

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislature Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on February 1, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman
Leg. Ricardo Montano, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley (excused absence)
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office
Tracey Bellone, Acting Commissioner/Parks Department
Tom Vaughn, County Executive's Office
Michael Pitcher, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Bob Martinez, Aide to Leg. Montano
Dot Kerrigan, AME

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:04 P.M.*)

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, we're going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Stern.

SALUTATION

Good afternoon and welcome to the first meeting of 2012, the first meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee. I see we have Tracey Bellone sitting here. Oh, Tracey, you haven't learned, never come up here, we're going to get you.

Before I begin, Legislator Horsley does have an excused absence. And today we welcome Legislator Kara Hahn, our new Legislator.

LEG. HAHN:

Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

But she's really not new to us. Welcome.

LEG. HAHN:

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Does anybody -- we have no cards? Okay. Does anybody want to address the Parks Committee? Tracey, if you have anything? Ben, I see you're sitting there.

MR. ZWIRN:

I was just going to weigh in on one or two of the resolutions that were before the Committee with respect to the Public Works projects, IR 1000 and 1001. They're for some work in some buildings in some of the Parks. And I think the administration was going to say they're not big projects, they were in the Capital Budget for 2012, but we were going to try to sort of hold -- go slow in the beginning with respect to land acquisitions and planning steps. And perhaps with Public Works projects that aren't of a public safety nature or of an economic development nature, we would just sort of say maybe we could table them in the beginning just to -- until we get a better handle on the finances. We have a special committee report coming out shortly with respect to the size of the deficit that we're anticipating for 2012 so we just said maybe at least for the first round we would just hold up on these until we get a better picture of where we are.

Again, they're small. I think -- I think, Tracey, one was for \$25,000 and one was for \$120,000.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Yeah, one's 120, the other's 25.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah, they're small. But, again, they're not public safety oriented or economic development driven. So we'd just like to -- just, you know, we'd ask your indulgence. It's not that the County Exec would veto a bill like this or anything; he'd just like to see if we could just sort of just go slow in the very beginning. That's all.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Counsel, you say the capital money has already been appropriated?

MR. NOLAN:

No, no, it's in the program. These resolutions would appropriate the money.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

But it's already in the program.

MR. NOLAN:

It's in the program. It's in the Capital Budget for this year, but we still need to do these appropriating resolutions to bond it and spend the money.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, we'll take it under advisement.

MR. ZWIRN:

Just a --

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Anything else?

MS. BELLONE:

Just the request to table IR 1018.

LEG. MONTANO:

Which bill? To table 1018. Okay.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. So with that in mind, we'll go through the agenda.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Introductory Resolution 1000, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to Red House at Inlet Pond County Park (CP 7122) (Romaine) And I know the sponsor did call me. He said it was very important to him so I am going to make a motion to approve. But if there's another motion --

LEG. HAHN:

Madam Chair, I'd like to make a motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

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

LEG. MONTANO:

Second.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? **Introductory resolution 1000 is Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. Absent: Legislator Horsley)**

Introductory Resolution 1001, Appropriating funds in connection with building for Wildlife Rescue and Education, Marine Science Center, Southold (CP 1766) (Romaine) Again, the sponsor asked me, he said it was very important for his district, asked me to have it approved, if we

could. I'll make the motion. Is there a second? Not hearing a second, is there another motion?

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion to table by Legislator Stern.

LEG. HAHN:

Second.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? **1001 is Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1.**

Absent: Legislator Horsley)

Introductory Resolution 1018, Amending Resolution No. 918-2011, establishing A Historic Structure Pilot Program and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a Request For Proposals. (Gregory) I think that the sponsor has agreed that tabling was appropriate so I'll make a motion to table, second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? **1018 is Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1. Absent: Legislator Horsley)**

Now, if the regular meeting could only go like this, we're in. Okay. I'll make a motion to adjourn, second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Opposed? We're adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:09 PM
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