can you refresh my memory as to which parcel this is.

MS. FISCHER:

This is the Dairy parcel in Northport.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I recall that Huntington -- the Town of Huntington was very out of line with making some of these figures public during negotiation process. I was very displeased with this entire process. And, you know, we're talking somewhere in the neighborhood of \$825,000 an acre here for this parcel. You know, I balked before at a million dollars an acre for a small parcel in the middle of a residential area. And I'm similarly balking at \$825,000 an acre for this parcel. Another concern I had was the issue of the \$56,000 for livestock ever resolved? Was the language ever cleared up in this as we moved along?

MS. LONGO:

The town -- we asked the town to provide an appraisal for the extra \$56,000 that they were purchasing. And what they did provide us with was a list of the items that they were purchasing for that money along with the town resolution, you know, the town approved that list basically. I don't know if that was included in the reso. It should have been.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I have a list but it may be with other materials that I have. I'll pass it to you.

MS. FISCHER:

It is attached to the resolution --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

To the resolution.

MS. FISCHER:

-- the town resolution.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

With the vehicles and mobile containers.

MS. FISCHER:

Yes, yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Animal housing and where is that list?

MS. FISCHER:

Right. It's 2007-166 is the town resolution.

MS. LONGO:

They didn't provide any values along with the those.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

I don't see any animals here though.

MS. LONGO:

They just itemized the list.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

It lists containers but --

MS. FISCHER:

I think it was just equipment and other items in that vein.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Oh, there's a cat carrier in there. That's good.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

A chainlink chicken pen.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

A wire milk crate.

MS. FISCHER:

And we do need to also bring this before CEQ and Parks Trustees this week.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Which are scheduled this week.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

You know what? Why don't be table it 'til after it goes through CEQ.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

That's fine.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. It hasn't been through CEQ?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

No. It's going Wednesday to CEO and Trustees on Thursday.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Oh, motion to table then.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Then, yeah, a motion to table is appropriate.

P.O. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion to table by Legislator Losquadro, seconded by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1634 is tabled for CEO review. And Park Trustees, it hasn't gone through that either.

MS. FISCHER:

No. It has to go before them on Thursday the 21st.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And Laurretta, there's demolition involved in this too. Aren't there buildings?

MS. FISCHER:

They are going to probably keep most of the buildings but they're attached. Actually I can hand this out. I'm sorry I didn't. The town gave us a site plan. I'm sorry. Let me just --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh okay. Good. That way we can have with our files for the next meeting. There's motion and a second to table. All in favor? Opposed? IR 1634 is tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)** I don't know if I had called that before. All right.

And now we have two memorializing resolutions. Three. And again I'm going to ask the question -- yeah this has so much stuff on it, the trailers and the buildings and --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Madam Chair, could we just make a point on IR 1613?

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Did I miss one?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

No. You didn't miss it but there's just a statement that we just want to correct on the record that was made.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay. Can you just let me get back to it?

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Sure, I'm sorry.

MS. LONGO:

It was the Farr Farm.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

1613, oh it had to do with a partnership on that one.

MS. LONGO:

Right.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

The Farr?

MS. LONGO:

And there's not on that one. Riverhead had run out of money.

DIRECTOR ISLES:

But there is on the other two.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Wow, that's interesting. I'm surprised the Riverhead --

MS. LONGO:

They ran out of farmland money and we had a willing seller so --

DIRECTOR ISLES:

And the other two didn't offer.

MS. LONGO:

-- we did it ourselves.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

We're eating it.

MS. LONGO:

We're eating that one. But the other ones they are partnering.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

I had forgotten that was the one that they just --

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

And I hope that the vineyard development rights were most of them. Huh?

MS. LONGO:

That was the only farm I think that we really ended up doing ourselves in Riverhead.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Okay.

MS. LONGO:

Everybody's having money issues.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Thank you for clarifying that. Thank you very much. Okay.

Again I'm going to ask regarding the memorializing resolutions, and I am going to make -- I'm going to make a motion to table because the New York State Legislature will be adjourning on Thursday so I think --

P.O. LINDSAY:

But they're federal. They're federal.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, are these federal?

P.O. LINDSAY:

Yeah, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Oh, these are congressional, sorry. You're correct. Okay. All right.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS

So the first one is **(MR. 38), Memorializing resolution requesting United States Congress to enact the "Open Space Preservation Promotion Act of 2007" (H.R. 1135).**
(Romaine) Anybody want to make a motion?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion by Legislator Losquadro. I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? MR. 38 stands approved.
(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)

MR. 39, Memorializing resolution in support of legislation to create the Fire Island Beach Erosion Control District. (Eddington) And this is an assembly bill and I'm going to make a motion to table since their session is ending on Thursday.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

There's a motion to table and a second. All in favor? Opposed? MR. 39 stands tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)**

MR. 46, Memorializing resolution requesting United States Congress to enact the "Safe Climate Act of 2007" (H.R.1590). (Stern) Okay. And it's a United States House of Representative, HR. 1590, which freezes U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2010 at the 2009 level. Cuts emissions by roughly 2% per year reaching 1990 emissions levels by the year 2020 and cuts emissions by roughly five percent per year. Well, I'm going to make a motion to approve and ask to be placed as a cosponsor. Is there a second?

LEG. HORSLEY:

I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON VILORIA-FISHER:

Second. And I hung out my wash this morning so I'm all in favor of eliminating our footprint. All in favor? Opposed? MR. 46 is approved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator D'Amaro)** If there is no further business, questions, comments, we stand adjourned. Thank you very much.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 3:22 PM)
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