

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 October 2, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman
Leg. Lou D'Amaro, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Leg. DuWayne Gregory, 15th Legislative District
Leg. Jay Schneiderman, 2nd Legislative District
George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Bob Doering, Budget Review Office
Greg Dawson, Commissioner/Parks Department
Terry Maccarrone, Parks Department
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Justin Littell, Aide to Leg. D'Amaro
Deborah Tinnirello, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Michael Pitcher, Aide to Presiding Officer
Thomas Vaughn, County Executive Assistant III
Marie Berkoski, Aide to County Executive
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:18 PM

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Welcome. Welcome to the Parks and Recreation Committee. We'll have the Pledge to the Flag led by -- let's see who we have here -- Wayne Horsley.

SALUTATION

Good afternoon and welcome to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Do we have anyone that would like to address the Committee, Greg? No cards.

Commissioner, you want to come up? You want to -- there you are, son of a gun.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Good afternoon.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Commissioner, do you have anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Committee?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, we're fine. I think we're going to ask for IR 1603 to be tabled again. But we can discuss that when we get to it. 1603, Legislator Schneiderman's.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

All right. Well, in that case when we get to that, we will entertain that. So we'll go right to tabled resolutions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

1411, Appropriating funds in connection with fencing and surveying various County Parks (CP 7007). (Hahn).

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We can table that.

LEG. HAHN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion to table by Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:

You can give me some details on it.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? **1411 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1430, Appropriating funds in connection with the Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund (CP 7510). (Browning) Commissioner, you --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We're tabling.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. I'll make the motion to table; second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed?
1430 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

1603, Directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to develop a plan for the care and use of the Hilda Lindley House in Montauk County Park. (Schneiderman).
I'll make a motion to table; second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1603 is tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Thank you.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

1710, Approving a license agreement for Kenneth Dickinson to reside at the Isaac Mills House, St. James. (Co. Exec.) Is this a re -- re-agreement?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

It's a new tenant.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

This is a new tenant?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. And everything is -- has been vetted and up-to-speed with the lease agreement? Then I will make the motion; second by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? **1710 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1711, Approving a license agreement for Michelle Hein to reside at Charles R. Dominy County Park, West Sayville (Co. Exec.). This has all been vetted as well? Okay, same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1711 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1712, Approving a license agreement for George Bean to reside at the Robinson Duck Farm, Brookhaven. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? **1712 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1721, Accepting donation of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from Rose-Breslin Associates, LLC for the Suffolk County Parks Police. (Browning).

LEG. D'AMARO:

Motion.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator D'Amaro; second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? **1721 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1724, Approving the donation of certain items to the Suffolk County Historical Society. (Pres. Off.) Motion by Legislator D'Amaro; second by myself. All in favor? Approved -- 1724 is -- Excuse me. **1724 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1726, Amending the 2013 Capital Budget and Program, accepting a Community Enhancement Facilities Assistance Program (CEFAP) Grant in the amount of \$125,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, and appropriating funds in connection to improvements and lighting to County Parks Construction of Canoe/Kayak Launch sites in Suffolk County Parks (CP 7079). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. HAHN:

So we're amending the Capital Budget but we're accepting the 125,000. So how does that affect the Capital Budget?

MR. NOLAN:

Well, it just reflects the state aid in the project. We're amending the Capital Program to reflect the state aid.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:

I just have a question. Should we do a motion to approve? I'll make a motion? Did we make a motion?

LEG. D'AMARO:

I would make a motion.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator D'Amaro; second by myself. On the motion.

LEG. HAHN:

Which parks are we going to do this?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Actually we have ten. I can list them them if you need it. It should have come with a backup documentation?

LEG. HAHN:

I don't have that with me.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Okay. You want me to go over it?

LEG. HAHN:

Yes, please. Do you mind?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Not at all. Indian Island, Meschutt Beach County Park, Southaven, Greens Creek County Park, Peconic Dunes, Blydenburgh County Park, Millers Pond, Timber Point, Cedar Point County Park and Lake Ronkonkoma. And they're all getting some work to some degree whether it's putting in signage, increasing parking, that kind of -- that kind of work.

LEG. HAHN:

I'm dying to get a canoe/kayak launch at Old Field Farm. (Laughter) One day we'll have to talk about that.

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COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, that went on the record. (Laughter) Okay, we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **1726 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1755, Amending the 2013 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with improvements and lighting at County Parks (CP 7079). (Co. Exec.) And what is the amending on that, George?

MR. NOLAN:

Do you know?

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay, Commissioner, that's fine.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I believe it's -- to me, George. We're changing the amount of money that's going into the planning. Originally it was 25,000. We're amending that to 50,000. It's the same amount of money. We're just allocating more money to planning.

MR. NOLAN:

And less to construction.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

And less --

MR. NOLAN:

It's all within the Capital Project.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Correct.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. I'll make the motion; second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1755 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Is there anybody else that would like to address the Parks & Recreation Committee? Yes, Legislator Horsley.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Real quickly. Commissioner, you know my favorite topic.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

I understand that we're going to have the -- the RFP committee's going to be meeting the next couple -- I don't remember the date.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I don't know the date either but it's within the next two weeks. And I know that my office has been in contact with your office.

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D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Right.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Because you have a representative there so we made some adjustments and --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

We're good.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We're all good.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

We've actually got people that are going to be coming and --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Absolutely. The entire committee will be there.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

That's great.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

This is just to look over the documents that were submitted for the --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

But we do have peoples interested in both -- both locations or --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We have two for Elwood and one for Black Duck Lodge.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Nice. Okay, good. I'm glad to hear that. Did you hear that, Legislator Stern, they have two -- two peoples interested in the Elwood Schoolhouse. Good. All good.

The other question is, what are the -- on that -- in that same bill, we talked of a pilot program for the farm that we just had with the Robinson Duck Farm. I think it was one of the -- one of the houses -- is that the house that this guy's moving into?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I believe so.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Yeah, okay. So that's going to be out of the --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, no. That's a very large house. It can be segmented if I'm not mistaken.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Oh, really, more than one person living there?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes. I'm a correct in that -- Black Duck?

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D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Yeah, one family, I would imagine. That wasn't that big of a house, my recollection.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, what I'm saying the program can take into consideration a rental.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Under the program.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We got multiple houses up in that facility.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

All right. But you're still -- down the road, whatever the next step is to the Historical Restoration Program, this building could still be considered for that with a resident in it?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Depending on the --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

It's good to have a resident in it. I'm not -- you know, I'm not -- I'm not questioning that. I just wanted to make sure that the project continues.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Right. Yes, having a tenant is not going to preclude us from getting a public/private partnership --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay. Very good. I just wanted your statement on that. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Does anybody else want to address the Committee? If not, we will adjourn.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:26 PM
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