A regular meeting of the Parks and Cultural Affairs 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 November 29, 2006.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairperson
Leg. Vivian Viloria-Fisher, Vice-Chairperson
Leg. Kate M. Browning
Leg. Jon Cooper (not present)
Leg. Cameron Alden

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature.
Renne Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Lance Reinheimer, Assistant Director Budget Review Office
Ronald F. Foley, Commissioner of Parks
Ben Zwirn, Assistant Deputy County Executive
Paul Perillie, Aide to Minority Caucus
Warren Greene, Aide to Leg. Alden
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Chief of Staff
Fran Siems, Legislative Aide
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Aide
Ray Corwin, Parks Trustee
Al Colina, Southampton Parks Trustee
Andy Carracino, Timber Point

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**
Diana Kraus, Court Stenographer
(THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:13 AM)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Good morning everybody. We'll now begin the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. We'll start with the Pledge to the Flag led by Legislator Cameron Alden.

(SALUTATION)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
We do not have -- we do have. Okay. We don't have presentations. We do have one card from Andy Carracino from Timber Point Pro Shop. Good morning.

MR. CARRACINO:
Good morning. Nice to see you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Nice to see you.

MR. CARRACINO:
My name is Andy Carracino. I've been the PGA professional at Timber Point for the past 14 years. I'm just finishing up my 14th year. And after speaking to the other pros and the restaurant concessionaires we have great concerns concerning the -- prohibiting the use of County Parks for political fundraisers; just brings a host of issues, of course, revenue. And I think there's been a little study there. I don't think there's any disputing the loss of revenue now only from the concessionaires like myself, my fellow pros, the restaurant, but the County, too. There's significant loss of revenue so.

But I think of all the things I've heard about talked about on this issue is, you know, why wouldn't you want the very political people using County Parks? I mean we're proud to have these things. Everybody follows the same rules as everybody is. We want to bring you down. And we're proud to show the facilities. You want you to use our facilities. And I think that's the biggest thing, you know. And then there's the prohibiting parklands. I mean you have that whole issue. It's kind of censourship, I guess, along those lines. You know, who's next? Who are we going to throw out of our parks next?

Please by all means come use the parks. Come use the golf courses. Whether it be for your fundraiser or, you know, your kid's birthday, whatever it is. I mean, you know, we're proud of these facilities. We're in total disagreement with this type of legislation. And -- I mean what's really driving it to? I guess if I'm allowed to ask, I know it was drawn by Legislator Browning who I haven't met. Nice to meet you. Please come out to Timber Point. Come out to all the parks. Come out to some of these fundraisers. See who's there. I mean it's a great exchange of ideas. You can see firsthand what we do down there, what's needed sometimes. You know, there's just so much up side to these things. So if I can ask you, what is really driving this?

LEG. BROWNING:
Well, really what happened there was a political fundraiser at a local park in my district. And there was some concerns from people in my community that believe it's ethically incorrect for them to -- for elected officials to use County facilities; one of the reasons being that, say for example, a taxpayer wants to use the park and is not permitted because an elected official is having a fundraiser. So I am going to table it again at this time because I haven't had an opportunity really to sit down
and talk with the Parks Department. So I am going to table it at this time so we can discuss it and, you know, basically that's what it was. It was more that the public are saying, you know, we want to use the park. And if we can't use it because an elected official is using it, then that's not -- you know, it's improper.

So, you know, I understand what you're saying with the golf course. And again it's saying elected officials using the golf course and someone from the public wants to use it, it's not fair to them. They are the taxpayers and they are entitled. So, like I say, I will be tabling it again because I do need to spend some time with the Parks Department on this.

MR. CARRACINO:
Please point out that they all follow the same rules and regulations. All these rules and regulations are clearly laid out. And so again -- and please come out to see us. Everybody. And always invite your fellow colleagues to Timber Point, to all the parks, the other golf courses, the restaurants. I mean we're really proud. And I think we all do a great job. And the Commissioner and his staff. And the Superintendent, all the way down the line. I'm really, really proud and please come in.

LEG. BROWNING:
I am taking that taking into consideration, absolutely. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Just stay for a minute. And, you know, I really just have to say political people are citizens, too, and taxpayers, too. So I would like to have the rights of everybody else myself. And I do intend to take you up on coming out to the parks. And I'm sure that Legislator Cameron Alden will accompany me if need be.

LEG. ALDEN:
I'll be more than happy to if I'm asked. More than happy.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Are we talking golf field trip here? I'm in.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Legislator Alden has a question.

LEG. ALDEN:
Well, that has to be pointed out that Legislator Vivian Viloria-Fisher actually participated in all the different golf trips that we took a look at different park setups in New Jersey and some other things to get good ideas and --

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Wait, wait.

LEG. ALDEN:
She was enthusiastic.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
I didn't get invited. Oh, that was six years ago.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
It was before your time.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Well, things change and need to be revisited. So don't forget that.
LEG. ALDEN:
Well, some of those courses over in New Jersey were great courses that we played, too.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:
Andy, when somebody books a golf outing, isn't there certain days and certain limitations that would apply to everybody across the board? So -- and my concern would be that if an elected official is given some kind of special treatment that shouldn't occur or a special discount or anything of that nature. But if they're treated just like John Q. Public that walks in from the Islip Booster Club and wants to book a golf outing, they're certain limitations like you you don't close the course every day for golf outings. There's more or less a golf day that they pretty much stay to unless the public can be accommodated and a small outing can go out on other days, which I've actually seen down there. But I thought it was just that there's limitations to when golf outings can take place. And they would apply to everybody.

MR. CARRACINO:
We're very sensitive to the public. And there's absolutely no special considerations given to any group, political or not. There's forms to be filled out. There's deposits to be met. There's criteria all along the line that's fair and across the board. We're very sensitive. I mean like West Sayville and Timber Point, we don't have outings the same days. We're very sensitive. We're very fortunate that we have four golf courses that we can rotate the outing schedule so there's never all four county courses closed. These are areas and issues that have been visited; you know, again, I've been 14 years and Fred Gibb 30 plus, Bobby Fox, I mean we've all giving a long proud tenured service to Parks and to the County. And these issues have been visited. And we're very sensitive to the public. Believe me, they're first and foremost.

LEG. ALDEN:
Yes. So nobody's really basically told you can't play golf on a particular day. And Timber Point's unique, too, because there's 27 holes there. So what I've seen in the past even on a I tournament day you might have 18 of them devoted to the tournament. But you still have 9 holes left.

But I'm going to say one other thing, too, and this is an observation. And I agree with what you said before; that you want people to come out and look at our golf courses. For instance, Timber Point, I think, some of the other County courses have hosted some junior tournaments. Now the course gets closed down to regular play on that day but you end up with kids from all over Suffolk or all over New York State coming out and playing in a tournament on one of our courses, they're going to go back and they're going to tell their friends what a great course.

So I could see merit in even that type of thing where me as a public can't play that day because there's a junior tournament. I ended up hanging around and watching some of the players at one time. And I thought that's beneficial to get that word out that we do have a product that has been elevated to, I think, a very high standard from what was it was years ago. And I want to compliment the Commissioner and you and the other contract vendees that are out there plugging away and making it better. We're doing fantastic, I think, except for the weather sometimes. We're doing fantastic comparing to what we had years ago as golf courses with one exception. I had to throw that in.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yes. And I would echo Legislator Alden's comments because I must say that wherever I am if I'm playing golf or I'm visiting with people and they talk about golf courses, I am so proud to tell people about our County courses, Timber Point included. And many people are not aware of what we have. So I would also agree. And I know that Legislator Browning has a comment.
LEG. BROWNING:
Yeah, just one last thing is, you know, we did receive from BRO what the financial impact is. And I understand that, you know, if it's really going to seriously affect us in receiving revenue for the County, I'm certainly -- that is an issue. I'm not prepared to take away revenue that we're going to receive. So like I said I will table it. And I will table it subject to call.

LEG. ALDEN:
I'm encouraged to see you have an open mind to it.

LEG. BROWNING:
I am -- I have a very open mind.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Well, we will be considering the bill in a few minutes. And thank you very much for coming.

MR. CARRACINO:
Thank you very much for letting me speak.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Commissioner, would you like to come up? Do you have anything that you would like to talk to us about?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
I didn't come with any specific presentation, but I would note that Trustees Ray Corwin and Al Colina are here. Al Colina is from Southampton. And Ray is an at large member. And as you have noted many times, they've been appearing before you on a regular basis. And I think that helps their deliberations and hopefully yours, too. So if you have any questions about previous issues or legislation, I'll be happy to answer it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay. I just want to bring up one point. Well, actually this really is not -- this is more Vanderbilt but since you don't have any other comments, I'm just going to before we consider the agenda, we did at the last meeting request from the Department of Public Works some type of a report about the revitalization of the William and Mollie Rogers Waterfront at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum. Did any of the Legislators get this report?

MR. MORAN:
It was e-mailed to all the members.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay. I just wanted to make sure that everybody is up to date on this. And just to put on the record that the -- this short report here, did you get this? Just the Department of Public Works said that the current County Capital Program for construction of this project is over a three year period. Funding for phase I is 500,000 appropriated by resolution number 1394 in 2005; 550,000 in the 2006 budget; and funding for phase II is one million 30,000 program for 2008. And also to put into the record an RFP was developed and proposals were solicited from five design firms during the summer. And the project was awarded to {Greiman Petersen} Associates, Babylon, New York. Contracts have been recently executed and the initial design project kick off meeting is being scheduled for the end of November. So it sounds like there is a move on this. And if any of the Legislators did not get this, just let me know and -- yes, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:
One thing that would be helpful, though, if we saw when we actually authorized these projects, and I think it goes back to 2003 or four -- so it just gives -- it just gives us an indication of how slow and how much a back log on any capital project there is and --
CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
And this is one of those capital projects if we move too slowly we will lose.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Yes, we'll lose our funding.

LEG. ALDEN:
Well, it looks like -- it looks like the numbers 'til 2008 unless Mr. Gittelman could tell me that he can get that money a little bit faster if we could show that these, you know, this is the schedule now. But, you know, we're relying on somebody to still be around who's in their eighty's, you know, to give us a million dollars because --

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Right, 2008.

LEG. ALDEN:
Right. So I think we'll jeopardize that funding.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
All right. And that's in the record.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

And now we will go to the agenda. And good morning to the Trustees, also. Thank you very much for caring enough to come and to listen. Tabled resolutions.

1953, linking County Park fees for veterans to park fees for senior citizens. (Cooper)
Legislator Cooper could not make it today. So we're going to -- we have a motion to table by Legislator Viloria-Fisher, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 1953 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

1974, amending the 2006 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with the installation of cash control and security at Suffolk County Parks facilities. (Alden)

LEG. ALDEN:
Before I make a motion, I have a parliamentary inquiry. Renee, can I withdraw this on the record now or do I have to send an e-mail to do it?

MS. ORTIZ:
You can withdraw.

LEG. ALDEN:
I can withdraw it now? I'm going to withdraw this one and the next one because I've got a resolution that accomplishes this. And it's an introductory resolution. So I'm going to withdraw 1974 and 1975 (amending the 2006 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with a cash control pilot program at the Suffolk County West Sayville Golf Course CP 7186) (Alden)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay. 1974 and 1975 has been withdrawn by the sponsor.
2184, naming picnic areas eight and nine in Southaven County Park in honor of specialist Thomas J. Wilerth. (Browning) That has to be tabled. That is being considered in the Sitings Committee. It should be decided by the next meeting hopefully.

LEG. ALDEN:
Make a motion to table it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Motion to table by Legislator Alden, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 2184 is tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

LEG. BROWNING:
Can I? Two seconds.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
And yes, Legislator Browning, of course.

LEG. BROWNING:
Yes. I know that we had some conversation about naming roads and parks and things after veterans. And, you know, I know that what happened yesterday with the meeting on this. And, you know, this is a 21 year old who served in Iraq and has since, you know, died. So my concern is, is, you know, when we came to naming things after young veterans, you know, that I believe there was some concern about we needed more biography on him. And, you know, I think that really who he is and what he did and what the Naming Committee got was quite sufficient for them to make a decision. And so I don't understand why they really wanted to table it. I think that's something that should have been moved. I know that we talked. We spent some time -- lengthy time talking about -- there was some people asked about naming the park. And there was some concern about that. And some local people said they didn't approve of that. So that's why we stayed within the park. And we didn't even choose the whole picnic area in the event that we may have to do naming of someone else.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Legislator Browning, just so understand. What I'm seeing from that Committee is that it is a brand new committee having just been formed. And I think that they just -- because they're just forming their ideas they just want to air on the side of safety. I don't think there's going to be a major problem. And I think in the future we're just developing the criteria. So in the future it should go much faster. Yes, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:
Just to point out with some of the veterans, and some of the veterans organizations have this same problem, you don't want to end up naming something after a Lieutenant {Calie} or somebody that's been involved in that type of thing. I'm referring to somebody that was in Vietnam and conducted a massacre. And -- so, you know, just a little bit of history on it. And, you know, I think that ends up, you know, clearing --

LEG. BROWNING:
And the date of the next committee meeting?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
December 14th.

LEG. BROWNING:
December 14th?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yeah.
LEG. BROWNING:  
Okay. Then myself or someone will be there.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:  
Okay, that's fine. What time is that meeting? 10 AM. Okay. That's been tabled.

2244, establishing a Suffolk County Parks Corps Volunteer Cleanup Program. (Romaine)

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:  
Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:  
Motion to table by Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

LEG. ALDEN:  
I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:  
Second by Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:  
I just spoke briefly to the sponsor on this. And I think he wants to have a dialogue with the Commissioner to see if there's some way to implement as I think it's a great idea, but I think that the road blocks with insurance and supervision, I don't know if they're insurmountable or not, but at least it should be explored. So I'll agree with the tabling. With the second.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:  
2244 has been tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2265, prohibiting the use of County Parks for political fundraisers. (Browning) I think we have a motion to table subject to call, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 2265 is tabled subject to call.  
(Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

Tabled Resolutions subject to call, ignore.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Introductory resolutions. 2304, appropriating funds in connection with renovation to Long Island Maritime Museum (County Executive) Do I have a motion?

LEG. ALDEN:  
Motion to approve.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:  
Yes, motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:  
Motion to approve by Legislator Alden, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 2304 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2351, amending the 2006 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation computerized
reservation system and security equipment to enhance the oversight of revenue collection at park facilities. (Alden) What would you like to do?

LEG. ALDEN:
I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
And I will second the motion to approve.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Okay. Can we hear from the Commissioner on this?

LEG. ALDEN:
And I'll just give you a little history. I was working actually now a couple of years on trying to improve some kind of security and working with the old system that we had for reservations. Now we've gone to a new system. And working with the Commissioner he came up with pretty much this whole resolution.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yes. That's true. As you know, we've implemented a new computerized reservation and point of sale system. We knew going in that we wouldn't get everything exactly that we wanted in the first year. And we purchased wisely, I think. The system has many great potential for expansion to cover a lot more areas of both internal accountability and service to the public than we could afford in the initial stages. So this resolution let's us tap into some of that potential and get some improved security over park use, cash handling and securing the County's revenue. And that's -- we worked that out with the Legislator to do -- to use the money as effectively as possible.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
I just have a question.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Legislator Viloria-Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
So the green card system will be part of this?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
It is part of it.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
It is part of it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
This is just an expansion of that.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Of that. Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
All the green key cards have been replaced now with a computer readable --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Right.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
-- bar code on the. It contains all the pertinent information; not more than we should have.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Okay. So it's all interfaced. Then it makes sense. Good idea.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Commissioner -- let's just finish this. We have a motion to approve by Legislator Alden, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? 2351 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

Commissioner, just while I'm thinking about it, do you need a green key to get into all of the County Parks?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
You need a green key to prove your residency which makes you eligible for the resident rates. If you don't have one, you can still get in but you may pay a higher rate because you haven't proven your residency.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Do you have to pay to go into Blydenburgh Park?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
You do?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
During the season, yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
What does it cost in get into Blydenburgh? 7?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
I think that's $4.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
$4.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay. I didn't realize that.

2356, authorizing use of County historic buildings known as the Bald Hill School House and Elijah Terry House by the Farmingville Historical Society. (County Executive) I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed? 2356 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2357, authorizing use of Coindre Hall at West Neck Farm County Park by Splashes of Hope. (County Executive)
LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Motion by Legislator Viloria-Fisher, second by Legislator Alden. All in favor? Opposed? 2357 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2358, accepting the donation of a flag pole at the Suffolk County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in Farmingdale (sic) from Symbol Technologies. (County Executive)

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Farmingville.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Excuse me. Farmingville from Symbol Technologies. Motion by myself, seconded by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. All in favor? Opposed? 2358 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Madam Chair, if I could add to this. This a result of the direct involvement of our trustee from Brookhaven, Gary Olsen, who also works for Symbol Technologies. And when the flagpole at the Vietnam Memorial was -- ended up being shorter than the surrounding trees, one couldn't see the flag any more. And we called Gary -- Trustee Olsen. And within a week he had a new flag pole installed with a proper size flag and the lights and the whole thing at no cost to the taxpayers of Suffolk County. So it's, again, one more benefit of the relationship between the Trustees and the County and the private sector.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay.

2359 accepting the donation of one "Gem Car" from the Town of Babylon to the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. (County Executive) I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Browning. What is a gem car?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
It kind of looks like a large golf cart. It's an electric four-wheel vehicle that we use in the campgrounds. It's energy saving. It's alternative power.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
And it's within the campgrounds?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yeah, within the campgrounds or parks anywhere that don't require long trips or over the road driving.

LEG. ALDEN:
Just quick.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yes.

LEG. ALDEN:
How did this come about? Because coming from the Town of -- Town of Babylon; right.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yes.
COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
It was just serendipity. We needed something. They had an extra. We worked a deal.

LEG. ALDEN:
Good deal.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **2359 is serendipity and approved.** (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2382, amending the 2006 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with reconstruction of spillways at Brookside County Park, Town of Islip. (County Executive) Motion by Legislator Browning, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **2382 is approved.** (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2391, appropriating funds in connection with demolition construction of maintenance facility at Indian Island Golf Course. (County Executive) Motion by Legislator Alden, second by myself.

LEG. ALDEN:
I have questions.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yes. All in favor? Opposed? Okay, have your question.

LEG. ALDEN:
This is the last phase of taking down the one that was closer to the river?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yes, yes, that’s exactly right. And this is really the site cleanup for that to re-sod it, make it look more attractive, make it look like a golf course.

LEG. ALDEN:
Good.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Sounds like another field trip to me.

LEG. ALDEN:
Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
All in favor? Opposed? **2391 is approved.** (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

2440, amending the County policy for Park Police hiring. (Lindsay) I have not heard from the sponsor.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
I believe, Commissioner, is this that -- what we're doing is looking at the proportion of parks police that we need based on the parks rather than the formula that had been including some farmland development rights in the formula?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Yes, it’s an adjustment removing farmland -- acquisitions for farmland preservation purposes from that calculation because the park police really don’t have -- I’m sorry, I’m sorry. Is this working? Okay. It’s an adjustment of the formula excluding acquisitions for Farmland Preservation purposes because in a practical sense the park police have no activity over those properties. The park police don’t look to see if it’s being used for farmland or if it’s being properly preserved. It’s just not something in their list of responsibilities. So this would adjust that formula by removing anything that’s farmland preservation.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
So, if I may?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Sure.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
So, Commissioner, then perhaps if we have that formula we can really stick to it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
I think we are.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
And have as many park police as we need.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
You know, it’s a matter of interpretation. I think we’re pretty close to it. And, you know, we’re not far off.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Oh, excellent.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Especially with the adjustment.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Good.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Some may disagree with that but --

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
I’ll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Motion to approve by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. On the motion, Legislator Alden.

LEG. ALDEN:
This is one of the things that came out -- that came out of the omnibus, whatever you want to call it, working group and deliberations. But I believe -- when you said that we’re close, we are. It was like we needed fifteen to be in compliance. And then if we do this, it brings it down to the seven or eight range.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:
Again, that wasn’t my analysis. I’m not sure who did the analysis, but that was my impression; is that we’re within reason of meeting the goal.
LEG. ALDEN:
And I believe we took care of -- we took care of the ratio in the omnibus.

MR. REINHEIMER:
We spoke to this in the omnibus. We created five additional positions. That'll bring up the total to 47 authorized positions. With this modification to the current policy, our interpretation is you would need 52. So we're getting closer. This reduces the number by four. Currently we say that you need about 56. This will reduce it by 4 to 52. And with omnibus we're down to -- we're up to 47. So we're very close.

LEG. ALDEN:
But there's some existing vacant positions; right?

MR. REINHEIMER:
Currently there's six vacant positions.

LEG. ALDEN:
So with the eleven, right, we put five in omnibus.

MR. REINHEIMER:
That's correct.

LEG. ALDEN:
And six so that 11 will put us right to to --

MR. REINHEIMER:
47.

LEG. ALDEN:
Oh, that brings to 47. Okay. So we're getting closer. Good.

MR. REINHEIMER:
It's a step in the right direction.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
We have a motion and a second. We do have a second, don't we? I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? **2440 is approved. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)**

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Memorializing resolution M.080, memorializing resolution in support of the Right-to-Ride Livestock on federal lands Act of 2005. (Romaine)

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
I haven't a clue. I'll make a motion for purposes of discussion.

LEG. ALDEN:
I'll second it but I'm not riding no pigs.
CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yeah, there you go. Counsel.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
I thought you were going to say another field trip.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
We're going to skip this one.

LEG. ALDEN:
Actually Montauk's not a bad place to go on a field trip.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
No. Very nice.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Not in the winter.

LEG. ALDEN:
Not that bad in the winter either.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
I'll second it for discussion.

MR. NOLAN:
Well I just looking at the bill. And I actually suggest it be tabled because there's a mistake in it. It's a federal law that's being memorialized basically preserving use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands; federal public lands including wilderness areas and national monuments and another designated areas. However, the second Resolve Clause directs that it be sent to the state Legislature and the governor so we need to correct this resolution. So I would suggest that we table it for one cycle so we can make that correction.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
All right. Motion to table by myself, second by Legislator Viloria-Fisher. All in favor? Opposed? M.080 has been tabled. (Vote: 4-0-0-1. Legislator Cooper not present)

Is there anybody that wishes to address the committee? Yes. Would you like to come up?

MR. COLINA:
Request permission to speak.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Permission granted.

MR. COLINA:
Thank you. Okay. I'm Al Colina, Trustee for the Town of Southampton. But I'm not going to speak to you as a trustee but more as a taxpayer. I'm very active in the New York State Retired Teachers Organization. We have four units covering Nassau and Suffolk County. I'm -- my focus is mainly Suffolk County. As a retirement group we have luncheons. We have had the good fortune to use Indian Island Park for our June 14th Flag Day blast. We have a lobster bake. We have about 100 retired teachers turn out for that. We've had a number of luncheons at the clubhouse at Indian Island. We love the place. The teachers -- the retired teachers love it.
We are not just a luncheon group. We have a very active legislative agenda at the state level. I'm also the Chairman of the State Legislation for Long Island Zone of New York State Retired Teachers. And my area encompasses 9 state senators and 22 assemblymen. We have little raffles, Chinese auctions, 50/50's. And we use the proceeds to fund our legislative lobbying efforts. If I read this resolution that was presented earlier, 2265, I'd like to pose a question to Legislator Browning does that mean that our retired teachers group would not be able to use the parks?

**LEG. BROWNING:**
No. This bill was specifically pertaining to elected officials using it for political fundraisers for their campaign purposes.

**CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:**
Just so you know that this was tabled subject to call, which means that it's going to be off the table unless somebody else chooses to bring it back out so you can --

**MR. COLINA:**
Okay. Thank you. But if you -- Legislator Browning, if you do come to visit with the Trustees, we would welcome you and we would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this question with you.

**LEG. BROWNING:**
Sure.

**MR. COLINA:**
Thank you. Thank you.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**
Al, thanks for coming. It's always good to see you. I miss my Trustees.

**MR. COLINA:**
Thank you. Very kind of you.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**
But, you know, I think that that is the concern and why we supported the tabling subject to call because it is kind of a broad sweep. And I think sometimes what we need to do is look at individual uses and how sometimes they don't -- they don't have a positive effect on the community, you know, when you have individual cases which don't sit well with the communities. And I think that's what precipitated this. But your question's really a very thoughtful one because although the teachers are not elected officials, the leaders of the -- I'm in the Retired Teachers -- Three Village Retired Teachers Association.

**MR. COLINA:**
Well, that doesn't make you a bad person, Vivian.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**
And I think I can come to your --

**MR. COLINA:**
I belong to the other group.

**LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:**
I could come to your lobster bake, I bet. But in any case we do elect our leadership and so it becomes, I think, a little bit cloudy. So that's a really good point to bring up because we always think of elected officials as those of us who are in government but you are elected if you're the leader of your retirement group. And I know we elect our President. And, you know, and our people who
represent us in our unions are elected. And we have hope COPE, you know, collections and we have packs and so that’s a very political arm of our union.

MR. COLINA:
Yes. And NYSTA now has merged NEA New York as you well know.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Right, right. Which is a big lobbying --

MR. COLINA:
That's pretty political.

LEG. VILORIA-FISHER:
Yeah, that's a very big lobbying group. Thank you, Al.

MR. COLINA:
Thank you.

LEG. ALDEN:
Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:
Yes. Thank you very much. And also for coming to these meetings. Is there any other business before the committee? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn by Legislator Alden, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? We are adjourned.

(The Meeting Concluded at 11:48 AM)
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