

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**of the**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Parks & 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, May 27, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

**Members Present:**

**Deputy Presiding Officer Jay Schneiderman - Chairman**

Legislator Kara Hahn - Vice-Chair

Legislator Tom Cilmi

Legislator Bill Lindsay III

Legislator Kevin McCaffrey

**Also in Attendance:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature

Christina Delisi - Aide to Deputy Presiding Officer Schneiderman

Alyssa Turano - Aide to Legislator Hahn

Jason Richberg - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature

Benny Pernice - Budget Review Office

Greg Dawson - Commissioner/Suffolk County Department of Parks

Katie Horst - County Executive Assistant

All Other Interested Parties

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*(\*The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. \*)*

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Good afternoon. I'd like to call this meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order this 27th day of May 2015. All please rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Cilmi.

*(\*Salutation\*)*

You may be seated. Okay. We're going to start with public portion today. If you wish to be heard by the committee, you do need to fill out a yellow card. I only have one, Kelly Bennett. Ms. Bennett, if you'll come forward to the podium and you will have three minutes to make your comments known.

**MS. BENNETT:**

Good afternoon. My comments are about Smiths Point County Park. The sanitary conditions there are deplorable. I just spent a week camping there, and I would be embarrassed to say that that's my county park. I didn't get soap in the ladies room after calling five times to maintenance, to the front desk. The last time, I threatened to call the Board of Health; I got soap in the ladies room. My husband says the men's room for the past 10 years that we've been going there, there is one toilet that is not properly connected to the wall and it's constantly leaking brown sewage. There were no bags in the pet disposal, so wherever you walked, watch out; and if you were wearing flip flops, you were in trouble, whether it be walking through the campground, walking on the boardwalk down to the beach. Nobody seemed to care to do anything about it.

The only thing I was impressed with was with Suffolk County patrol, Suffolk County cops patrolling the area and the rangers patrolling the area. Other than that, I really -- I thought it was disgusting, and as a taxpayer, I feel that we are not getting our money's worth out of the employees that you employ, and that's basically my beef about it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Don't sit down yet.

**MS. BENNETT:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

First of all, this may surprise you: I want to thank you. I want to thank you for coming out. I can hear you're a little nervous in your voice, and you don't need to be. You, in a way, are our eyes and ears in the county parks. They're there for you and all the residents in of Suffolk County. You're bringing something to my attention as committee chair that I wasn't aware of, so I want to thank you for taking the time. I know you probably work. You've taken some time off from family or whatever to be here to let us know, and most people don't do that even though there's probably a lot of other people who feel the exact same way as you do, so you're the voice of many, so I just wanted to thank you for that. I will when the Parks commissioner comes forward ask him about Smiths Point Park. I haven't been there in some time, so I'm not familiar with the bath and restrooms there, but, you know, I can at least find out what's going on and what measures are being taken to improve that comfort station there.

**MS. BENNETT:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Does anybody else have any questions or comments?

**LEG. HAHN:**

So I had heard from Legislator Browning, I believe it was yesterday, that she had gotten a number of complaints about the weekend and the conditions at the bathrooms and et cetera --

**MS. BENNETT:**

I know I was one of them.

**LEG. HAHN:**

-- so thank you for coming and putting it on the record officially. I was going to bring it up when the commissioner comes forward as well, but it's better the committee hears it from you, so thank you for being here, and we will do what we can to rectify that. Is there any capital project in those bathrooms?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

You know, I think that we need to hear from our commissioner. This is the only card I have. Let's just make there's nobody else who wants to speak, and I'll bring Commissioner Dawson up and see how we can remedy this situation. For all we know, there may be steps already in place. Any other questions for Ms. Bennett? All right. Again, really, thank you for coming out today. Is there anyone who wishes to be heard who did not fill out a card. Seeing none, okay, that's -- we'll close public portion, and I'd like at this point to go to the agenda, but I'd like to bring Commissioner Dawson forward.

Before we get into the agenda, Commissioner, I know this was a very busy weekend. We opened Cupsogue and Smiths Point on Saturday and all of our parks. It was a beautiful weather weekend, and I'm sure they were heavily used. I want to thank you for working to get Cupsogue open. That's really, like, rather remarkable considering it was really only just after Labor Day that the fire burned down the main building there and the fact that we have a concession operating, we have the boardwalk, and the deck rebuilt. We've got bathrooms there. It's really remarkable, so thank you for helping put that together, of course DPW and the county executive, and all the people involved with making that happen so that our residents could use Cupsogue. It's only one of two ocean beaches, that, and the other one being Smiths Point.

So let's talk about Smiths Point. We had a constituent a moment ago speak of deplorable conditions in the bathroom, and it sounds like it wasn't just from this weekend, that it's been an ongoing problem, the men's rooms toilet disconnected from the wall. I want to give you an opportunity to respond and tell us how we can fix this.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Sure. Well, first of all, I want to thank you for your comments. Yes, we're very proud of getting Cupsogue up and running. It was a real team effort between this branch funded it, Department of Public Works, and Parks Department worked together, and it really was kind of remarkable.

As far as Smiths Point's concerned, it was a nice weekend. Saturday wasn't the greatest. It was kind of windy, and the attendance grew as the weekend progressed. We do get complaints on restrooms occasionally, so it's one of the places I make it a point to stop in and to check. I mean,

sometimes they're dirty, but I wouldn't describe them as "deplorable." Unfortunately, I didn't get into them this weekend. I was mostly on the outer beach and spending time in the east booth, but the one thing that I do do, I try to get out to Smiths Point at least once a week during the summertime. I was there for a day and a half over this weekend -- is to check those restrooms and to get people out there. As far as the broken toilet, I had received that e-mail also from the legislator, and I was working on a response. I'm still waiting to hear back from the staff to find out what the status of the work orders are on that, but I will certainly address it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

In looking at the e-mail, there are a number of shower stalls, broken pipes, sewage. These are fairly serious. Can we talk about, first of all, who does the work? Typically, is that Parks Department, or is that DPW.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Parks Department, and you have to understand, and I needed to differentiate what restroom it was. There are a number of restrooms throughout the campground as well as up by the pavillion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So this maintenance, the cleaning and repairing?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

The repair is the Parks Department.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

It's all done by the Parks Department.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Right. And to say there's raw sewage, I haven't been in the ladies' rooms, at least when they're operating.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And how many men and woman do you have to do that?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Off the top of my head, I don't know what the seasonal staff was. I don't know what the (indiscernible), but it's basically a seasonal staff.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

No, but overall, to fix a plumbing issue, how many people do you have who can fix a plumbing issue?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I believe we have two plumbers. I'd have to check my numbers. We've got 35 trades people and they vary from electricians, plumbers, carpenters, sign makers, and whatnot.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Do you have money in your budget if you needed to contract out to get a plumber, a licensed plumber?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

We would. This does not sound like a big job, so I'm kind of surprised that it's been ongoing for a

number of years, but again I have to check it. I can assure you that there was not raw sewage dripping. There's broken pipe, it's leaking, but again, I'd really have to check it. We got the e-mail late yesterday.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So I hate to put you on the spot, but I will. When do you think you can have these issues addressed by?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Again, I'm not sure.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

You're not sure that they actually exist. Let's just go through --

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I'm not sure what the problem is.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So let me just go through Legislator Browning's letter through her aide, Josh Slaughter. "The men's bathroom at the campground apparently has had leaking pipes for years, and it has not been fixed. Park user claiming that sewage is running down the pipes. The women's bathroom has four shower stalls, but one has been broken for several seasons and never has been fixed. In addition, the women's bathroom did not have soap in the dispensers until users requested that it be filled up. There was not a very good response from the staff until they threatened to call the health department, then it was addressed. The park employee would not give the patrons her name at the time.

"Lastly, the screens in the women's bathroom shower stalls have been missing, and the windows are open to the elements so birds and animals can enter when people are showering. The bathroom near FINS and the handball courts has been closed, and patrons were told these will remain closed due to funding. Four of the dog waste receptacles did not have bags and users were not cleaning up after their pets. When it was reported to staff, nothing was done to enforce the rules, and pet waste was all over the campground.

"Five, apparently there's a policy to only allow two cars per campsite, but some sites had many more than that. No one was enforcing this rule."

So there's really five things. Some may be true; some may not be true. I'll personally go out there and take a look.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, I wouldn't say anything's untrue, but there are degrees of the issue. And again, I received the e-mail late yesterday afternoon. I sent an e-mail out as soon as I got it to the Parks supervisor to find out what the situation was as far as the work orders go and as far as the -- I mean, there are issues. We could talk about the restrooms --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Have you cut a work order for this?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I'm sorry.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Did you cut a work order for this?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I did not cut a work order. I mean, I reached out to the Parks staff to see. There might be a work order in already. I don't know.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. When is our next meeting?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Two weeks.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Two weeks, roughly. We're going to get into the busy part of the season. Can I ask that you review those five items and see which ones are real and can you give us kind of a timeline next time --

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Absolutely. Well, my next --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

-- as to when we can reasonably expect them to be addressed?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes. My intent was to take that e-mail and answer it item by item when I could speak more intelligently on it when I had more information, so I could certainly come before the committee the next round and discuss all that, but I'd be happy to -- I mean, I think you were CC'ed on the e-mail.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Yeah. I'm not hearing that any of these things are, A, unreasonable or, B, hard to achieve. I think that they all could be done relatively simply, so I'd like to have an action plan in place so that we can say -- you know, we can tell people like Miss Bennett, Okay, yes, we're on it, and within the next two weeks or something, those things will be fixed.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I agree with you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

But Legislator Hahn.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Well, I would hope that at the next meeting, you're going to mark down all five are completed. It doesn't sound like any of them are too tough.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I don't think it's our intent to open up the bathrooms over by FINS, but I'll get more information on that. That's a facility that's utilized more by the National Seashore end of the park. I mean, the usage down on the handball courts is very limited and to send staff over there to open up those bathrooms, I'm not sure it's warranted at this time. We may have a conversation with FINS if they'd like to open them and clean them and stock them. That may be an issue, but again I'll give

you more information on that by the next meeting. I'd like to do an analysis of it first, but it's been my -- again, I'm down there routinely. It's one of more heavily utilized facilities, so I'm down there quite a lot.

**LEG. HAHN:**

So can you explain your management procedures for bathroom cleanliness?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes. There's employees that are staffed. They are full-time employees. There are part-time employees. There's a supervisor on duty at all times. They'll either be in the -- I mean, this weekend, we opened up the outer beach. We opened up another section of 250 cars so they're kind of busy out there. But there are a number of restrooms along that -- if you've ever been out there, you can drive out and the crew goes in, checks them, men's, ladies' rooms, cleans them, stocks them and whatnot.

**LEG. HAHN:**

And so but again, from a management perspective, do you have, like, a checkoff list where someone signs their initials and what time they stocked it and what time they cleaned it?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

No, we do not.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Because I think, you know, this isn't the first time I've heard this kind of complaint and I think we need to have established a timetable for when these places get stocked and cleaned. It's not unreasonable to expect that in a full weekend that the staff will have to go in there several times a day and clean it and stock it and that there should be a clipboard -- I mean, this is not rocket science. You know, 30 years ago when I worked at McDonalds, they had a clipboard, and there was a little chart and you checked off and you signed, put your initials down and the time you did it, and someone comes through. A supervisor comes through and checks to make sure it's done, who did it, to make sure six times a day it's done. You know, this isn't -- this is something that -- we should be proud of the condition of our facilities. This is why folks -- I say this every time, almost every meeting: You know, folks live on Long Island, pay incredibly high taxes so that we can go to our beaches, you know, we can experience our life on the water, and that's why we're here, we love it when we want to have the best experience we can, and you don't need to have to walk through S-H-I-T to use the bathroom. And clearly if that's happening, that should be fixed today, and I just hope that you can rethink the management of the staff that are cleaning the facilities.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I certainly could do that, and I certainly make the offer, again, I'm down there all the time. I've made this offer on a number of cases. Any time anybody from this board or any of the legislative body would like to take a tour of our parks, I'd be more than happy to take them on that surprise visit, if you will.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Anybody else for the commissioner? I did have one more yellow card came in. I know we've closed public portion, but I'd like to reopen public portion so we can hear the comments of an additional speaker. So Mr. Samuelson, Jeremy Samuelson, you have three minutes to make your

comments known, and then there may be some questions as well.

**MR. SAMUELSON:**

Great. Thank you so much, and I appreciate your willingness to re-open. I'll blame traffic, so my apologies for being a little late. My name is Jeremy Samuleson, and I serve as the executive director of Concerned Citizens of Montauk from Jay's district. Good to see you here, Jay. I just wanted to make myself available to address any questions you may have regarding a permit application that we've submitted for use of Third House at Montauk County Park, not the actual structure itself, but the picnic pavilion that's there. This is sort of a revival of an old program that the organization I worked for used to do particularly in the mid-90s, so if you go back to 1990, '91, '94, '95, either this weekend or the weekend after, we always have what we called a "membership appreciation event," so this is really people who are committed to our organization, live in Montauk, are committed to community work out there, protecting the environment, having an opportunity to come together, eat some fried chicken, and some sandwiches, have a little celebration. This is kind of our way of paying back to them and thanking them for being members. Just as a point of fact for all of you, it was actually Concerned Citizens of Montauk that back in 1970 worked for a couple of years to see this piece of property preserved. So the fact that it is now Montauk County Park, we're very proud of, and I think we're a part of that legacy. There's a demonstrated historic use here. You know, obviously we'll be fully responsible for all cleanup and we think we've done the application in exactly the right way, but just to make sure that you had a full level of comfort with exactly what we're proposing to do, I wanted to make myself available, so I'll basically do that now if you're --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Any questions? I'd like to say a couple things.

**MR. SAMUELSON:**

Yeah.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

One, first, Jeremy, thank you for serving on the Tick Control Advisory Committee. It's been a really productive and good group. We often allow groups to use our parks for various events, walkathons, fundraisers, and things like that. We typically actually see those groups come up here and tell us about their organization and their connection to that park and what they want to do in that park, so we appreciate that. You are on the agenda today, and it's also nice that that park, Third House, the Montauk County Park being used again because for many years, it really hasn't been used and now we're seeing some interest again with various groups that Cornell Cooperative Extension, Camp SoulGrow, yourself, that are interested in using the park again, so it's nice that it has a pulse one more time and hopefully in the future it will continue to, you know, be an active part of the community. Anybody else? All right. Thank you, Jeremy.

**MR. SAMUELSON:**

Great. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So let's jump into the agenda here.

**IR 1390, Authorizing use of Smiths Point County Park for Mercy Center Ministries 5K race (Browning).** Motion to approve by Legislator McCaffrey. It's like a race for second here, the 5K race. Legislator Cilmi jumping with a second. Any questions? Commissioner, are we good here?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, we're fine.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1390 is **approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

**IR 1413, Authorizing use of Cupsogue Beach County Park for parking by the Barrier Beach Preservation Association for its Oyster Fling Fundraiser (County Executive).** Motion from Legislator Hahn.

**LEG. CILMI:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I had two seconds. Legislator Cilmi I'll take as the second. Commissioner, we're good here too, right?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, we're good.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

**IR 1427, Authorizing use of Montauk County Park by Concerned Citizens of Montauk, Inc. For its Membership Picnic Fundraiser (County Executive).** This is the gentleman what actually traveled all the way here from Montauk a moment ago. I'll make the motion to approve. Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)** You can get back in traffic, if you want, Jeremy.

**IR 1441, Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement with Flanders Fire District to maintain fire lanes in County parks (Schneiderman).** Commissioner, before I make a motion, we're going to try to do this by permit.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

We are going to do this by permit. I think we have a meeting scheduled in June to find out exactly where they want to go. The permit process will be a much more streamlined procedure. If we went with the MOU, it might take a little bit more time, so the permit is the way to go. We can get it done much quicker.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

What I'm going to do is make a motion to table this bill with the hopes that we get a permit in place and keep it on the agenda and we'll see if we have trouble with the permit, then we can switch to the MOU.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Fine.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So I'll make a motion to table 1441. Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

That's the end of the agenda. Is there anything else for the commissioner before we adjourn? We'll look forward to seeing you in two weeks to follow up on the Smiths Point issue.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Absolutely.

**LEG. CILMI:**

You know what? I have a question.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. And just one more thing too: On Discover Parks Day, which is June 20 -- what's our Discover Count Parks Day; do you know offhand?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I don't have a calendar.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. We'll look it up, but I've just got to remind you to try to get some press work out there, coordinate with the county executive's folks. We can't tell if it's working if nobody knows about it, so we really have to try to get the word out. Half price --

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

For nonresidents.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Half price, well, we say nonresidents but residents too. Anyone without a green key will pay half of what they normally would pay with Cupsogue and Smiths Point and what other beaches does that -- or what other parks?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Meschutt, Cupsogue, Smiths Point are the three beaches.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

What's the date on that; anybody know? You got a Blackberry. If you had an iPhone, you'd know it already.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Looks like June 20, rain date, June 21.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

June 20. And also, Legislator Cilmi.

**LEG. CILMI:**

I had a couple questions. Hi, Commissioner.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

How are you?

**LEG. CILMI:**

Good. How are you doing? How are we doing at Smiths Point with respect to the closures or opening?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, I prefer to call them "openings."

**LEG. CILMI:**

Yeah, right.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Two weeks ago, we had a half mile of the first beach open; actually, the day of the legislative meeting. We've since been open -- that's a half mile to fit between 200 and 225 cars. We've since been able to open for the Memorial Day Weekend another half mile out closer to cut three, so we're capped at about 400, 425. I was out there on Sunday. We didn't reach capacity until -- it was about five to 12:00 on Sunday afternoon, so I think that's relatively promising. So we have to see how the plover situation goes for additional openings or closures, for that matter.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Right. And what about your discussions with our new vendor with respect to the reservation system; how are those going? The reservation system actually is working much bigger. We were having issues with the timeliness of credit card transactions, and that was resolved about a week and a half ago, so it was affecting the golfers mostly. I spoke to Freddie Gibb (ph) yesterday, actually, and they're very pleased with the speed of the transactions. And people can still -- you know, they were always able to make the reservations, just the speed of those transactions. I mean, it's still a product of so many spaces for so many campers, and, you know, not everybody's going to get in, but the speed by which they can make the reservations is fine now.

**LEG. CILMI:**

And how are we faring so far as far as the golf season goes in terms of number of golfers compared historically -- and I'm not asking you for the details, but just do you have a general sense of whether or not it's been a busy year or a less-than-busy year and also, in terms of the upkeep of our golf courses?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

As far as the number of rounds, just looking at it, they seem to be up. I haven't looked at the May numbers yet. We did have a damp early season. March was not -- we had open up late because of snow in March, but I think towards the end of April and May, I'd say the numbers were relatively good. I mean, if you'd like, I can give you some statistical numbers at the next meeting, but just from what I see in the parking lots --

**LEG. CILMI:**

Yeah, maybe just to be prepared.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

As far as the maintenance, I'm only getting good reports from the golf pros. I'm not sure if you're aware, we're putting a new irrigation system in at West Sayville. We're still on manual watering. They're still setting the clocks up, but there's water getting on the golf course, so I think we're in okay shape. Everything is greening up nicely. It'd be nice if we got a little bit of rain, but -- well, I shouldn't say that; then you lose on the revenue. So we're doing okay with the irrigation system.

**LEG. CILMI:**

Okay. Thanks very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Commissioner, did you change the reservation system -- I mean, there was none in the past -- but out at Shagwong Point.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes, we did.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I think Jeremy Samulson's probably interested in this too. So in the past, we never accepted reservations for that outer beach there, right?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Right. It was only walkups only and we would have lines, very lengthy lines out towards the park, and the reason because we end up with a lot of erosion. You never know -- we didn't want to have people have reservations and then call them and say that they were cancelled, but historically over the last five years, we knew that we always had these 60 spots that, in the absence of a major storm, are probably going to be there. I think it's 100 spots out there.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So you're accepting reservations on 60?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Don't quote me. I think it's 60 spots, and there's still 40 to the --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

How far -- is that, like, that week or do you have advance --

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

No, you have 90 days. You can make the reservation 90 days out. It seems to be going --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Does the public know that?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Oh, yeah. It's on the reservation system now. We put it on our website, so, yeah, the word is out there. (Indiscernible) sites are going up.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. I also -- I always thought it was a problem potentially for people driving out to Montauk not knowing if they were going to get a space, particularly with a camper and then having to drive all the way back to where they originated from.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

That is true. We would send them to Cedar Point, but if you want to be on the ocean, you want to be on the ocean. What tends to happen is they would make a phone call and there would be a spot open, but by the time they drove two hours, two and a half hours out, the spot might've been taken because, you know, it was first come, first served. Having 60 on the reservation system, I think, helps out --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And then 40 off the reservation system.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Right. Again --

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Subject to availability.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, I think that's what it is.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Anyone else? Okay. We are adjourned.

*(\*The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. \*)*