

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Of the

Suffolk County Legislature

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee 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 19, 2008.

Members Present:

Legislator Jack Eddington - Chairman
Legislator Kate Browning - Vice-Chair
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Daniel Losquadro
Legislator Lynne Nowick

Also in Attendance:

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Barbara LoMoriello - Deputy Clerk of the SC Legislature
Robert Calarco - Aide to Legislator Eddington
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Leader Losquadro
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Leader Cooper
James Montalto - Aide to Legislator Losquadro
Bobby Knight - Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Kara Hahn - Director of Communications/P.O. Lindsay's Office
Jim Maggio - Senior Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office
Ben Zwirn - Deputy County Executive
Brendan Chamberlain - County Executive Assistant
Gail Lolis - County Attorney's Office
Robert Anthony Moore - Chief-of-Department/Suffolk County Police Dept.
Michael Sharkey - Chief-of-Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
Debra Alloncius - Legislative Director/AME
Hope Collazo - American Red Cross/Community Service Program
Mark Epstein
All Other Interested Parties

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[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:43 A.M.]

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. I'd like to start the Committee Meeting, and Legislator Nowick will give us the Pledge.

(*Salutation*)

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

If we could remain standing for a moment of silence and dedicate that moment to Donna {Shazner}, a Family Court Probation Officer who passed away over the weekend from pancreatic cancer.

(*Moment of Silence)

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Thank you. Okay. We'll start with the Public Portion, and I have one card, Debra Alloncius from AME.

MS. ALLONCIUS:

Good morning, Chairman Eddington, and members of the Public Safety Committee. My name is Debbie Alloncius. I'm here on behalf of AME, President Cheryl Felice, and the members she represents, and speaking in support of I.R. 1499, a Local Law to require that Probation Department Employees use County vehicles while conducting County business.

And, in addition, I'd just like you to bear in mind that the Department of Social Services uses cars, and just wanted to make sure -- I'm not fully aware of the staffing, but they do transport clients that are at risk and children that are at risk. And I just want you to -- for the Public Safety Committee Meeting to keep in mind that we should be looking at the availability of cars for the Units that would need them. And I don't have the number now, but I would like at some point to apprise you of what's going on. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Thank you. I have a couple of people that are going to make a quick statement, but before that, I'd like to take -- to ask -- make a motion to take I.R. 1519 out of order, the appointment of Mark J. Epstein as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission.

LEG. NOWICK:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: 5-0-0-0)**

Okay. ***I.R. 1519 - Approving the appointment of Mark J. Epstein as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive)***. Mr. Epstein is here, and if he could just give us your interests.

MR. EPSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I don't want to take up too much of the committee's time, but to give a little sense of myself. Human Rights, I guess, is a newer term. I grew up in a family, very close to my Grandmother and Grandfather who were immigrants here and they came from Europe. And I grew up with a very strong sense of what we call human rights now, but then really was -- basically, what they loved about this country is what I would call freedom of access, you know, equal access to schooling, to housing, to education. They didn't have that where they came from. And my Grandmother in April just turned 97 and she still beats me over the head with these concepts. So I guess this Commission encompasses everything that I grew up believing in and, as a lawyer, that I fight for. And so it would be, I guess, very touching for me and that I can go back to my

Grandmother and say that I am continuing the fight that her family fought, and I ask that the Committee approve me for this position.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Are there any question from the Committee? Seeing none, then I make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So passed (*Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0*).

MR. EPSTEIN:

Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Thank you very much and congratulations.

MR. EPSTEIN:

Thank you all.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. At this time, I'd like to ask Chief of Detectives Robert Anthony Moore to come forward and give us some information.

CHIEF MOORE:

I've been demoted. Thank you.

MR. ZWIRN:

I didn't get the memo.

CHIEF MOORE:

I'll have to start reading these teletypes. Good morning. I'm Robert Anthony Moore, Chief of Department, Suffolk County Police Department. Sir.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

I think, Legislator Nowick, did you have a question?

LEG. NOWICK:

Oh. Good morning.

CHIEF MOORE:

Good morning.

LEG. NOWICK:

The question at our last Committee Meeting, and I know that you were -- we were speaking earlier, that you do have information for me. But my question, I was concerned about high-speed chases and policy. And many of my constituents had called after -- I think it's in the past year. Some of these high-speed chases are endangering innocent bystanders, and I know there is a policy, and I just wanted to know what it was, so, when time comes, I can explain that as well to my constituents and to my family, also; everybody's asking.

CHIEF MOORE:

Well, the Police Department shares your concern about safety to its officers and to the public in general, and we recognize that pursuits always have an element of danger. And I am happy to

report to you that the policies initiated by the Suffolk County Police Department are not the policies that were developed by the Suffolk County Police Department. As a matter of fact, the policies initiated by the Suffolk County Police Department are policies that have been standardized nationwide. They follow generally accepted --

LEG. NOWICK:

I'm missing what you're saying, I'm sorry.

CHIEF MOORE:

Oh, okay.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Sorry.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Sorry, apologize.

CHIEF MOORE:

The Suffolk County Police Department policy and practices in pursuits are similar to those in most of the 17,000 Police Departments in the country. They meet standards and practices such as those for CALEA, C-A-L-E-A, or the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. This was a body put together by five Fraternal Organizations of Police, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, NOBLE, the African-American Group, National Sheriffs, and others. The policies also comply with the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and, as you know, the Suffolk County Police Department is an accredited agency. So, the short answer, if there is a short answer still, is that the policies of the Suffolk County Police Department are standard policies practiced by Police Departments throughout the country.

Now, I'm sure you can understand my reluctance to speak out about policies and practices in depth. However, generally, an officer sees the need to engage in a pursuit. He or she advises the dispatcher that they're about to initiate a pursuit. The dispatcher reads a -- basically, a warning to the officer and assigns a supervisor. Now, there are rare occasions when a supervisor is not available, but that's extraordinarily rare. Generally speaking, a supervisor is assigned to evaluate and monitor the pursuit. The pursuit by more than one or two units is discouraged. And when I say "pursuit", I mean direct involvement with the other vehicle.

LEG. NOWICK:

Just to back up, Bob.

CHIEF MOORE:

I'm sorry.

LEG. NOWICK:

So, when an officer is about to go into a high-speed chase, first he puts a call in, speaks to somebody, that person gets a supervisor, the supervisor then comes to the phone, makes a determination as to whether or not this is a chase that should ensue.

CHIEF MOORE:

And --

LEG. NOWICK:

How much time passes in the interim?

CHIEF MOORE:

I'm sorry?

LEG. NOWICK:

How much time passes through all those telephone calls and the decision --

CHIEF MOORE:

Well, they're not telephone calls, this is done over the radio.

LEG. NOWICK:

It's on the radio.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yeah. Well, you see, and that's one of the dilemmas that the public often faces. When a police officer is traveling in a direction, let's say, northbound and he or she witnesses someone traveling southbound that they should have a word with, for the officer to turn around and catch up to the individual, in our mind, is not a pursuit. At that point, the individual may not even be aware that the officer is attempting to make the stop. So one of the big controversies, and often the news media makes the common mistake of assuming as soon as the officer becomes aware that someone needs to be stopped, that's a pursuit.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Chief. Chief, let me just stop you, because I think I see the County Attorney there with a "big hook". So if you want to just give a clarification to why you're sitting there.

CHIEF MOORE:

Hello.

MS. LOLIS:

Good morning. Gail Lolis, Deputy County Attorney. We have numerous cases pending in our office that concern pursuit, so we would request that any discussions concerning Police policies in that regard be done in an Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay.

LEG. NOWICK:

Well, I know that Bob has got some information for me, and so, if we can't discuss it, and I understand that -- why, because we have different lawsuits pending, and probably that's why we should be discussing it, but off the record. It's just a concern of mine, and I understand that we can't talk about it. But I do have some, after reading the papers in the past year, I do have concerns. So I will take a look at what you have, and, of course, I can't change policy, but it's something to pay attention to. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

What I might do is, before the meeting in August, we might be able to arrange an Executive Session right before that for fifteen minutes, and anybody that wants to be more informed on the Committee could do that then; so all right? I appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Zwirn, if you could just come up for a second. Did you have any questions for the Chief?

LEG. BROWNING:

No, I just want to make a comment.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I actually had some for Mr. Moore.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Oh, I'm sorry, yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Just quick.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yes, Legislator Losquadro for the Chief.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Two things. Number one, I'm planning on tabling I.R. 1359. We're still -- I know school is just about over, everything is still in place. We're moving right along to keep the Safe Summer Programs. I know the Town of Brookhaven, as I said last time, was very appreciative, but all the other programs -- that's the only one in my district, obviously, but all the other programs, everyone's all set to go with that?

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, they are.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Fantastic. And I'll -- I don't want to sound ominous, but I'll let you enjoy the first part of your summer. I'm in the process of gathering some information, so in August we'll have to have a little chat, so enjoy the first part of your summer.

CHIEF MOORE:

I'm looking forward to the opportunity.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thanks, Chief.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah, I --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Hold up one sec. Sorry, I apologize. I just got this information, that the program in Legislator Alden's District had to be cancelled.

CHIEF MOORE:

Which program is that, sir?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Heckscher.

CHIEF MOORE:

Not that I'm aware of. As a matter of fact --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Is that because of -- because of lack of --

CHIEF MOORE:

I have --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Oh, okay. Apparently, what I'm being told is Heckscher Park would not allow them in unless they had a certain number of officers, I guess. Yeah, it's a State Park. Do you have any information on that?

CHIEF MOORE:

Only that Tuesday to Saturday nights, commencing after July 4th -- I'll have to get back to you. You know, my information is that all of these programs are running, you know, from our perspective.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

So the information about Heckscher is news to you?

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, it is.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Your intention is to provide at least enough staffing to keep the program operational, even if it's less than what it was, but at least to keep it operational.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. Well we're going to have to --

MR. ZWIRN:

We'll find out.

CHIEF MOORE:

We'll find out.

MR. ZWIRN:

We'll look into it and see what --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Well, by Tuesday.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah, please, by Tuesday, if we could get that information.

CHIEF MOORE:

Okay, very good.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Browning?

LEG. BROWNING:

Oh.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah. I just wanted to make sure we put it on the record for our officers. I read Newsday this

morning and I'm not crazy about the column that they put about our initiative that we did the press conference on. However, I think that our officers -- I know that the Police initiative ended and a phenomenal job was done. And I just want to put it on the record that, you know, again, without the officers that you have, you know, the Sheriffs, the State Police that were involved, without them and the guys who put themselves on the street every day, it wouldn't have been as successful as it was.

So I just want to say thank you, it was very successful. And I know you're coming back to my District, and I know you're in my District right now, so I appreciate everything you're doing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Mr. Zwirn, I had a conversation with the County Executive yesterday and he --

LEG. NOWICK:

Leave now.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Get out.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah, I'm going with the Chief.

LEG. BROWNING:

No.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

No. And I had planned on talking about the Highway Patrol Unit, and I understand there's other things going on. Could you fill us in?

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah. There are still negotiations going on with just about everybody, and I would just ask that if I can, hopefully, make -- give you an update on Tuesday. The State Legislature is still in session through the weekend, and, as far as we know, that, hopefully -- we have a Special Meeting tomorrow that the Presiding Officer has called just to discuss and, hopefully, vote on some home rule messages on bills that are pending up there, which will, hopefully, give us some additional revenue to help in the 2008 and mostly 2009 budgets. So, if you can just be patient with us until Monday, we would -- until Tuesday, actually, when this Legislature's out of session, we'll have -- we should have some -- hopefully, have some answers as to where everything is going.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. I'm going to ask the Presiding Officer to put you on the agenda.

MR. ZWIRN:

Oh, wow, it's hot stuff.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

So you can fill us in --

MR. ZWIRN:

I'm looking forward to it.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

-- so that we definitely hear from you, so --

MR. ZWIRN:

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Thank you very much. Okay. Let's get to the agenda.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Tabled Resolution, *I.R. 1359 - To Maintain Safe Summer Programs in 2008 (Losquadro)*.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Mr. Chairman, I feel a bit conflicted here. I'm tempted to discharge this without recommendation, at least give us the opportunity to have something in place. I certainly don't intend on moving on this if we have, you know, all the programs at least operational, but I am concerned about this Heckscher Park Program.

MR. ZWIRN:

If I might, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yes.

MR. ZWIRN:

We're checking right now, as we speak. Hopefully, you'll have an answer before the meeting is concluded. But from our understanding, at least initially, is that there is not a problem, so we're just double-checking.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

All right. Well, could we skip over this for a moment, then?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Sure, absolutely. Okay. *I.R. 1481 - A Local Law amending Chapter 270 of the Suffolk County Code to expand the use of forfeitures to the misdemeanor crime of Reckless Driving (County Executive)*. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)***

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Okay. *I.R. 1499 - A Local Law to require Probation Department employees to use County vehicles while conducting County business (Losquadro)*.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'm going to make a motion to table. There's a couple of changes that we still need to make to this.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. But we have to -- we have to table for Public Hearing.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Oh, I'm it's for Public Hearing.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, good.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

My apologies. Table it anyway.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Losquadro, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: Tabled for Public Hearing 5-0-0-0).**

I.R. 1506 - A Local Law to prohibit deceptively colored guns (Eddington). This needs to be tabled. I'll make a motion to table for Public Hearing.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: Tabled for Public Hearing 5-0-0-0).**

Okay. ***I.R. 1546 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the Suffolk County Police Department SMART, Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking, 07 Program with 86% support (County Executive).***

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Easy for you to say.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yeah. Motion to approve by Legislator Browning.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

I.R. 1551 - Authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Nassau for use of the Suffolk County Police Department Article Tracking System (County Executive). I make a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll second that, but I just have a question.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second that? On the motion.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

This is just -- will this affect our I.T. at all in terms of are they going to have their own servers, bandwidth? I just want to know what exactly this agreement means.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yeah. My understanding was that they're already doing this to some degree, they're just now going

to do it completely? Is that --

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah, it's just sharing information. We're just formalizing the agreement. I mean, it's --

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: Approved 5-0-0-0)**

Okay. That brings us back to **I.R. 1359**.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah. Mr. Chairman, the Chief has told me that there's a -- two officers that have been assigned to the Islip program. So, as far the Police Department knows, it's good to go. They have assigned, you know, the number of police officers that they've done in the past, so they have done everything that we can do at our end. I'm not sure hat the State -- we need to make a phone call to one of the State representatives to -- representative.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Just hold on one moment, please.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

So how about those Mets, huh?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Unfortunately, I'm just not familiar with -- as I said, with my District being entirely within Brookhaven, I'm not familiar with, one, how many programs there are in Islip. Are there more than one program in Islip?

MR. ZWIRN:

Yeah, I think there are more than -- there is more than one program in Islip, but I think we have --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

If there's -- so, if there's only two officers assigned, then Heckscher by itself needs more than one, then --

MR. ZWIRN:

But we have two.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Well, but then another program wouldn't be able to have an officer if Heckscher needed two. So, if only two were assigned for all of Islip, if there's more than one program there, like I said, I just don't know. I was, unfortunately, just given this information.

MR. ZWIRN:

Our understanding was that -- I don't know what the State requirements are, but if the State required, you know, six police officers, then we probably would have -- you know, it might be an issue we'd have to deal with. I don't know what their -- what the requirements are of the State.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Chief, do you have information as to -- I saw you hand the Deputy County Executive something.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yeah. I'm sorry, sir. The only -- there are one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, nine programs. One of those programs is in the Third Precinct, that's the Heckscher Park Program. And we have two officers assigned, one permanently, and an available COPE Officer. And that is -- has

been the complement in the past.

MR. ZWIRN:

As of Friday, I'm told that this was a go, so we -- and they're trying to find the Youth Service Coordinator and they can't reach him right now, but they -- as far as they knew, that this was -- this was not being held up. But I would -- let me suggest this. I mean, we --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

As I said, I really have not -- I had no intention of moving this. We've receive good cooperation. This was just sort of surprising to me to hear that one of them might not go off.

MR. ZWIRN:

I think it's surprising to all of us.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Especially at a large program like this at Heckscher, which is one of the -- one of the larger ones. I would hate to see that one not move forward.

MR. ZWIRN:

No. Our intention -- I would ask the Committee to table it, because not so much because of this particular program, because we understand why the bill was submitted. We're always afraid that when we hear the Legislature and their request and we try to respond, and this one, I think, we responded quickly and affirmatively, and we will continue to do so. I would just ask that this be tabled. We'll sit down, we'll find out what the problem is and see if we have to resolve it. We may have to call somebody from the State. We'll make the calls that have to be made.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

If we could just -- if we could just hold on one second, Mr. Chairman, I just -- my Aide, I believe, was just getting a phone call back from Legislator Alden's Office. We'll see if we can -- I know this stands between us and getting out of here, but --

LEG. BROWNING:

We're not going anywhere.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- just give us one moment and we'll try to get that information.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

No problem. So how about those Mets?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

How about those Yankees? They appear to be suffering the same problem that you are, being unable to reach that coordinator.

MR. ZWIRN:

I think we'll -- if I may, we will -- we've been working in good faith on this.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Well, I'll tell you what. If we could resolve this by tomorrow, else I'll sort of feel compelled to put a discharge petition out there.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yes, I understand.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

And I know all of us have been in agreement that we want to see all these programs continue, but

certainly didn't want to put, you know, any undue burden on anyone.

MR. ZWIRN:

I understand.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

So, like I said, I appreciate the work that everyone has done to make this happen, but if we could get an answer on this by tomorrow's meeting --

MR. ZWIRN:

Again, it's --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

-- because we'll have everyone here.

MR. ZWIRN:

That's true.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

You know, if we don't have an answer, I would like to, at that point, at least for safety's sake, you know, have it available, at least for a vote on Tuesday then. So, please have an answer for -- on Heckscher by tomorrow's meeting. Thank you.

MR. ZWIRN:

We will. And, as I say, if there's a problem, it's not really coming from I think the County's end, but, well, let's see what --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yes. But part of the stipulation was some of these programs would require certain -- and I know it's --

MR. ZWIRN:

I know what you're saying.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I know it's a term that no one likes to use, but minimum staffing. And we agreed that whatever the requirements for each of these programs were, we would at least meet that minimum standard to keep them operational. So, if this one, being at a State park, if they're requiring two officers, or whatever it is, you know, that was part of our agreement, that we would at least keep these operational. So let's find out what the State is asking. Hopefully, it's nothing unreasonable. And, you know, if we could find out by tomorrow, that would be fantastic. I'll make a motion to table, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Motion to table, I'll second that. Do you have a question on this, no?

LEG. BROWNING:

No, I'm just -- well.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Browning.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll have a discharge petition ready to go.

LEG. BROWNING:

Why aren't we contacting -- I mean State Parks is putting this requirement on the County? Why isn't the State --

LEG. NOWICK:

It's not on the County.

LEG. BROWNING:

But it's a State Park. So I'm trying to understand why they want more police officers. Why aren't --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

We really don't know what they're asking. We don't know if it's the same as last year, because, apparently, according to the Chief, we have the same complement of officers that we had available last year. So it -- again, this is information that I just got from another Legislator's Office. We're trying to get to the bottom of it.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Hopefully, by tomorrow, all will be right with the world again in the Town of Islip.

MR. ZWIRN:

We haven't heard anything. I'm surprised that Legislator Alden didn't contact -- you know, maybe he did, but he didn't contact our office, because we would have looked into it right away.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Nowick.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yeah. Legislator Browning, just -- you have a good point there. In my District also, at Sunken Meadow, which is a State Park, originally, when we spoke about this, we were going to work together with the Town Code Enforcement, and what the State said was that the Town Officers were not -- they did not want that. It would have to be Police, Suffolk County P.D. Officers at their State Park.

LEG. BROWNING:

Then use State Troopers.

LEG. NOWICK:

Well, we can't get them on the Expressway, so --

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Next, that's the next thing. Okay. Then we've got a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: Tabled 5-0-0-0).**

[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:12 A.M.]