

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 Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Deputy Presiding Officer Jay Schneiderman - Chairman
Legislator Bill Lindsay III
Legislator Kevin McCaffrey
Legislator Kara Hahn

Also In Attendance:

Jason Richberg - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
George Nolan - Counsel to the Suffolk County Legislature
Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Suffolk County Legislature
Greg Dawson - Commissioner/Suffolk County Department of Parks
Bob Doering - Budget Review Office
Benny Pernice - Budget Review Office
Tom Vaughn - County Executive Assistant
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. *)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Good afternoon. I'd like to call this meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to order this 12 day of November 2014. Please rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Lindsay.

(Salutation)

If you'll remain standing just for a moment, if we could have a moment of silence. Yesterday was Veteran's Day in honor of all the men and women who wear the uniform of our armed forces and those in particular who did so and paid the ultimate sacrifice, let them be in our prayers and memory.

(Moment of Silence Observed)

Thank you. We don't have any presentations. Do I have any yellow cards? Seeing none, let's go right to the agenda.

Tabled resolutions.

IR 1587, Authorizing the determination of just compensation and securing payment thereof in connection with the acquisition of properties by the State of New York to be acquired for public highway purposes, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York (SCTM No. 0800-133.00-02.00-006.001 p/o) (County Executive). Mr. Vaughn, where are we with this?

MR. VAUGHN:

DPW is going to be having a meeting with New York State in a couple days, I believe. I want to say the 14. We are going to have that meeting, and we will go forward from there. I expect that we will come to you during the next cycle and ask that this be adopted.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So you want us to table it for now?

MR. VAUGHN:

We would appreciate it being tabled.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Before we vote on tabling, just for the record, Legislator Cilmi has an excused absence from today's meeting.

All right. Do I have a motion to table?

LEG. LINDSAY:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

If we table it at this point, is it going to cycle it out?

MR. NOLAN:

It won't? Okay.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Do I have a motion to table? Motion to table by Legislator Lindsay. Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1587 is **tabled**. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

IR 1773, Approving a temporary increase to the fleet for the Suffolk County Police Department's Narcotics Section at no cost to the County through the use of Task Force Reimbursement Funds. (County Executive).

Commissioner, is this good to go now?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We're good to go. We made the amendments, and we're good.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Again, what was the amendment?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

The amendment was to appropriate \$125,000 into planning money out of the construction. We're just moving some money from construction to planning.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions? All right. Can I get a motion? Motion to approve by Legislator McCaffrey. Second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1773 is **approved**. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

IR 1870, Appointing William Toedter as a member of the Suffolk County North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee (Krupski). Sorry if I mispronounced the name. Mr. Toadter, is he present? Sir, if you'll step up. Tell me how I pronounce your name.

MR. TOEDTER:

Toedter.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is a new committee, North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee. Before we discuss your interest, let's get a motion and a second.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Motion.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator McCaffrey. Second by Legislator Lindsay. So if you could introduce yourself to us, let us know why you're interested in serving on this committee.

MR. TOEDTER:

Yes. My family's been long-time residents of the North Fork. I currently serve as president of the North Fork Environmental Council and the mixed use -- proposed mixed use for the park is something of great interest to me. I learned how to ride horses at Hidden Lake Riding Farms in Southold. The natural, obviously, the preservation of open space and the use of it for the public purpose and good is something that's near and dear not only to my heart but obviously to the NFEC, and so that's why I'm interested in doing this.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions for Mr. Toedter? Any questions? All right. Thank you. You may be seated. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator McCaffrey.

MR. NOLAN:

We already did that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Sorry. We already had the motion and the second. Sorry. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is **approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

1871, Appointing Nancy Gilbert as a member of the Suffolk County North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee (Krupski). Nancy, hello.

MS. GILBERT:

Hello.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

If you also will just introduce yourself to us tell us, tell us a little bit about yourself and why you're interested.

MS. GILBERT:

Sure. My name is Nancy Gilbert. I live in Jamesport, and I'm very involved in trying to preserve farmland. I'm on the Peconic Land Trust board and have been the past chair and past treasurer. I'm on the Town of Riverhead's Open Space Committee. I'm a dedicated birder, so I've often walked the North Fork Preserve birding and also cross-country skiing. I'm very interested in the interface between open space and human use and how we make that beneficial to everyone and the natural world as well. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That's what I was going to ask. Any questions for Ms. Gilbert?

LEG. LINDSAY:

I just have a question.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Ah, we have one. Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

How do you view the deer population issue on the North Fork at this point?

MS. GILBERT:

Horrendous.

LEG. LINDSAY:

In your opinion, what's population solutions?

MS. GILBERT:

It has to be controlled. It has to be reduced. There are all kinds of reasons. As a gardener -- I'm an avid gardener, and so I hate having to fence in things, and this fall, it's been unbelievable. The deer pressure is so huge. Even our electric fences aren't working. They break in all the time. But mostly, it's the native wildflowers and shrubs that are just being eliminated from our woods. There's no understory left, and that's the saddest thing to me. It's not my ornamentals, and as much as I feel for the farmers who lose crops, it's not that. It's the natural environment that I think is being irrevocably changed because of the overgrazing.

LEG. LINDSAY:

I've lived in the western part of the county my whole life. We've never seen deer before; now, we're starting to see them, so it's -- they're taking over.

MS. GILBERT:

Well, the population is much bigger than it was in the 19th century when they were supposedly fair games and food, but it's just out of control, and they benefit from eating our garden plants and all the farm food. It's much more nutritious than just being stuck in the woods, but, no, it's a real problem. And of course the disease problem, the tick situation is pretty horrendous. Knock on wood, I have never had Lyme's Disease nor has anyone in my family, but it's a pretty horrible affliction if you get it.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Am I correct in my assumption that your opinion is shared amongst most of the people on the North Fork?

MS. GILBERT:

Well, I thought so until last year. It's inexplicable to me that people really can believe that contraception is a viable alternative when all of the studies and all of the scientific data clearly indicate something else. So again, there's misinformation out there. Once that's out in the public, it's very hard to counteract that, and to rationally discuss ways to reduce the deer population. So I think it's a hot button, and it's going to take some time to really figure out an education strategy that's going to help people see why it will benefit all of us.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thank you.

MS. GILBERT:

I'm sure that's really controversial. Anyone else? All right. Thank you, Ms. Gilbert.

All right. So I don't think we made a motion and second on this one, right? Not yet. All right. I will make the motion. Second by Legislator Lindsay. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi).**

All right. Ms. Gilbert, you are approved. So all these appointees to this committee, there's no need, if we approve you here, to come to the full legislature. The bill will go before the full legislature for approval, but the screenings happen at the committee level, not at the legislative level. It's not -- you can come if you wish, but you don't need to come to the full legislature, no requirement.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

1872, Appointing Denise. C. Spezio as a member of the Suffolk County North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee (Krupski). Ms. Spezio?

MS. SPEZIO:

Hi. I'm Denise Spezio. I was asked to join the committee to represent equestrians. I'm currently a president of Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association. I sit on the Long Island Farm Bureau Board as an equine representative, part of the New York Farm Bureau Equine Committee, and currently I have an equestrian team with Longwood High School.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That's great. Any questions? So your focus will be on developing horseback riding trails and the like?

MS. SPEZIO:

I'm hoping to. There's an adjacent parcel of 50 acres that was slated for agricultural use. It's under the Parks Department's jurisdiction we're hoping to see an equine facility. Obviously, if we could make that happen, part of the preserve we would like to see equestrian trails if it's suitable.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. All right. Any other questions?

MS. SPEZIO:

But I could add, even though my focus is on equine. I've spent many years in land management plans over in the Ridge area and pine barrens, so I've worked with hiking and biking and, you know, all the user groups.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Bill, you want do ask her about deer population?

MS. SPEZIO:

Oh, I agree with Nancy. The only thing I would add is as far as for the farmers and their crops, they're allowed nuisance permits on their properties and to see their nuisance permits given out regularly or approved in a timely fashion would be very helpful for them.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You know, I can say this: I've had conversations with a former colleague of mine, Legislator Horsley, who is now the director of Long Island regional state parks. The tick population within county and state parkland is certainly discouraging people from using those parklands. We could do a lot to encourage people to visit our parks, but until we can figure out a way to reduce the potential to get Lyme or other tick-borne illnesses, we're going to have a hard time getting full use out of these park, so I think the question about deer population is certainly linked closely to this issue.

MS. SPEZIO:

Oh, no, it is. Through Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association, we have an Adopt-a-Natural-Resource agreement with the DEC, so we do trail management over in the Rocky Point area. And for the last few months especially, we've been out there grooming trails and

connecting new trails to a north-to-south corridor trail that we're working on with the pine barrens, and we've been out there for weeks, and now as of Friday, I'm being treated for Lyme's for the third time.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Oh, I'm sorry.

MS. SPEZIO:

No, it's okay. You take it -- it's what we do, and we love being out there and we want to see the property preserved, but the property is preserved to be used also, and if it's not used, we'd hate to see anybody say, Oh, well, there's no one interested in it, so...

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Well, thanks for getting out there and doing that kind of work in spite of the potential dangers.

MS. SPEZIO:

Any more questions?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

No, but did we do a motion? Not yet. Motion by Legislator Lindsay. Second by Legislator Hahn. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

Thank you, Denise.

1873, Appointing Mark Zaweski as a member of the Suffolk County North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee. Hello, Mark.

MR. ZAWESKI:

Hello.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

How are you? So I think you know the routine.

MR. ZAWESKI:

Yes, I do. I'm a fourth generation farmer in Jamesport, past president of Long Island Farm Bureau. I serve on the Suffolk County Farmland Committee, and I chair the Riverhead Town Farmland Committee. I was asked to be on this committee to represent the farmers in the town. I farm actually one farm over to the east, the North Fork Preserve there; and so that's why I'm here.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions?

MR. ZAWESKI:

I could go on about the deer stuff if you want.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yeah, from a farmer's perspective, it's a real problem as well, I know.

MR. ZAWESKI:

Let's put it this way: I used to -- we had nuisance permits up on the farm, the 30 acres that are up there. Probably about 15 years ago, I had to fence the whole thing in, so I have an eight-foot

fence. They haven't made it over that yet, so so far so good. The deer population is way out of control. Obviously, Farm Bureau, we tried to do something last year, as I'm sure you're aware of. That got pretty much spoiled, to be nice, but obviously the deer are out of control. That and North Fork Preserve is loaded with deer. That's where they're used to going, so I farm right next door. They don't come out two or three. They come out 15, 20 at a time, so that may be a possible challenge up there for you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Now is there a specific seat on the committee for somebody from the agricultural industry? That's the seat you're filling?

MR. ZAWESKI:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

There is a seat that's designated. Okay.

I don't have any further questions. Legislator Hahn, comment? I think Legislator Hahn is reminding me that we, in the budget for next year, we have added a staff position, an entomologist to help develop a plan to reduce or control the tick population with the hope of reducing Lyme's Disease or other tick-borne illnesses. So we're hoping to get the county more and more involved in addressing this critical public health issue, and obviously with the deer it's more than just Lyme's Disease; it's crop damage, it's road safety hazards, and all kinds of issues.

MR. ZAWESKI:

There's always deer laying on Sound Avenue.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yeah. Legislator Hahn has a question.

LEG. HAHN:

I have a question, actually, for the commissioner. I'm sorry that I'm doing it during this.

MR. ZAWESKI:

That's fine.

LEG. HAHN:

Just remind me what the Parks Department does now in terms of is there anything Parks Department takes responsibility for in tick, deer control on our parks property?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, I was going to interject a little while ago. We actually opened up North Fork Preserve to bow hunting this season. It's one of two sites we opened up out on the east end. I think Beetle Club was the other. We've got 24, 26 facilities now that we allow deer hunting, bow hunting on, and two or three during the shotgun season. We're in the middle of hunting season now.

LEG. HAHN:

Do you participate in the Tick Task Force?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes. Nick Gibbons, our senior environmental analyst, is our representative on that board.

LEG. HAHN:

I think we need to -- you know, because of the comments today, I think we need to find a way to get more integrated amongst the departments in dealing with this problem and our -- all of our holdings now, we have a significant acreage in county holdings that are probably home to many, many, many, many, many thousands of deer, and so it is really our -- you know, we've recognized the responsibility. Jay and I spearheaded adding that and tried to add other positions, but I think we're really going to have to recognize the Parks' role in controlling this and so --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can I say to Legislator Hahn that -- I mentioned a moment ago former Legislator Horsley, who's with State Parks now, he actually came to me and asked for a seat on that Tick Committee for either himself or a designee because State Parks is having some really serious problems, you know, with staff and park users because of the tick problem. Even right here, near here, what's here? Connetquot, is that the -- Connetquot, Heckscher, they're having some real problems. I tend to think of this more on the east end, but it's throughout Suffolk County.

LEG. HAHN:

It really is.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Real problems. And it's creating kind of an access issue, you know, it's a barrier to access. People don't want to go to the Parks for fear of getting sick, and I can't really blame them, so we have to do a better job on this.

LEG. HAHN:

Right. And our trails, you know, our staff maintenance of trails and keeping back rambles and tall grass from trails, you know, I'm sure that's an issue too. I'm sure we don't have the kind of maintenance staff that we need. But recognizing that that is important to this issue, the staffing for the trail maintenance is important.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, I will say independent of staff, we do have agreements in place with the Greenbelt Trail Conference, the mountain biking associations, which led a tremendous amount of help in doing just what you stated.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Commissioner, do we have standards for kind of the main trails in these parks in terms of the width that they need to be maintained at so that you could walk down without having to brush against grass or bushes and things like that? Is there a standard that you use?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Off the top of my head, I couldn't answer that. I would imagine a four- to six-foot wide trail, going through, taking care of all the --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

'Cause I know there's side trails and there's main trails, but I think within those main trails, we ought to have them maintained for a certain width so that people know that -- I can't -- never make it impossible to get Lyme's Disease, but at least they could walk through without brushing against vegetation. All right. Something to think about.

Legislator McCaffrey.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Thank you. Commissioner, in terms of you said we opened up some more facilities in terms of the bow hunting, are we maxed out on the amount of people we can accommodate? Because I understand there's a waiting list in Suffolk for bow hunters, and also we had the issue where I remember Nassau expressed an interest in being able to participate in bow hunting out in Suffolk as well, but for some reason we thought there may be too many permits being issued.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

As it stands right now, we issue -- I think it's about 500 bow hunting permits annually. We have 26 sites and each site -- I don't have the numbers in front of me -- but each site has a maximum number of hunters that could be on it at any one given time. You know, they pull into the designated parking spot and put their permits in the window.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Are we maxed out? Is there room for any more? Can we look into that if we haven't already?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, we do. Every year, we increase the number of sites that we have countywide by about two or three. This year again, we opened up North Fork Preserve and the Beetle Club. It's a matter of having staff go out there, identify an area, and put the parking spaces into it taking into consideration the other recreational uses, setbacks from homes and whatnot. But as we acquire the properties, we go out there, we assess them for the ability to hunt and manage it with other recreational uses, so every year, we increase it.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Is there a waiting list now for any Suffolk resident to get a bow permit?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, not currently.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

And I know we had this discussion and you didn't like the idea about opening it up to Nassau. Hearing what we're hearing today and what we heard in the past and when understanding the need to reduce the deer population, wouldn't it make sense to be able to see if we've got people who are ready, willing, and able to help in that effort to accommodate them even if they're from Nassau because it would benefit us?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I think when you open it up to Nassau County, you're precluding Suffolk County residents. I think that's our first foremost, is to provide these opportunities for Suffolk County people, and it's more a matter of the parking spaces and any acreage available.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

That's why I asked if we had anybody in Suffolk that's waiting. If there's nobody waiting in Suffolk and there's not a backlog, why not open it up and kind of help cull this deer population?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, to say "waiting," we don't put a waiting permit. There's no wait list to get the permit. There be might be a wait list to hunt a certain spot. It wouldn't show up if there's two people in that facility already, and just from what I'm hearing, that, you know, on peak hunting days, those spots are already filled, and if we issued permits to Nassau County residents, a Suffolk County resident might get there and not have the opportunity to hunt because there'd be a Nassau County person in there.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Can we look to see if it's possible to open it up to them on non-peak hunting days?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah. I think we'd have to take a census of seeing, you know, when people are in and when people aren't in, and we'd also have to manage -- you know. We could look into it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You know, I had had a bill a while ago, remember that? To open it up to Nassau to charge them \$100 a permit and do a trial of, I think, 50 permits or something like that. It didn't go over very well with the hunting community here in Suffolk, so just something to think about. We, ultimately, I think held a public hearing, and I withdrew the bill after that.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah, and we had some -- a lot of people come to oppose that.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

Just looking to see what we're doing now.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right. So just might want to think about it. I just encourage you to make sure you talk to the Suffolk bow hunters first.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

No, I wasn't proposing legislation. I just wanted to ask the commissioner if he thought it was -- if we had the room to do it and the accommodate them and the Suffolk people aren't using it, why not? Okay. Thank you.

MR. ZAWESKI:

Does anyone know -- maybe you know this, Commissioner -- do you get two doe permits and then you get an either sex permit? How does that work?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, there's no bag limit in Suffolk County parks. You can take --

MR. ZAWESKI:

Oh, that's good. There's no -- either sex, there's no bag limit.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Unlike the rest of the state, I don't think there's a bag limit for us.

MR. ZAWESKI:

Okay. Because a lot of bow hunters are trophy hunters, so they get their two does and then they wait for the eight-point buck and don't shoot anything else in the meantime, but that's good if there's no limit.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. Thank you, Mark. I think we're all set. I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

All right. That's it for the appointments, at least for that committee, for Suffolk County North Fork Preserve. We have some other reappointments coming up.

1885, Amending the 2014 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with construction of a handicapped accessible playground in West Sayville (CP 7157) and rescinding Adopted Resolution Nos. 79 and 80-2011 (Lindsay).

LEG. LINDSAY:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve by the sponsor, Legislator Lindsay. I'll second. Can you just explain what's going on here?

LEG. LINDSAY:

This goes back to -- my father held the office -- there was money that was appropriated to build a skate park in Sayville, and in speaking with the residents and the chamber of commerce, they do not want the skate park. They'd rather it be a handicapped-accessible park, so we're withdrawing that proposal and putting in a proposal to take that money and appropriate it to build a handicapped-accessible park.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

How much was the money?

LEG. LINDSAY:

250,000.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions?

LEG. LINDSAY:

It's not new money. It's already been budgeted going back.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right, but it's changing purposes.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Right. We're just repurposing the funds.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

And just to be clear, it's up by the Cherry Avenue dog park, correct?

LEG. LINDSAY:

Correct, up by the dog park.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Any questions? All in favor? Do we have --

LEG. LINDSAY:

I made a motion.

LEG. MCCAFFREY:

I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

IR 1919, Authorizing use of Indian Island County Park by Jayasports for its Indian Island Trail Runs Fundraiser (County Executive). I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Lindsay. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi).**

IR 1998, Reappointing Elizabeth Jean Cambria as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 6) (Spencer). Motion to approve. This is a reappointment. She doesn't need to be here, but I should ask if she is. Ms. Cambria? Okay. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1998 is **approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

1999, Reappointing Jack DeMasi as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 14) (Spencer). Again, is Mr. DeMasi here? It does appear that he is not, but again, it is a reappointment. I'll make a motion again to appoint Mr. DeMasi. Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

IR 2000, Reappointing Michael Mule as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 7). Is Mr. Mule here? He is not. Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi).**

IR 2013, Authorizing a License Agreement for the use, improvements and upkeep of Long House at Montauk County Park with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County (Schneiderman). I actually want to make an amendment to the bill. Commissioner, have you had a chance to look at it?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I have. We have no objections.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. At first, I'd like Cornell to come here, if possible, too, so everybody can understand what their intentions are with it. But right now, the bill calls for a 10-year lease with a 10-year renewal period in exchange for them fixing up the building and using it for science education. My one issue is -- I have no problem with the state of the building needs a lot of work, but after 10 years, I feel it should go out at a fair-market lease, so I don't want to do the additional 10 years. Ten-years free rent in exchange for fixing it is fine but not 20, so we may just need to adjust that.

Okay. So I make a motion to table. Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 2013 is **tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi).**

2014, Reappoint Member to the Suffolk County Board of Trustees of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation (Kathleen Gooding)(Schneiderman). I'll make a motion to approve.

Second by Legislator Lindsay. Is Ms. Gooding here? It's a reappointment, so it's not necessary. I think this is Southampton, if I recall. No, Shelter Island. Thank you. And she's in good standing, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

She's in very good standing.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Comes to the meetings?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Monthly.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **2014 is approved. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1, Excused: Cilmi)**

Commissioner, any other business?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, I think we're good this week.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Any questions for the commissioner? All right. Seeing none, we are adjourned.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.*)