

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation 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 6, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairperson
Leg. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Vice-Chairperson (not present)
Leg. Kate M. Browning
Leg. Lou D'Amaro (not present)
Leg. Edward P. Romaine

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Ian Barry, Assistant Counsel
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Lance Reinheimer, Assistant Director of Budget Review Office
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office
Ginny Suhr, Aide to Leg. Vilorio-Fisher
Ronald F. Foley, Commissioner of Parks
Tracey Bellone, Parks Department
Ben Zwirn, Assistant Deputy County Executive
Brian Bielansky, County Executive's Office
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Fran Siems, Legislative Aide
Debra Alloncius, Legislative Rep for AME
Arthur M. Sillman, Jr., Vanderbilt Museum
Ben Wright, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Michael P. Sharkey, President of the Deputy Sheriffs PBA
Stephen Astuto, Department of Public Works
and all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Kraus, Court Stenographer

(THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 1:13 PM)

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes, I'd like to call the meeting of the Parks Committee to order and start with the salute to the flag led by our Counsel, Mr. Nolan.

SALUTATION

Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the Parks and Recreation Committee. We do not have presentations this afternoon. I wondered -- oh, oh, I see the Commissioner here. Is this your last meeting?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It is.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You got your sneakers on to run away?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I figure you'll let me get away.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Commissioner, of course, if you want to address any of the resolutions.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think, as you probably already know, 1494 there was an error in that. And that's going to be corrected for the next cycle, I think.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

And I don't know if you want to talk about this now or when it comes up but 1467, we propose that there be a change in the law allowing dog runs to eliminate in some cases the need for fences for those parks. And that it would be possible to have these parks or runs bordered by natural boundaries or otherwise segregated from other park users. It's my opinion that there's no other effective way than a fence to segregate these areas from other park users. And I cannot support this. I think we need -- if we're going to have dog runs, we need them fenced for the protection and enjoyment of other park users. So I'm not in favor of that particular piece.

Other than that, I had some materials for questions that came up at earlier meetings if you'd like to entertain that discussion now or -- it's up to you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Sure.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

There were questions, I think, it was last time from Legislator Romaine about golf courses and how we're doing and what the history of rounds looks like. So you have in this package that's being handed out an article from a publication called Golf Inc that talks about the general trend of rounds of golf across the country. In some places it's up. Unfortunately in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and New England it was down at a period in mid-2006. Following that article, is a ten-year history of the rounds of golf up to the end of May 2007 at your county courses.

And then there was also a question of criminal background checks for concessionaires; and whether we do them or not. The way we address that issue is prescribed by the County Attorney's Office. There's a statement that each bidder or proposer must sign attesting that they have not been convicted of a criminal offense within the last ten years; and defining the term conviction. So that's part of their signed attested statement when they present a bid. And presumably if it was ever discovered that that was incorrect, that would be grounds for terminating the contract.

So that's how we deal with those things. And there may be other questions about golf courses or other issues. But that was just to update you on questions that were asked in the past.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Commissioner, back to the golf courses.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Are we -- did we ever come to a decision on whether or not we are going to be double proofing green card applications?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

For the sale of green key cards, which is the three year proof of residency for Suffolk County, if it's just a straight up resident card, no discounted program or anything, a driver's license will suffice. If it's someone requesting a discounted green key card such as a senior citizen, a veteran, any of those class of volunteers and other people that the Legislature has authorized, they also need proof that they qualify for that discount program. So to a degree that constitutes double proofing. Those people in those discounted categories would have to have adequate proof that they're eligible for that discount.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So that is a change to a degree.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So, if my father goes to the county course, say, and wants a green key card, not with a discount of any sorts, senior citizen or anything else, although he's -- let's just say, I'm just using his name, he does not have to be double proofed.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

That's true, unless the address on his driver's license is a post office box.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. I understand that. But if that application is being filled out by somebody with a further exemption like a veteran's exemption, fire, there needs to be some proof other than their driver's license. I guess there are cards to show that they are veterans or firefighters. That's understandable.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. All right. So that kind of answers that. So that's a change.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think it's pretty much the way we've been doing it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

All right. I thought it was different than that.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I think there were complaints from people who showed up to play golf who didn't have a green key card. And maybe were eligible for a discount and needed something else. And they were unhappy about needing something else. But I think that's the way we've been doing it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. So it's not across the board that double proofing. It's just for -- it there's an additional --

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It shouldn't be. Yep. I checked on it this morning.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

And I was told a driver's license will work as long as it's for a straight up non-discounted green key card.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

A non-discounted meaning it's not a veteran or a firefighter or any of those categories?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. All right. So -- okay, if you have other things you want to address the committee about, this is a good time.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No, I'm all set.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. I know that we -- I see someone to the right here doing this (indicating).

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I noticed that.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So, Legislator Romaine I know has a few questions.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Just a few. And first of all I want to thank the Commissioner. We spoke on the phone last week. And we went over some of these questions and I just want to raise them again. So, other than a veteran, because a senior citizen only really needs a license because their date of birth is on the license so they don't need a second form of ID; let me get that correct?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I believe that's correct.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay. So all you really need is a license with a Suffolk County address, picture ID on the license.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Right.

LEG. ROMAINE:

And they say, okay, yeah, you're John Jones, that's great. And that's all you need. You don't need two forms of ID?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I don't believe you do. I checked this this morning to make sure. And I was told that's all we're requiring is a driver's license unless it's a P.O. box; then you got to have something else.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, I'll check up on that and then your successor can worry about it.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Okay.

LEG. ROMAINE:

But, let's go on to another issue that I raised last time. And as you know, we have four golf courses that Suffolk County runs. But only one of them do we have a special program. I go in, I want to play a round of golf. I show my green card. I show my license. And -- at the pro shop and I'm given a time to tee off. But that's not the end it. Because then I've got to run somewhere else; to a checker who then will check my green card and photo ID again. And we're only using this checker at one golf course. And that golf course, of course, is Indian Island in Riverhead. We're not using that system at the other three golf courses.

And I've received complaints from people who say, you know, look, I'm out to play golf, I come here, I go to the pro shop, I pay, I have to wait, I get a tee time. And then they tell me to go down the other end to check in with the checker. And I show my green card and my photo ID again.

And my understanding, you had said in our conversation this was a pilot program. I said, well, how long has the pilot been going on? 18 months. And I'm saying, okay, is it working, is it not working? Why isn't it in the other three golf courses? And maybe you could expound on that?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Well, I will. I've been working in park's business including golf courses, I don't know, longer than I want to admit. This is the first place where a municipal golf course allows its fees to be collected by someone other than a county employee. And the day I arrived -- with no oversight. And there was essentially no one looking over the shoulder of these people to ensure that the proper discounts were being given, that no free rounds were being given, that our money was being collected and deposited in an acceptable fashion.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Would you advocate that the County just take over the total operation of all golf courses as opposed to franchising them out?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

That's been considered. It's probably the only way to ensure getting all of our money, but it's very expensive. And we've --

LEG. ROMAINE:

So we could solve one problem and create another. We'd actually -- would you --

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I never --

LEG. ROMAINE:

-- think that the County might lose money if they took over the full operation?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Well, there's more story here I'd like to tell you if you can bear with me for a minute.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Sure.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

So as a means of remedying that situation and getting just an appropriate level of oversight, we bought the golf camping reservation system that you authorized for us. And that also became our point of sale system. So for the first time we could actually see every -- all the activity that was recorded and account for it on a minute by minute real time basis. Never could do that before. With that information, we discovered that there were a lot of errors, I'll call them, being made. At one golf course at least 10% of the green key cards sold were sold incorrectly, giving people discounts they weren't entitled to.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Which course would that be, sir?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It's --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

It's -- we're still digging through it.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay. But it's not Indian Island?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I didn't say that.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

So to answer this question of oversight, we decided to try a number of different techniques. Indian Island is not the only park that has a special program. It's the most visible one, but we have a combination of comptrollers audits, our own internal audits. We have surprise ticket checks on golf courses, one of which was just completed the other day at Timber Point. And we found some people out there who just shouldn't have been there. And it was equally our fault as the golf pros. And it gives us an opportunity to make corrections to the system.

So portraying Indian Island as being singled out is incorrect. Because everybody is under some heightened level of scrutiny and it's adjusted depending on the findings we --

LEG. ROMAINE:

I didn't say it was being singled out. I just indicated it was the only place you're using the checker

program. And if it was effective, I -- it's been in operation for 18 months; I assume you've come to some conclusion even preliminarily whether it's effective or not and whether it should be expanded to the other three golf courses.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I'm not ready to make that conclusion yet.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

And we may. It -- maybe it should be. If you go to a state golf course, Bethpage, Sunken Meadow, Montauk Downs, you go through the process you just talked about and those are all state employees --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

-- checking people in to play golf. You buy your green's fee, show your credentials, whatever they are, walk out to the first tee of the golf course. And at Bethpage there are five of these ticket check stations. You sign the starter sheet, show your credentials all again including your receipt. And those are all state employees. So it's not uncommon to have this kind of system. I think it's good management, proper oversight.

One could debate the cost benefit of this stuff but one of -- and this is part of the basis that 18 months isn't enough time to tell yet, golf is so weather dependent we can't tell from the trends whether this is having an impact or not. We can tell by looking through our computerized records whether the level of errors is up or down in a preliminary way. We're continuing to study that.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Let me you ask you one other question and then maybe we can go off golf and go back to the agenda. The other very last question was, one of the other complaints I hear from customers occasionally is that they want to buy a green card at the pro shop or they want to buy a gift certificate for rounds of golf or for the shooting range or for any number of other services. And the pro shop is not allowed to sell that. And some of the pro shop owners have indicated they feel they're losing business to the other surrounding golf courses. In Riverhead there's multiple golf courses because they'll say, you know, people come in, they want to buy a gift certificate for Father's Day, for -- I want to buy my father a round of golf. And they're not allowed to sell that round of golf. They're not allowed to sell a gift certificate for a round of golf or things of that nature. They're not allowed to sell a green card or things of that nature. Is there a reason for that?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

There is.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

And they know what the answer is.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

The old system, they were selling paper gift certificates.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Which was fine. But people would call up and say I lost my gift certificate, can you refund it? We'd say no. If you don't have it, then we can't give you another one or we can't give you credit for it because there was no record that the thing had ever been used or not. There was no tracking system --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

-- to tell what was happening with these certificates. So we are upgrading our computerized system to sell a gift card that is standard way of doing gift certificates these days. And it'll be on-line in a month. And all the golf pros know that. This is a temporary situation. They'll be in the same league as everybody else as far as gift certificates go.

LEG. ROMAINE:

And they'll be able to sell those at the pro shop or you'll be --

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Yes, they will.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Oh, they will be. Okay.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

And then when they're redeemed or not, we have a computerized record to track the activity if someone says, I lost my card.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We can check and see whether they truly did or whether it was used by someone else and we can give them a credit for it.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Thank you, Commissioner. And by the way, good luck in your next assignment. You've certainly been a professional here and I'm sure a lot of people in Suffolk will miss your professional capabilities.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

Thank you. It's been my great pleasure to work here, indeed.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Are there any other questions for the Commissioner? With that, I will reiterate what Legislator Romaine just said, it has been a pleasure. You have always been a gentleman, always answering my phone calls, always listening to whatever it is whether it's a small -- something that sounds minute, you take it seriously. And for an elected official I do appreciate that. And I thank you for all of that and all the interest you've showed. You have been a consummate professional. Lots of good luck. We say nice things when you're leaving; right?

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

That's right. After I'm gone, you can get into the -- thank you very much. Again it's my pleasure to work here. Suffolk has a great system of parks. And it's very, very important. And the people take it seriously. And it's been an honor to work here.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'd like to say thank you also. I know I've been a thorn in your side at times.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

No.

LEG. BROWNING:

However, I do appreciate everything you have done for me, for my constituents. And especially the most recently the dedication of Southaven Park. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

My pleasure. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Now, Commissioner, one more thing before you leave. I don't know if you have any free time to get inside that little red school house that needs a little painting. If you're retired, maybe you want to spend some time painting.

LEG. BROWNING:

Let's give him a job.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

We'll -- it's on the list of things to do along with many others. But it will get done. Finding an occupant for it would, I think, hurry us along. So far we haven't had any success in that. But it is on the list. The estimates are in. And we'll get to work on it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Thank you. Now, if you want stay there, you can; or whatever you'd like to do. I know that we have --

LEG. BROWNING:

Or run.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Or run. Run is good.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I'll stay for the agenda, I guess.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Don't forget, Ed is still here.

COMMISSIONER FOLEY:

I know.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We'll go right to the agenda. **Tabled resolutions 1015, dedicating certain properties to the Suffolk County Nature Preserve. (Kennedy)** I have not heard from the sponsor.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. Actually I'm going to make a motion to table. Motion to table by Legislator Browning, second by myself. All in favor. Yes? I bet you have heard from the sponsor. Would you like? I thought there was a problem with this. But maybe you know better.

LEG. BROWNING:

There was.

MR. WRIGHT:

Ben Wright with Public Works

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Hi, Ben.

MR. WRIGHT:

Hi. And we've asked for this to be tabled a couple of times because of a situation if I can give you a short update on it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Sure.

MR. WRIGHT:

The sewage treatment plant that served the County Complex, the Dennison Building and the State Building is located by the fuel system, you know, across the parking lot here. And it's been there for some 35 years. And we've been experiencing a lot of difficulty in getting rid of the treated sewage. It's a combination of the soil losing its capacity to recharge as well as the elevated ground water levels. And it's been that way for sometime. And we're concerned that if the levels keep going up, and they relatively stabled, but they're -- if those beds are never dry. And if the level keeps going up, that it might be a situation where it would overflow and go into the Nissequogue River head waters.

So we started looking at options. And when this particular parcel of land associated with the possibility becoming a nature preserve was brought up, we looked at that as being one option that might be possible to convey the sewage from here to that parcel and recharge it there.

So we've done some soil investigation. We've done hand augering, which only went down about five or six feet. We got to some good material. We put a back hoe in the area. And we went down maybe 12 or 15 feet. And there was some good material. But at the same time we'd like to go all the way to ground water which probably can't be done until sometime next week, which is, we suspect, about 40 feet below the surface. So if we don't encounter any clay layers or anything else that would impede recharge, you know, then we would suggest that we go further with trying to establish how much land would be necessary to convey the sewage from here, which is in good quality. It's just that the soil and recharge facilities are no good.

We have had a preliminary layout. About an acre and a half of that sixteen acres would be enough to take care of what we're doing now as far as the service area. If there are plans for expanding the service area sometime in the future, maybe some more land would be necessary. But there some environmental issues. Taking trees down for that acre and a half. And we would expect that there might be as many as 200 trees. Some of them are eight inch diameter that would have to come

down. So if we find good soil all the way to ground water, then, we're going to request the process of creating that land or transferring it to sewage disposal purposes and starting the environmental process, the SEQRA process, to see if we can utilize it. It seems like the best option. So, you know, we're hoping that it'll continue to be tabled until we can come up with the conclusion on it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Well, we do have a motion to table and a second by myself. All in favor?

LEG. ROMAINE:

Madam.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Could I ask a question?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Sure.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Thank you. Where is this parcel in relationship to the current sewage recharge field?

MR. WRIGHT:

It's to the west. It's probably about 4,000 feet on the south side of the highway.

LEG. ROMAINE:

South side of Vets.

MR. WRIGHT:

Yeah.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Highway.

MR. WRIGHT:

About 4,000 feet to the west.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Wasn't this land that Legislator Crecca attempted to preserve?

MR. WRIGHT:

I don't know. I know the current resolution is Legislator Kennedy. It was acquired back in the '50's for highway purposes. That was never implemented. And it goes from New Highway to Veterans Highway.

LEG. ROMAINE:

What are your options if this parcel doesn't work out? Because I'm going to take a look at this parcel. But my recollection is that this is a pretty pristine parcel. It might have some wetlands on it.

MR. WRIGHT:

Well, it's adjacent to a storm water basin.

LEG. ROMAINE:

It is. Okay.

MR. WRIGHT:

Yeah. And there are some houses that, you know, that border it on both sides. You know, but we're -- you know, we can keep -- and that's why we want to put -- we would put sub-surface leaching facilities. So you really don't see them and maintain a buffer between the house -- the houses, their backyards and the facility itself if we had to do that.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Could you do me a favor after the meeting? This is going to be tabled today. But at some point in the next week or two if you could fax me or e-mail me the tax map parcel.

MR. WRIGHT:

Yeah. I believe it's in the resolution.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay. I don't have the resolution with me today. But I will take a look at that because I know there is some concern. And I would ask the Chair Lady if she would be so kind as to contact the sponsor. Do you have alternatives to this site if this site is not --

MR. WRIGHT:

No. We've looked going to the east. And there's really nothing there that's --

LEG. ROMAINE:

You can't go to the east. In the rivers east.

MR. WRIGHT:

I'm sorry. Well, between the Dennison and the State Building, that particular area, but that's not environmentally a --

LEG. ROMAINE:

All right.

MR. WRIGHT:

-- a good situation. A little bit to the west of the Dennison Building there's a parcel that, again, has high groundwater. You know, we have to get to a location where there's some depth that we can put these pools in. So going to the east and --

LEG. ROMAINE:

And there's nothing north of the facility?

MR. WRIGHT:

No. And there's really nothing on the north complex here either that would be sufficient, you know, in size.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

MR. WRIGHT:

So we're still looking, but this looks like the best option as far as --

LEG. ROMAINE:

I'll check my parcel and save you that option. I'll get the tax map number. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You know what? It is here if you just want to take it down. I thought it was interesting. The

oxymoron. What did we say? It was good quality sewerage. I didn't know there was good --

MR. WRIGHT:

It's the effluent. It's after the treatment system, yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **1015 is tabled. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Viloría-Fisher and D'Amaro not present)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1467, adopting a local law to amend Park rules and regulations relating to dog runs. (Stern) It has to be tabled for a public hearing.

MR. NOLAN:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Table for -- motion to table for -- motion to table, second by -- by myself, second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed? **1467 is tabled. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Viloría-Fisher and D'Amaro not present)**

Did we get the vote on 1015?

MS. ORTIZ:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. Okay.

1477, appointing Arthur M. Sillman, Jr. (As a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission) (Cooper) And I believe Mr. Sillman is here. Would you like to come and address the committee?

MR. SILLMAN:

Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good afternoon. If you just want to tell us a little bit about yourself.

MR. SILLMAN:

I'm sorry? Did you say something?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. If you could just introduce yourself; just tell us a little bit about yourself, brief.

MR. SILLMAN:

Sure. My name is Arthur M. Sillman, Junior. I live in Cold Spring Harbor for 20 years today. I own a business for 17 years employing about 200 people. Went to Hofstra. Worked at Hofstra. Have volunteered for a number of boards and committees over the years. I'm interested in the community, the history of the community and serving my community. I have two children. They're grown and out of the house. And I enjoy living in Suffolk County.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You know, my -- my notes do not have a -- well, I don't want to say a resume, but a backup of any boards or committees or any type of organizations that you have served on. Could you give us a little idea?

MR. SILLMAN:

Sure. I served -- I was a founding member of the Hofstra Pride Club for Hofstra University Athletic Department. For about 12 years I served as the treasurer. I was a member of the Nassau County Red Cross Board. I've served on numerous committees for March of Dimes, the Marty Lyons Foundation, Kevin Conroy -- excuse me -- Paul Conroy Foundation. And a lot of Charlie's Champions. It goes on for quite some time. I've been involved with volunteer work basically all my life.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Sillman? All right. I do have copy of a resume if anybody wants a copy of it. You do, okay. I didn't if Legislator Romaine did, but I do have a copy of the resume. Mr. Sillman, thank you for wanting to be a volunteer. You do a lot of volunteer work, I see. I know I'm familiar with the Marty Lyons Foundation. And I certainly know how wonderful that is. And I'm also very familiar with the March of Dimes. And I know how hard -- what a job that is putting together those tournaments and doing that.

MR. SILLMAN:

Especially the Joe Namath tournament is huge.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Yes. Do they still have that?

MR. SILLMAN:

This is their third year. It's the first golf outing that actually Joe Namath ever put his name on. It's hugely successful. And I've been involved with Rich {Cotitan} March of Dimes in Staten Island. His golf outing. And I guess you can see I do a lot of golf outings.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Well, I know they were just rained out on Monday so -- well, I thank you very much. And if there are no other questions, we can let you be on your way. And we'll take a motion. Just one second. I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed? **1477 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Vilorio-Fisher and D'Amato not present)** Mr. Sillman, this goes now to full Legislature after this.

MR. SILLMAN:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Just so you know.

MR. SILLMAN:

All right. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

All right. Thank you.

LEG. BROWNING:

He doesn't need to come back?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

No, you don't need to come back to that either.

MR. SILLMAN:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

1494, approving the purchase of vehicles and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of heavy duty equipment for County Parks. (County Executive) I'm going to make a motion to table, second by Legislator Romaine. All in favor? Opposed? **1494 is tabled. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Viloría-Fisher and D'Amaro not present)**

1495, accepting donation of one car Karavan Trailer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission for use by the Suffolk County Parks Police. (County Executive) Motion by Legislator Romaine, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **1495 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Viloría-Fisher and D'Amaro not present)**

1498, amending the 2007 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with renovation to Historic Scully Estate in Islip. (County Executive) I will make the motion. Second by Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Sure.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

All in favor? Opposed? **1495 is approved. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Viloría-Fisher and D'Amaro not present)**

And with that I'll take a motion to adjourn by Legislator Browning, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? Everybody have a nice day.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:43 PM)
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