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1 MR. HORSLEY: Good afternoon, everybody
2 and welcome to our first Wastewater Treatment
3 Task Force. Our general obligation is to
4 sewer 70 percent of Suffolk County. A small
5 task, I've been told, but it's certainly one
6 that is righteous and I just wanted to welcome
7 everyone and a couple of our members are not
8 here, but are certainly excused. The only one
9 we haven't heard from is Brad Blumenfeld, who
10 may arrive shortly.

11 Okay. You are receiving a lot of
12 stuff. A lot of it is related to the sewer
13 summit which was put on by the Department
14 of Economic Development under the guise of
15 the County Executive. That was held several
16 weeks ago -- when was that?

17 MR. CAMERON: Holy Thursday.

18 MR. HORSLEY: On Holy Thursday. I
19 heard that. You'll see that there's numerous
20 paper's involving that sewer summit and we'll
21 go over that a little bit. I just wanted to
22 refer back in your packet.

23 Let's say who we are in case everyone
24 doesn't know who we are. We'll start with
25 Brendan.

1 MR. STANTON: Brendan Stanton, aide
2 to Legislator Horsley.

3 MR. WRIGHT: Ben Wright, chief
4 engineer, Sanitation for Public Works.

5 MR. WATT: Michael Watt, the Long
6 Island Builders' Institute, soon to be
7 confused with Michael White.

8 MS. LOHNEISS: Andrea Lohneiss,
9 Regional Director of Empire State Development.

10 MS. EDWARDS: Pat, Edwards,
11 Community Relations Director of Citigroup.

12 MS. ESPOSITO: Adrienne Esposito,
13 Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for
14 the Environment.

15 MR. CAMERON: John Cameron,
16 Cameron Engineering and chairman of the Long
17 Island region.

18 MR. HERBST: Marc Herbst, Long Island
19 Contractors' Association.

20 MR. HORSLEY: Wayne Horsley, Suffolk
21 County Legislator.

22 MR. MORGO: Jim Morgo, Chief Deputy
23 County Executive, Suffolk County.

24 MR. MINEI: Vito Minei, Director of
25 Environmental Quality, Suffolk County

1 Department of Health Services.

2 MS. LANSDALE: Sarah Lansdale,
3 Executive Director, Sustainable Long Island.

4 MR. ADRIAN: Scott Adrian, Local 138,
5 filling in for Bill Duffy.

6 MR. ANDERSON: Gil Anderson,
7 Commissioner of Suffolk County Department of
8 Public Works.

9 MR. HORSLEY: What an august group
10 we've put together here. I'm very proud.

11 If you'll take a look in your packet,
12 you'll see Executive Order 12-2007 from the
13 County Executive in which we have -- is our
14 legal authority and rules and regulations
15 which we are following which includes the
16 membership that is here today and what our
17 duties and what our charge is.

18 If I just may expound on this a little
19 bit, this is coming out of a culmination of
20 concern by the County Executive for the issue
21 about sewers and reaching out to the County
22 Legislature and the Legislature has almost
23 unanimously come to the conclusion that it's
24 time for sewers and we are all talking the
25 same language.

1 With that, the County Executive
2 proposed this task force on which we all sit
3 and we have certain charges that I thought we
4 might want to go over first, just so you
5 understand why we're here and of course the
6 broad problem being sewerage of Suffolk County
7 and looking for ways and means of doing that,
8 as well as certain issues.

9 Now, the certain issues are, one is
10 examining. You'll see number one, examining
11 Suffolk's existing wastewater treatment
12 facilities. This was kicked off with the
13 sewer summit and we were more or less the
14 follow-up to the sewer summit that was held on
15 Holy Thursday. That is one of our charges.
16 To that end, we have the County Legislature
17 has put in, I believe it's one point two
18 million dollars in this upcoming budget to
19 draw up a plan for sewerage the remainder of
20 Suffolk County that is unsewered. A master
21 plan, so to speak.

22 The process is that there's an R.F.P.
23 committee that will sit down and draw up the
24 R.F.P. and put that out to bid; and then we
25 would have, of course, at a culmination of

1 possibly, we're thinking two years, have a
2 discourse and a plan for Suffolk County, how
3 to Suffolk County and where to Suffolk and how
4 to go about it for the future.

5 MS. ESPOSITO: May I say something?

6 MR. HORSLEY: Yes.

7 MS. ESPOSITO: How do you see the
8 work project of this committee fitting into
9 the R.F.P. process?

10 MR. HORSLEY: Okay. That's a good
11 question.

12 MS. ESPOSITO: Thank you.

13 MR. HORSLEY: There are three
14 charges here and they're one, two and three on
15 the executive order. What I'm looking at and
16 what I'm thinking of doing is having three
17 committees. One is assessment, which would
18 include working with the R.F.P. committee.
19 Some of the members which I'm proposing to be
20 on that committee are members of both
21 committees and that would be the overall plan.

22 Secondly, we're looking at a finance
23 committee. The finance committee is going to
24 look at how would we pay for it, the different
25 sewerage projects. Whether they be public

1 private partnerships, as being proposed at the
2 Mastics, as well as looking and seeking funds
3 from the federal and state governments and
4 other entities that we may be looking at, such
5 as the Environmental Facilities Corporation
6 and the like. So that would be one
7 assessment.

8 Two, the second committee would be
9 finance and three would be public relations
10 and that's a very broad -- education would be
11 a better term than public relations, because
12 we've all recognized one of the reasons why
13 sewers stopped dead in its tracks, besides the
14 money issues, because the federal government
15 pulled the dollars away from infrastructure
16 throughout the United States in the 1980s, was
17 that with the southeast sewer district, as
18 well as the southwest sewer district is
19 working right now because of people like Ben
20 Wright and Gil Anderson, but it stopped its
21 growth because of the controversy that
22 surrounded the southwest sewer district, and
23 that controversy included corruption, included
24 over budget. It included press that actually
25 brought down county administrations and you

1 know the story.

2 MS. ESPOSITO: Jail.

3 MR. HORSLEY: Jail, stabbings. You
4 all know the stories. All sorts of things
5 like that.

6 In people's minds, there is -- we have
7 to bring the positives of sewerage Suffolk
8 County to the public and I think we're at a
9 tipping point right now where people are
10 saying we're ready for sewers in Suffolk
11 County.

12 We're seeing it at certain locations
13 more than others in Suffolk County, but maybe
14 that's where we should be going first, but we
15 have to sell to the public the idea that this
16 is a concern, that we're using cesspools and I
17 could go on forever about my talk on sewers,
18 that it's one step above the outhouse,
19 cesspools.

20 We have to bring that out to the
21 public, which may include things as far
22 reaching, again, as websites to working with
23 our different communications organizations
24 across Suffolk County, educational seminars
25 and also hearings. Public hearings,

1 particularly in those locations.

2 One of the things I spoke to Jim about
3 recently is that this -- that the plan itself,
4 the master plan for sewers in Suffolk County
5 is going to take maybe two years' time. What
6 do we do in the meantime?

7 So that is why we are looking to have
8 not only the public relations campaign, but
9 also public hearings, which we will go to
10 different communities and members of this
11 group who will sit on the dais and take
12 testimonies, the Mastics being a prime
13 example. Have those organizations that are in
14 favor of sewers, as well as if they're not in
15 favor of sewers, come up, give testimony to
16 this group and therefore. Rocky Point is
17 another one that has expressed -- they're
18 coming out of the woodwork. Smithtown, with
19 all their problems of waste issues; Lake
20 Ronkonkoma, the pollution that is flowing
21 through people's basements because of water
22 problems. The list goes on and on and on. We
23 had on in Smithtown and we had one in Rocky
24 Point, one in Mastic and maybe elsewhere.

25 We can start to -- it publicizes

1 itself. It gets us out into the community
2 that this is a cause and a need for Suffolk
3 County. So those were the three.

4 How do we actually work with the
5 R.F.P. process, which goes back to your
6 original question? I think that we've got to
7 have a public policy that's got to be agreed
8 upon by both the Legislature, as well as the
9 County Executive and this group, of what is
10 that public policy, what are we looking for
11 and the assessment group is going to be
12 working on that, because many of the
13 members -- Gil, you're chairing it?

14 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

15 MR. HORSLEY: I'm on it as a member
16 of the Legislature. Is anyone else here on
17 that? Vito is on it. Ben's on it.

18 We're going to be merging the two at
19 some point, trying to get a policy that makes
20 sense.

21 MS. ESPOSITO: Let me ask you this.

22 MR. HORSLEY: Again, we'll straighten
23 this out.

24 MS. ESPOSITO: If the R.F.P., is it
25 written yet or are you in the process of

1 writing it?

2 MR. ANDERSON: The purpose of the
3 committee is to develop the R.F.P.

4 MS. ESPOSITO: One suggestion for
5 your consideration is that whoever the
6 consultant who is hired would be to attend the
7 public hearings that this committee has,
8 should be required to do so, and some portion
9 of that R.F.P. should be to stipulate they
10 work in strong consultation with this
11 committee and work to incorporate the findings
12 of this committee, so there is some parallel
13 track that is required and not just a hopeful
14 action.

15 MR. HORSLEY: That was a great
16 suggestion.

17 MR. WRIGHT: I'd like to just bring up
18 that the resolution that established the
19 R.F.P. committee has the same time frame as
20 the task force. The end of this year, the
21 R.F.P. has to be completed so money is
22 available next year.

23 It's difficult because we haven't
24 selected a consultant.

25 MS. ESPOSITO: So the R.F.P. will

1 incorporate --

2 MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

3 MR. HORSLEY: Gil, do you see any
4 problems with that, incorporating those issues
5 into the R.F.P. process?

6 MR. ANDERSON: No, not at all.

7 MR. HORSLEY: Vito?

8 MR. MINEI: It starts on Monday.

9 (Mr. Blumenfeld arrived.)

10 MR. HORSLEY: It starts on Monday.
11 Very good. Let's incorporate it.

12 By the way, I'd like to say hello to
13 Brad Blumenfeld, who just joined us,
14 representing A.B.L.I.?

15 MR. BLUMENFELD: Yes. And the
16 Blumenfeld Development Group.

17 MR. HORSLEY: Welcome.

18 MR. BLUMENFELD: Thank you.

19 MR. HORSLEY: So that is the track at
20 which we're looking. One of the things I
21 thought we're going to need and then I'm going
22 to open it up for all of us to discuss the
23 issues, is how we should proceed; but I
24 thought we would need a vice chair, since I
25 was appointed chair, I would like to make a

1 nomination of Marc Herbst who is to my right
2 here, as the chair.

3 MR. MORGO: Second.

4 MR. HORSLEY: Second by Mr. Morgo,
5 who is in the running for this august
6 position.

7 MR. MORGO: We're not going to take
8 you to the convention.

9 MR. HORSLEY: All those in favor?

10 (All members voted yes.)

11 MR. HORSLEY: Opposed?

12 (No responses.)

13 MR. HORSLEY: So moved. Great. So
14 Marc, you're vice chair.

15 How did you want to -- I don't want to
16 be lording over this committee at all, but
17 we've picked the assessment committee, the
18 education committee and the finance committee.
19 Are there any other committees that you want
20 to entertain or does that incorporate all of
21 our concerns.

22 Assessment committee, which will be
23 working with the R.F.P. committee,
24 Education/Public relations -- Education is the
25 better term -- and Finance. Those reaching

1 out to hang on Mr. Shumer's right sleeve.

2 MR. MORGO: Those are our three
3 charges.

4 MR. WRIGHT: If I could just add
5 something.

6 MR. HORSLEY: Sure.

7 MR. WRIGHT: I've noticed that there
8 are obviously some financially-related people
9 on the task force, but there's a legal aspect.
10 Maybe bond counsel -- I don't know if that
11 costs money to have a bond counsel at some
12 point, but I think the legal issues with some
13 of the things that are going to come up, are
14 going to be required, whether it's
15 consolidating districts or whatever is
16 necessary to look at to get to the end.

17 MR. HORSLEY: Would Finance/Legal
18 make sense for you, Ben?

19 MR. WRIGHT: Yes. Bond counsel is
20 both and we rely on them a lot.

21 MR. HORSLEY: Absolutely. We'll see if
22 the County Executive would like to --

23 MR. MORGO: On a limited basis, I think
24 we can do that.

25 MR. CAMERON: Our executive director

1 already -- as Ben brings up, though, it's not
2 just the financial aspect that could have
3 legal implications. You could have
4 consolidation of districts, you may want to
5 expand certain sewage areas around private
6 treatment plants, which in my mind would be
7 one of the great opportunities, because we
8 have so many treatment plants in Suffolk
9 County, a number of which the County has
10 taken over, but they could provide the
11 opportunity to sewer areas at a much more
12 accelerated basis, but that could include
13 consolidations. I think that could involve
14 factual issues changing negotiations and I
15 believe at that point, that goes beyond the
16 counsel issue.

17 MR. MORGO: Well, you've established
18 bond issues are different, too.

19 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, that's true.

20 MR. MORGO: You have to go to the
21 comptroller. But I think you're talking about
22 financial, legal and the legal aspect is the
23 entire legal process, the statutory process.

24 MR. WRIGHT: Right.

25 MR. HORSLEY: Jim, would it make

1 sense to have someone here from the County
2 Attorney's office?

3 MR. MORGO: Yes. And we could call
4 someone from our county counsel as needed.
5 They're in the park all the time. That's a
6 good idea. We'll just have someone from the
7 county.

8 MS. EDWARDS: I have one question. You
9 cited three communities' districts.

10 MR. HORSLEY: Right.

11 MS. EDWARDS: Smithtown, Rocky Point
12 and Mastic.

13 MR. HORSLEY: That's not to say there
14 can't be others.

15 MS. EDWARDS: Okay, because I would
16 just like to suggest that I didn't see a lot
17 of diversity in those three areas. So how
18 sensitive will we be with Wyandanch and the
19 other communities which should have a fair
20 shot at coming into the future, as well as the
21 other communities?

22 MR. CAMERON: I think it's a wise move.
23 I think Wyandanch, actually D.P.W. can
24 comment, the County has already accelerated
25 that process with regard to the Wyandanch

1 project; is that right, Ben?

2 MR. WRIGHT: Yes. And the Town has
3 already had an evaluation on how to make a
4 connection to further the point; but like with
5 anything, the cost really killed it at the
6 beginning, so getting back to the funding
7 necessity is really the key.

8 MR. HORSLEY: Ms. Lansdale?

9 MS. LANSDALE: I think this also speaks
10 to the point that in crafting the R.F.P. and
11 the assessment and the criteria by which the
12 study will be conducted, looking at which
13 areas should be studied, which ones are
14 interested in redevelopment and coming up with
15 a criteria, I think it's fundamental. Equity
16 is definitely an issue.

17 MR. HORSLEY: Absolutely. I didn't
18 mean to be insensitive.

19 The reason why I mentioned those three
20 is because they came to me. Let's move on
21 this. I took them as low-hanging fruit. That
22 was my reason for mentioning them.

23 MS. EDWARDS: Okay.

24 MR. HORSLEY: Certainly Wyandanch is
25 out of my town and I'm very aware of that. By

1 the way, I think there might be monies for
2 laterals in the federal budget to Wyandanch,
3 but that's a different issue.

4 MS. EDWARDS: I didn't mean to single
5 out Wyandanch, actually. Islip, also, the
6 Town of Islip, is on the cusp of converting,
7 as least Carleton Avenue, to sewers, so it
8 wasn't only Wyandanch.

9 MR. HORSLEY: I couldn't agree more.

10 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you.

11 MR. HORSLEY: Yes, Vito.

12 MR. MINEI: Vito Minei, from the Health
13 Department. I think you have to make an
14 administrative decision, first of all, on
15 whether the county attorney should be present.

16 My point is if you're going to ask Gil
17 and the R.F.P. preparation committee to report
18 during the process of this, there'll be a lot
19 of dialogue going back on policy setting and
20 what types areas to look at.

21 I think this is very unusual for us.
22 Typically, we prepare the R.F.P. We release
23 it to the engineering community all at once,
24 so no one has any foreknowledge other than the
25 obvious.

1 You may want to do one of two things.
2 At the outset, ask the county attorney how
3 much Ben and I and Gil will be able to report
4 on the progress of the R.F.P. preparation
5 during the course of meetings here; or in the
6 alternative, which might be healthy for
7 everyone, is to invite the engineering
8 community here or anyone who anticipates the
9 potential for proposing on the R.F.P. to be
10 privy to the same information, so that we'll
11 have a free dialogue going on.

12 We've never done that before, but I
13 think with developing interest here who have
14 firms that have engineering firms working for
15 them. Certainly I know John -- I don't know
16 if you want to preclude yourself from
17 proposing on the project at the outset, that's
18 Mr. Cameron's decision for you to make, but
19 the idea is either everyone is privy to the
20 information or we'll be very tightly constrained on
21 what discussion we can present to the
22 committee, which doesn't sound very productive.

23 MR. MORGO: Two points. On your first
24 point, Wayne, when you were responding to
25 Pat's question about the selected communities

1 and I understand they were off the top of your
2 head, but one of the things you said was that
3 you know those communities are interested in
4 being sewerred. That's a key point, because
5 when you already have the community support
6 for sewerred and the accompanying discomfort --
7 just parenthetically, Vito at the sewer summit, did
8 mention some of the new technology that
9 reduces the kind of destruction and I think that's
10 something we should also look at. But getting
11 back to the point that, I think, is a very
12 good point, where there is that ground-up, if
13 you'll excuse me, kind of support, that is a
14 very good place to look.

15 On the second point, Vito's point, as
16 you know, we have to be very sensitive to the
17 procurement process and that even making sure
18 that any R.F.P. proceedings are on a level
19 playing field. And I presume these meetings
20 are subject to the public meetings law.

21 MR. HORSLEY: I would think.

22 MR. MORGO: And they would need to
23 have the kind of mandated advertising of the
24 meetings being held. So I think that's one
25 thing we should look at if we haven't looked

1 at it already.

2 In the second thing, I particularly
3 like Vito's idea of a note to the engineering
4 community and saying the meeting is going to
5 be held on a specific date and we thought you
6 should be aware of it, so we get away from the
7 idea of someone having more information about
8 a process than someone else.

9 MR. HORSLEY: Anyone else have
10 anything to say? I think that makes a lot of
11 sense to me and do you envision that, Jim or
12 Vito, that the press would be invited to those
13 types of -- in other words, if it's open to
14 the public, you can't stop them.

15 MR. MORGO: You can't.

16 MR. MINEI: That's certainly the
17 decision of the committee. The thing that
18 concerns me on the outset, and Ben and I have
19 been doing this for more than thirty years, is
20 if you're preparing an R.F.P., either you're
21 doing it with very tight controls and we make
22 sure it's fair to everyone, or you open it up
23 and get as much input to the R.F.P. process as
24 possible, so that you're not vulnerable to
25 cross examination later. That was really my

1 concern. A lot of the overriding --

2 MR. HORSLEY: Those are good concerns.

3 MR. MINEI: -- feelings to this should
4 be obvious to everyone who does work in
5 Suffolk County. But Jim wants to talk about
6 possible alternative technologies. I would
7 certainly say it deals not only with treatment
8 technologies, but sewerage technology and then
9 you want to talk about -- and this is where I
10 saw the relationship between this committee
11 and the R.F.P., you're going to be setting
12 policy at the Legislative branch and the
13 County Executive branch. They're going to be
14 telling us do you want us to look at the
15 comprehensive of regional approaches, do you
16 want subregional approaches, or do you want
17 all approaches to be evaluated.

18 I would assume the latter is what you
19 want, from individual household units to small
20 residential communities to subregional
21 facilities to the entire concept of comprehensive
22 planning.

23 I would just add one point to your
24 introduction, Mr. Horsley. Your history is
25 accurate. There was a lot of controversy,

1 there was a lot of pain; but what's also true
2 is what was the result of the southwest sewer
3 district is a very vibrant area of downtown
4 area of Babylon. Bay Shore is making a
5 comeback and the truth here in southwest
6 Suffolk is the truth around the country. When
7 you have an infrastructure that can sustain
8 development, it turns out to be very
9 successful. I would say that the southwest
10 sewer district, in the long run, is a success story;
a
11 painful one, but a success story nonetheless.

12 MR. MORGO: Your point about the press,
13 I think with the requisite public meeting law,
14 they would know about it anyway. Secondly,
15 though, one of our charges is education and
16 you probably want the press here.

17 MR. HORSLEY: I would think so, too,
18 and that would be my opinion. Is everyone in
19 agreement with that? Does anyone have any
20 problems with that? Do we lose something by
21 making this a more open project? I don't
22 think so.

23 I think the more -- particularly with
24 this topic, the more open it is, the less we
25 can be criticized; and believe me, we want the

1 most open and least criticized process as
2 possible.

3 MR. HERBST: I agree. My concern is
4 with the R.F.P. committee. I've been involved
5 with R.F.P.'s before, and I'm just concerned
6 about the clarification between the roles of
7 this task force and the R.F.P. committee and I
8 think we have to be very clear. I hear the
9 concerns here and they're legitimate.

10 I don't know if we have to have a
11 written description of what the roles and
12 responsibilities of the two groups are. I
13 don't want any gray area saying well, we're
14 holding back. The committee is not giving the
15 task force information or we're directing the
16 R.F.P. committee what to do.

17 Is that our role and responsibility? I
18 don't know the answer, but I think we have to
19 really think this through clearly, some of
20 these problems and issues and how we deal with
21 them, just so we don't run into legal problems.

22 Once the R.F.P. comes out, we don't
23 want to have concerns and be criticized and
24 end up with legal issues.

25 MR. HORSLEY: Gil? What is your

1 thinking on this as head of the R.F.P. process?

2 MR. ANDERSON: I think it's something
3 that will be developed early on between the
4 two committees. Certainly the first meeting
5 of the R.F.P. committee is next week. We'll
6 review the last year, set out what we need to
7 do and I think we need to early on make that
8 division or at some point decide that we're
9 going to merge things.

10 At the end of the day, the R.F.P. is a
11 document, a request for proposals to
12 consultants. We at Public Works and Health,
13 we're very familiar with the process. I
14 think, as everybody stated, the open process
15 is certainly better. It gives us more
16 opportunity to bring in certain ideas.

17 Not to belabor this, but we're faced
18 with a huge task of trying to find money to do
19 this. Besides coming up with great ideas of
20 what we want to do, we have to fund it.

21 MR. HORSLEY: Do you see addressing
22 the set roles in a written manner? Is that
23 something you're going to be looking for from
24 your end of the world, from the R.F.P. process
25 itself? How would you respond to that? Is

1 that necessary?

2 MR. ANDERSON: Certainly I think it's
3 got to be written down somewhere. Whether
4 through the R.F.P. committee or through this
5 committee, I think it's an exercise worth
6 doing, just so we have it documented that
7 we've done that. It will clarify things for
8 people looking and certainly for those of us
9 who are here.

10 MR. HORSLEY: Jim?

11 MR. MORGO: I'm not terribly concerned
12 about conflicts between the two processes.
13 Vito brought up the most relevant thing when
14 he talked about the procurement process and
15 the fact that everybody be on the same level.

16 There was kind of an analogous
17 relationship with the Yaphank R.F.P. That
18 R.F.P. was written by Tom Niles (phonetic) and
19 others from the planning department, but there
20 was a committee involved in a similar position
21 that talked about policy issues that they
22 wanted to see in the R.F.P.

23 So I think this committee, particularly
24 in our first charge, where the Wastewater
25 Treatment facilities are and where they should

1 be, that could be complementary to the R.F.P.
2 committee. The only concern is the one that
3 Vito already mentioned and I think if we make
4 all the meetings public and we let the
5 engineers know and we advertise them, I don't
6 really see a problem.

7 MR. MINEI: I think it's relatively
8 straightforward. Again, I would ask the
9 County Attorney to start with a determination
10 what they believe is the differentiation.

11 To my way of thinking, this is the
12 policy guidance to the R.F.P. preparation.
13 From this committee, I would expect policies
14 such as accommodating work force housing,
15 smart growth anticipation; but also the ideas
16 I expect Adrienne would insist on, the right
17 balance of environmental protection, as well
18 as economic development. I would anticipate
19 guidance on make sure the R.F.P. addresses
20 surface water discharge sewage versus ground
21 water discharge.

22 There are also obligatory companion
23 studies being done. We're finishing the
24 comprehensive water resources plan. We hope
25 to give a lot of guidance to this process.

1 Again, I would see foresee this more as
2 the policy setting arm of what would be the
3 County's planning for infrastructure, at least
4 in sewage disposal for many years. I would
5 ask the County Attorney to help us with at
6 least the outline of what would be the
7 differentiation between this committee and the
8 R.F.P. I believe the County Attorney should
9 be asked to provide the summary or the outline
10 of what is the differentiation between what
11 was the charge of this committee and the
12 R.F.P. committee. And then I'll retire.

13 MR. HORSLEY: Great. Are there any
14 further comments relating to the relationship
15 between the R.F.P. process and the assessment
16 committee? All right.

17 Another piece of business, and this is
18 very rough, and I don't want anyone to take
19 offense by this, I want just to try to
20 structure us a little bit, I just put some
21 names down on the paper who might fit into
22 what committees, but that is certainly
23 arbitrary and this is something we can change.
24 If I may go through this. I don't know if
25 this is a good idea.

1 Assessment committee, Gil Anderson
2 would chair, John Cameron, Peter Scully, Sarah
3 Lansdale and Michael White. Okay? This is
4 all interchangeable.

5 Education/Public relations is Brad
6 Blumenfeld, cochair.

7 MR. BLUMENFELD: Okay.

8 MR. HORSLEY: Adrienne Esposito,
9 cochair, Michael Watt and myself.

10 Finance/Legal, which would include our
11 discussions with the bond counsel, Marc
12 Herbst, chair, Jim Morgo, Andrea Lohneiss, Pat
13 Edwards and William Duffy, which is Scott
14 Adrian.

15 Just mull that over. Sound all right?
16 Any comments? You can disagree.

17 MR. CAMERON: You could have done
18 worse.

19 MS. ESPOSITO: That's a backhanded
20 compliment.

21 MR. CAMERON: You obviously gave it
22 some thought.

23 MR. HORSLEY: Yes, I gave it some
24 thought. We're good? Do I have a motion to
25 assign people to that?

1 MR. CAMERON: So moved.

2 MR. MORGO: Seconded.

3 MR. HORSLEY: So moved and seconded
4 by Jim Morgo. All in favor? Okay? Anyone
5 opposed? Okay, you've been volunteered.

6 Secretary. How do you want to do
7 secretary? Any thoughts on secretary? We
8 have made revisions.

9 MR. CAMERON: We're not handling
10 money, so we don't need a treasurer.

11 MR. HORSLEY: You never know. At
12 some point, if we're going to be creating
13 websites and we're going to be doing public
14 relations in the future, we may end up looking
15 for some fundraising or something like that.
16 I'm not sure how that will work, but that's
17 something down the road we may need to look
18 at. That went easier than I thought.

19 The sewer summit, who is going to
20 address that? Lisa, you wanted to talk about
21 sewer summit? Anything you would like to
22 bring up about that? Good.

23 MR. MORGO: I'd like to say something.
24 I want to acknowledge the incredible work of
25 Lisa Broughton to put that together. That was

1 one of the components, the food. That was
2 just done to have a visible and tangible
3 manifestation why we need sewers.

4 But anyway, the point of this -- I
5 remember in about November, I said to Lisa, "I
6 think we should have a sewer summit."

7 She said, "I beg your pardon?"

8 It began out of the Downtown Citizens
9 Advisory Panel, because so many of the
10 downtowns complained they can't expand without
11 sewers and frequently the small business
12 owners have to become real estate agents,
13 because they have to find that land and sell
14 off that and get the T.G.R.'s for a sewer
15 credit.

16 After Lisa realized I wasn't kidding,
17 she ran with it and it was 270 people and it
18 was a pretty good launch for us, so I really
19 do want to thank you, Lisa, and I think I
20 speak for all of us.

21 Lisa also gave you all the
22 presentations and I think some of them are
23 very much worth reading. The contrast between
24 say Patchogue and Smithtown are really a good
25 thing to look at. That's all I wanted to say

1 about that.

2 MR. HORSLEY: Thank you very much.

3 MR. HERBST: Can I make a comment, too?

4 MR. HORSLEY: Sure, please do.

5 MR. HERBST: I was very impressed with
6 the turn-out. Congratulations and thank you
7 for your all your efforts, Lisa. I found it
8 interesting with the amount of people and the
9 diversity of the organizations and the
10 community supporters that came to this event.

11 The prior night, to show the
12 difference, Nassau County had a similar issue,
13 similar meeting, and it was totally in opposition to
14 sewers, the issues that are going on in Nassau
15 County. So I think the way this came
16 together, really shows a lot; that Suffolk
17 County has thought it out and made a very
18 positive program, where it's a negative view
19 in the other county of Long Island and there
20 is opposition. So I think the approach that
21 is being taken in Suffolk County is very
22 admirable and it's a great way to start off
23 and congratulations and thank you.

24 MR. MORGO: Aren't you glad I brought
25 this up, Lisa?

1 MS. BROUGHTON: Thank you.

2 MR. CAMERON: I think to augment on
3 Marc's comments, a couple of observations as
4 to why the Nassau scenario was different. I
5 think by the way you've structured the
6 committees, I think we should be prepared for
7 those eventualities, especially with the
8 public education. The misinformation that is
9 out there, I believe you're alluding to the
10 U.S. Bonds situation --

11 MR. MARGO: Yes.

12 MR. CAMERON: Public education is
13 critical. Secondly is one thing we can't
14 dismiss and I think being a bilateral -- I
15 guess receiving bilateral support from the
16 Legislature, as well as the County Exec's
17 office, we can't dismiss the fact that
18 sometimes politics can come into play.

19 MR. HORSLEY: I'm shocked.

20 MR. CAMERON: Maybe in Nassau
21 County. That being said, I think that, as Jim
22 alluded to earlier, having the support of a
23 local community is critical. Otherwise, push
24 is a lot easier than pull and if we have
25 communities that are looking for this, for

1 example, the great successes in Suffolk
2 County, Patchogue, Quogue, they were receptive
3 to this and look what they're doing.

4 So I think if we have communities that
5 really want this and also communities that
6 aren't fighting it, it's going to have a
7 better chance of success. One thing, we don't
8 have a lot of time on our hands, so there's a
9 couple of lessons to be learned from the
10 Nassau dispute, including public information
11 and public support from the various
12 organizations.

13 MS. ESPOSITO: Also let me add, I was
14 at both meetings. I actually served on the
15 panel in the Nassau County one and the big
16 issue in the Nassau County meeting was the
17 amount of misinformation that was distributed
18 among community people.

19 We met with the community group after
20 the meetings. They have taken some of
21 information off their website, but we're doing
22 it after the fact. So it is better to get
23 above that, in front of that.

24 There are different issues, but there
25 are also some similarities. We should be very

1 clear we have don't have an easy road ahead.
2 In providing the public with a comprehensive
3 understanding of benefits and in some cases
4 some sacrifices that might need to be made,
5 it's a tough job. So as we walk forward, we
6 should just be aware of that.

7 MS. LANSDALE: I'd like to make a
8 suggestion to the Education Committee, which
9 is to put the power point presentation, which
10 are really informative, on the website, if
11 they're not already there, just as a first
12 step for public information.

13 MS. BROUGHTON: There's going to be
14 an unveiling of the new website, but the sewer
15 summit page already shows it.

16 MR. HORSLEY: Does the sewer summit
17 page incorporate everything that Sarah is
18 talking about?

19 MS. BROUGHTON: Yes.

20 MR. HORSLEY: Okay.

21 MS. ESPOSITO: Does it have Legislator
22 Horsley's picture on it?

23 MR. MINEI: Thirty years ago we had an
24 eco worm on the manhole, so we need to have
25 someone replace the eco worm. That was the

1 logo thirty years ago.

2 MR. HORSLEY: An eco worm?

3 MR. MINEI: Yes, and we also need a
4 name for the bourbon point sewage plant.

5 MR. HORSLEY: I've given more tours to
6 the southwest sewage plant than I think
7 anybody. That was no relationship to any
8 comment. Let's move on.

9 Let me ask you as an overall arching
10 question, the public hearings, how do you want
11 to go about them and choosing which ones to
12 start with, when should they be? Do we have
13 time to do one prior to summer? What makes
14 sense to you? I don't want to lose momentum;
15 but on the other hand, I don't want to have
16 nobody at the hearing because we did a poor
17 job of publicizing it.

18 MR. MORGO: Wayne, what do you want
19 to accomplish at the hearings?

20 MR. HORSLEY: That's a good question.
21 I think what the hearing would accomplish is
22 just basically stirring the pot in one area,
23 getting people to speak about sewers, what are
24 they looking for in their own community as far
25 as sewers, the timeline, how much pressures

1 they could take. All those things that are
2 very public-minded, and whether they want them
3 in the community.

4 MR. MORGO: One of the things Lisa and
5 I talked about in preparing the sewer summit
6 was we wanted to provide information rather
7 than just receive information. Senator
8 Marcellino had a hearing on sewers where he
9 received information and not as a big
10 surprise, the only question that kept coming
11 up over and over again was financing. So we
12 could do that and get public input and that's
13 what we'll get.

14 I think if we do it right, we'll get
15 folks that say they are good things, they're
16 important for both the economy and the
17 environment and we need money for them.

18 I find it's always better if you have
19 something specific. For example, how can we
20 effectuate the sewerage of downtown Smithtown
21 and the expansion of Kings Park? We can talk
22 about Wyandanch.

23 I digress on education. I saw it, I
24 don't know if anyone else saw it, but Sarah's
25 organization, Sustainable Long Island, had a

1 public service spot on the need for sewers in
2 downtowns. Did that run anyplace?

3 MS. LANSDALE: Yes. It ran on TV 55
4 and Channel 21.

5 MR. MORGO: Getting back to the
6 hearings, it's obvious from the task force --
7 do we want to have something that's open-ended
8 and invite the public?

9 MR. WATT: I would suggest that we
10 come out with a pound of clay and ask help to
11 create a statue, rather than come out with
12 just a blank canvas, because you're going to
13 get -- if you have a presentation to the
14 committee, you have to at least have a sense
15 you have an idea of what you going to do and
16 you're just looking for a little guidance,
17 because if you go out with a blank slate,
18 we'll be here until 2030.

19 MR. HORSLEY: So if we're, say,
20 talking about Smithtown, for instance, we come
21 in with an overview of Smithtown to discuss
22 how the possibility of sewers, what is on our
23 drawing boards, what our concerns are, have
24 Ben give a presentation or someone from the
25 sewer agencies on what exists and what we

1 could expand it to and then have the public
2 comment on it? Something along that line?

3 MS. LOHNEISS: I think you need to be
4 careful not to dictate the conclusions of the
5 consultants' work, before you even hire them.

6 MR. HORSLEY: We're going to add that
7 process to the consultants. We're going to
8 give that to the consultants.

9 MS. LOHNEISS: You don't want to have
10 a hearing then on Smithtown, because then
11 you've already concluded Smithtown is a
12 key location for the consultant. That's going
13 to be the outcome of the consultant's work,
14 right Vito?

15 MR. MINEI: I'm sorry. I'm going to
16 have to suggest that if you're going to have a
17 first hearing starting off fresh here, that
18 you invite all ten supervisors.

19 Over the last two or three years, I've
20 had meetings with just about every supervisor
21 and I've already sounded out some of them at
22 the summit. I know the Southampton supervisor
23 wanted us to look at downtown Mattituck,
24 downtown Southhold. Easthampton asked us to
25 look at the downtown area of Montauk, as well

1 as the area around Gossman's Dock. Brookhaven
2 has asked us to look around the Forge River.
3 Almost every town.

4 So I would open it up and what you're
5 doing is you're building a case that this
6 wasn't conjured up by either development
7 interests or environmental activist groups.
8 There is a real need out there that people
9 perceive.

10 Westhampton Beach has approached us,
11 but just to show how incendiary that was, that
12 cut both ways. So the invitation would be do
13 you have areas that you think would have the
14 potential you wanted to investigate with
15 regard to other compelling social needs you
16 have for these areas. They're on such guard
17 they won't mention the word sewer again.

18 Almost every town has approached us
19 and asked us gee, what is the possibility of
20 sewerage this area to accommodate economic
21 development in northwest Suffolk.

22 MR. HORSLEY: Not bad. I like it.

23 MS. LOHNEISS: A transcript would be
24 attached to the R.F.P. for the benefit of the
25 respondents for something like that.

1 dollars to do the final design.

2 MR. MORGO: On Marc's question, the
3 initial hearing could be billed with an
4 invitation to all ten supervisors and village
5 mayors.

6 MR. HERBST: Absolutely.

7 MR. MORGO: The municipal leaders, and
8 also to invite the public at large, everybody who was
9 at the summit from those towns and villages.

10 MS. ESPOSITO: But the public will be
11 there just listening?

12 MR. MORGO: Yes.

13 MS. ESPOSITO: I think that's too much.

14 MR. MORGO: That's too much for one
15 meeting?

16 MS. ESPOSITO: I hate to be the person
17 saying the opposite, but I've made a living
18 doing that. If I had to just change one small
19 thing about the almost perfect sewer summit,
20 it was very long and there were people who
21 came there also who came to testify who kind
22 of gave up and left. So the information was
23 all very valuable, very comprehensive, very
24 much in need, but it was too much at once.
25 Exactly.

1 I would urge us not to do too much at
2 once and clear up what it is we want to
3 accomplish at the first hearing and then an
4 efficient way to accomplish it. If you're
5 seeking to engage the public, don't have ten
6 or more public officials speak first. That
7 would have an opposite effect.

8 MR. HORSLEY: I've been there, done
9 that.

10 MR. HERBST: I would even suggest two
11 of them; one or for the east end towns,
12 Brookhaven east, and one for the South, but
13 that might work better if you invite to those
14 officials, as well.

15 MS. EDWARDS: Why is that not included?

16 MR. HORSLEY: Anything above Southern
17 State Parkway has nothing to do with this.
18 We're talking Wyandanch, Deer Park, Babylon.

19 MS. EDWARDS: I might add that Vito's
20 idea of supervisors and Jim's mayors represent
21 the public. Their constituency is the public.
22 So they can go back to some extent and
23 identify what the public wants and then the
24 follow-up meeting would be the public, because
25 the public would bring nonprofits, advocacy

1 groups and a whole slew of people that may
2 detract from your goal of bringing information
3 to the powers that be.

4 MR. MORGO: I was thinking in that
5 direction. I've been at meetings of the type
6 that Adrienne described, also.

7 Vito reminds me that the County
8 Executive convenes a couple of times a year
9 all ten supervisors and I'm thinking now maybe
10 we could solicit from that group your plans
11 for wastewater treatment in your particular
12 town and have that available at a hearing just
13 for the public and people could react to that,
14 rather than having the supervisors and mayors
15 speak at the meeting, but just have this is
16 what your particular town is proposing,
17 something like that.

18 Do you understand what I'm saying?

19 MR. HORSLEY: I think so.

20 MR. MORGO: We have Islip, for example.
21 Phil Nolan would say we need wastewater
22 treatment facilities in downtown Sayville.
23 That's something we would approach. Have that
24 as a document at the hearing and have that
25 available for folks.

1 Earlier when Marc and John were
2 speaking about the opposite reaction in Nassau
3 and saying nice things about Suffolk, I was
4 thinking about Westhampton Beach, too, and the
5 sewers caused the candidates to lose an
6 election, because they were advocating for
7 sewers.

8 So you may very well have folks
9 legitimately who are against sewers because it
10 brings development. So although it was a
11 contrary position, I have to agree with what
12 Adrienne said, because I've been at too many
13 meetings which were just monopolized by
14 officials.

15 MS. ESPOSITO: Maybe -- I'm not
16 suggesting this, but I think it is better to
17 have -- even if we have to have more meetings,
18 to figure out what the goal is for each one,
19 so maybe there is an eastern Suffolk and a
20 western Suffolk, but I think part of the goal
21 is not to have too much at one meeting.

22 If we are going to have interaction
23 with the public, if it is going to be
24 educational for the public, then I would
25 suggest a combination of what we were saying

1 earlier; presentations and then input. But
2 that has to be done probably within a two-hour
3 window. So that means we're going to have
4 some type of limited ability and it might mean
5 more meetings, but we can work that out.

6 MR. HERBST: I'm a firm believer in the
7 two-hour rule. Any meeting over two hours,
8 you lose people.

9 MR. HORSLEY: Lisa.

10 MS. BROUGHTON: Just to put on the
11 table as you figure out when and how to have
12 meetings that almost to a person, the federal
13 officials asked to come. They had their
14 representatives at the summit, and now they
15 would like a role. I put that out for there
16 for you. Your state officials, particularly
17 those that stayed the three hours know that
18 Mike Mullay (phonetic), he would like to come
19 back. He's actually made it clear his office
20 will organize a trip to Suffolk, an educational
21 meeting just about --

22 MR. MORGO: Who? Mention his office.

23 MS. BROUGHTON: The Environmental
24 Facilities Corporation. The funding agency,
25 actually.

1 MS. ESPOSITO: The ones we want.

2 MS. BROUGHTON: The ones we want,
3 yes. So he would be coming back this summer
4 either with or without us. So the reason I
5 stress that is if you would like to harness
6 his coming back and doing presentations on how
7 E.F.C. does their funding, now is your chance
8 to plan for his visits and let him know, yes,
9 we'd like you back and this is when you would
10 be most helpful to the work of the task force
11 to come back, but he is ready.

12 MR. HORSLEY: So it sounds like we
13 have a broad-based outline to carry us through
14 the two years until we get the master plan,
15 which was my concern from the beginning. What
16 do we do in the two years while we're getting
17 the master plan ready.

18 Is it wise to limit it to the Education
19 Committee to put it together, the first one.

20 MS. ESPOSITO: Well, I think we could
21 use a little direction.

22 MR. HORSLEY: What do you want to do on
23 the first one? Do you want to use the supervisors?

24 MR. MORGO: No. I think that was a bad
25 idea, after Adrienne pointed that out.

1 MR. HORSLEY: So not ten supervisors.
2 Then we're at an educational point. Do we
3 want to have a combination education as far as
4 what's in a certain area, whether it be east
5 or west, and also then invite the public in
6 for that area?

7 MS. ESPOSITO: Do you want to do
8 identifying sewer problems, so at least
9 they'll have an understanding of what the
10 problem is? I don't think we'll be able to
11 offer them solutions as of yet.

12 MR. HORSLEY: No, I don't think so,
13 either.

14 MS. ESPOSITO: Okay. So would it be
15 fair to say we're identifying some of the
16 problems and there is a planning process?
17 Would that be the goal of the first meeting,
18 would you think?

19 MR. HORSLEY: Yes. I think we need
20 something that would be some sort of input,
21 some sort of interaction, so that this can be
22 viable. Otherwise it's going to be so boring
23 no one will want to be there.

24 MS. LANSDALE: I think we need to do
25 that educational component that Adrienne was

1 mentioning, as well as to give the public the
2 opportunity to tell us what the existing
3 conditions are; for instance, which
4 communities are actively undergoing a planning
5 process, so we're informed as a committee on
6 all the communities that are interested in
7 sewers or those that are not interested in
8 sewers, so we understand what the framework is
9 right now, the existing conditions.

10 MR. WATT: Wasn't that the point of
11 inviting the supervisors and the mayors? If
12 we had a supervisors and mayors meeting first,
13 we would get a lay of the land and then we
14 could have a public meeting after that.

15 MR. MORGO: I was thinking of Steve
16 calling the ten and doing it then, but why
17 don't we ask the mayors to come to one of our
18 meetings and ask them for their plans. Then
19 we could go from there.

20 MS. ESPOSITO: That's perfect, because
21 then we're not billing it at as a public hearing,
we're
22 billing it as what it is, that they're coming
23 here to help us.

24 MR. HORSLEY: Exactly. And it's open
25 to the public, if they'd like to come.

1 MR. CAMERON: I think identification of
2 the plans as well of the needs, unfulfilled needs.

3 MR. WATT: Plans, needs and potential
4 opposition, as well. We want to know exactly
5 what areas are not in favor of it so we know
6 what we are up against.

7 MR. ANDERSON: If we have invitation of
8 the supervisors, would you also be inviting their
staff?
9 Their planning staff might want to be there, also.

10 MR. HORSLEY: Absolutely. Coming from
11 the Public Works Commissioner, that makes
12 sense.

13 MS. ESPOSITO: Can we limit the time
14 they'll have?

15 MR. HORSLEY: Sure.

16 MS. ESPOSITO: If ten show up and they
17 each take thirty minutes.

18 MR. ANDERSON: One of the suggestions
19 that was made before and I think it makes a
20 lot of sense, you may want to break it up into
21 sections. I think Ben and I were talking
22 about rather than doing two sections, east and
23 west, doing three sections. Often you have a
24 relatively urbanized section in the western
25 end of the county, rural in the eastern end in

1 in between you have some combination of both,
2 so you might want to do three.

3 MR. WATT: Is Shelter Island in the
4 plans?

5 MR. HORSLEY: Yes.

6 MS. ESPOSITO: It's a town.

7 MR. ANDERSON: It's also been included
8 with the older reports.

9 MR. WRIGHT: I'm thinking about the
10 R.F.P. committee meeting next week and I was
11 thinking of what's available and don't
12 reinvent the wheel, but reshape it a little.

13 We have these comprehensive reports
14 that have a lot of detail and cost a lot of
15 money and it was four years ago, so things
16 have changed; the population projections, the
17 ground water levels, the stakeholders
18 involved. Whatever you want to look at is
19 changed, but those documents are this thick
20 (indicated) for the five eastern towns and the
21 five western towns. There might be some
22 format as to what was done before and what
23 changes have been made that lead us to modify
24 those, rather than starting from scratch.

25 MR. MORGO: If you remember, Vito's

1 primer on sewers at the summit was really
2 excellent and it wasn't overly long and you
3 covered everything, so maybe that could be --

4 MR. CAMERON: Vito has had thirty-five
5 years to write it.

6 MR. HORSLEY: Brad, did you have a
7 question?

8 MR. BLUMENFELD: The question about
9 whether or not to include Smithtown is sort of
10 theoretical. I think you showcased Patchogue
11 as what's happened and you're not projecting
12 out what's going to happen or not happen in
13 Smithtown. As an example, you already have a
14 successful one in Patchogue, would be my
15 introduction in education.

16 MR. HORSLEY: How do you see that as
17 far as having these hearings? Do you want to
18 do that first? Is that what you're thinking?

19 MR. BLUMENFELD: I would think the
20 first introduction is to explain the reason
21 for investigation. Just to sort of quell any
22 opposition from the public.

23 MR. WATT: Use Exhibit A as to what
24 sewers can bring to a community.

25 MR. BLUMENFELD: Right.

1 MR. WATT: I'd like to suggest if
2 Shelter Island is involved, two words: Road
3 trip, on a day like today.

4 MR. HORSLEY: So --

5 MS. ESPOSITO: I just want to caution.
6 We should highlight the success stories, but
7 what one person may view as a success is
8 exactly another person's fear. Keep in mind
9 that the mindset of the public is very, very,
10 very diverse. They might look at Patchogue
11 and look at the pending proposal and the
12 high-rises and think that's what I don't want
13 in my community. So we should be sensitive
14 and walk into this with open eyes that we may
15 have a different or you may have a different
16 perspective than the Southamptons.

17 MR. HORSLEY: Are you a neighbor?

18 MS. ESPOSITO: I live in Patchogue.

19 MR. HORSLEY: I thought so.

20 MS. BROUGHTON: Just to piggyback on
21 that. In planning for the summit, I was very
22 surprised by some of the very angry people who
23 even that morning came up to Steve Levy and
24 said, "How dare you say that S word," all the
25 way to the other side.

1 People who came, and we did start it as
2 a downtown sewer summit so as to manage the
3 expectation. We're not talking about sewers
4 where your cesspool is overflowing with every
5 heavy rain in your residential neighborhood.
6 We were talking specifically about downtowns,
7 but a lot of people came with just the
8 opposite.

9 "Sewers? When are they coming, how do
10 I get one at my house?"

11 So to talk about managing the
12 expectations, anything that comes out from
13 this committee has to take that spectrum into
14 consideration. On the one hand, you may have
15 people clamoring; and on the other hand, you
16 may have people protesting.

17 MS. ESPOSITO: We're going to have both
18 and it's going to be unavoidable.

19 MR. HORSLEY: I agree with you,
20 Adrienne. This is going to be a tough haul.

21 What you're saying, if I recaptured the
22 comments, we're now looking again at the
23 supervisors/mayors being invited to a
24 bifurcated program. One, we would start with
25 a little pretalk where we talk about what the

1 needs and what the past history of their area
2 was and the Vito stuff; and then later on,
3 we'll ask their presentations, fifteen, twenty
4 minutes at the most, with their planning
5 staff. Is it something like that?

6 MR. WATT: Is that a technical term,
7 Vito's stuff?

8 MS. ESPOSITO: I was thinking ten
9 minutes.

10 MR. HORSLEY: I wasn't dictating time
11 here. If you're bringing in your planning
12 staff, you want to have some time to present
13 address us. That will be taken down and
14 presented to the R.F.P. committee. It's the
15 structure.

16 MS. ESPOSITO: Did you say one in
17 eastern Suffolk and one in western Suffolk?

18 MR. HORSLEY: I didn't say.

19 MR. WATT: Somebody said three.

20 MR. ANDERSON: I mentioned the
21 possibility of three.

22 MR. CAMERON: You have Hauppauge
23 and Riverhead.

24 MR. HORSLEY: Are you all right with
25 that?

1 MR. ANDERSON: Fine.

2 MR. HORSLEY: All right, so we agree on
3 two.

4 MR. HERBST: I also would like to go
5 back to what Jim suggested. When the County
6 Executive requests information, I would like
7 to get something written from all the towns
8 and villages so we can have documentation, so
9 in the future when we do go to the general
10 public for comments, they'll be commenting on
11 what's been supplied to us.

12 If I live in the Town of Smithtown and
13 the supervisor or the planning department put
14 something on record that they can respond to,
15 at least we can keep them focussed so they
16 wouldn't be talking about things that are not
17 on the table. That might give us something to
18 work with, if we have physical material,
19 written requests from the counties and the
20 villages.

21 MR. ANDERSON: Prior to speaking?

22 MR. HERBST: Yes.

23 MR. HORSLEY: When would you want to
24 do the first one? What time frame?

25 MS. ESPOSITO: Tonight?

1 MR. HORSLEY: Are we talking about --
2 we're going to be going into summer. Do we
3 want to do it before summer or after the
4 summer?

5 MR. ANDERSON: We would first want to
6 get their information on hand. I think we
7 should first request it from them and see how
8 quick they are to respond. If they don't get
9 back to us in a short time, by the beginning
10 of June.

11 MR. CAMERON: I think before the
12 summer, otherwise they will say what have you
13 been doing the past six months. If we wait
14 until September, there's a possibility of
15 that.

16 MR. HORSLEY: That's why I want to get
17 a time frame. Vito, are you okay with that?
18 Since you're the Vito stuff.

19 MR. MINEI: I wish you good luck. In
20 the comprehensive water resources plan, my
21 boss to the right had directed that we include
22 smart growth and the potential for sewerage in
23 what was originally a drinking water and
24 surface water investigation and we sent out at
25 least two, maybe three times to the ten towns,

1 please give us suggestions on what you believe
2 would be a good pilot study for us to evaluate
3 the need for sewerage.

4 The pilot study we have in hand is for
5 Mastic, Shirley, around the River. I'm hoping
6 they're thinking something is going to come of
7 this by the county at large, rather than a
8 Health Department request. I don't know, I
9 hope all goes well, but I would suggest you
10 get input first.

11 MR. MORGO: If it's okay with you,
12 Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct your
13 staff of one to make this an effort now to
14 call all the towns and certain villages. I'm
15 talking about Lisa Ann Broughton. I'm sure
16 Lisa had other plans, but I would like Lisa to
17 do this, and I'll work with you, of course.
18 We'll work together.

19 MS. BROUGHTON: Okay.

20 MR. CAMERON: I'd just like to bring up
21 that many of you may be familiar with the Long
22 Island Regional Planning Board is about to
23 embark on a long-term sustainability plan and
24 we're hoping at our next meeting to select a
25 firm to conduct that study, but one integral

1 part of this will be economic development,
2 affordability, sustainability and the sewerage
3 of areas in Suffolk County is going to be a
4 key issue. So I would suggest that whether
5 it's this committee, this task force or the
6 various departments of health will interact
7 with our consultant, because it's my
8 information that's going to be a critical
9 component of the master plan.

10 MR. HORSLEY: That makes absolute
11 sense. Once we have this master plan, that
12 can be incorporated into that as well. This
13 is going to a first rate plan.

14 MS. ESPOSITO: I have a quick question
15 for John and if I recall correctly, last year
16 in 2007, Senator Marcellino inserted four
17 hundred thousand dollars into the E.P.F. for
18 sewer planning which went to the Regional
19 Planning Board. Is there any update on that?

20 MR. CAMERON: It's at least a quarter
21 of a million dollars is supposed to be coming
22 from the Regional Planning Board for the
23 sewerage and environmental issues, so to the
24 extent that that's part of the planning money
25 that we will have, that will help augment

1 work. We're not looking to duplicate work
2 that's already being done.

3 MR. HORSLEY: It's an all share, so.
4 Jim?

5 MR. MORGO: On the question of
6 meetings, and this is something that Lisa
7 brought up earlier, about involving the
8 federal folks. Yesterday Congressman Bishop,
9 Tim Bishop, called and he is now looking at
10 the one source of funds that remains, the
11 Wastewater Resources Development Act,
12 whatever, and he asked if he can address this
13 task force and he asked for the week of
14 Memorial Day. He's on recess, so that would
15 be the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th of May;
16 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I
17 said I didn't know what the meeting schedule
18 was.

19 I feel we should give him the
20 opportunity and he thought by that time, that
21 might be something else we can present later,
22 his ideas, when we have something to present
23 to the public. So you've already got some
24 notoriety. The Congressman already knew about
25 us and he wants to come and talk to us.

1 MR. HORSLEY: Sounds great.

2 MR. MORGO: How about that week,
3 though? Is that a good week for people?

4 MS. EDWARDS: When?

5 MR. MORGO: Tuesday, Wednesday,
6 Thursday and Friday of Memorial Day week.
7 He's on vacation that week, too; that's why
8 he's able to do it.

9 MS. ESPOSITO: What are the dates, Jim?

10 MR. MORGO: The 27th, 28th, 29th and
11 30th of May.

12 MR. HORSLEY: That's great. Another
13 piece of information, I met with Kate Browning
14 with the Cablevision editorial board and what
15 they want to do -- this also came out of the
16 sewer summit and our interest and the
17 announcement of the task force, which I don't
18 know if it was officially announced in the
19 editorial of Newsday that we're doing this,
20 and they want to do a three-part series of
21 editorial comment on sewers and they're
22 looking for different issues to record so that
23 they could be put into one of their editorials
24 on sewers, so they're going to do a three-part
25 editorial on sewers sometime before -- maybe

1 in August.

2 MR. MORGO: Brendan, could you
3 coordinate for the next meeting, because I
4 would like to give Tim Bishop a chance to
5 come?

6 MR. HERBST: I received a copy of a
7 letter from the Congressman. It was directed
8 to me, but I thought it was a form letter,
9 probably went to everyone. I don't think I
10 was the only who got it. My I just got it
11 from my organization. Steve Israel also
12 signed the letter. I don't know if it's the
13 same.

14 MS. EDWARDS: I got it, too.

15 MR. HORSLEY: Both Congressmen want
16 to be here.

17 MR. MORGO: We could ask them all.

18 MR. HORSLEY: That sounds like a public
19 hearing itself.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Maybe we can get them
21 to pay to speak.

22 MR. HORSLEY: Sounds like we've got
23 our work cut out for us and I appreciate you
24 guys coming here today. I think this is a
25 good first --

1 MS. ESPOSITO: Did we just leave that
2 that Brendan will organize the meeting for
3 that week and invite both Congressmen?

4 MR. MORGO: I think we should invite
5 all three Congressmen.

6 MS. ESPOSITO: So Congressman King,
7 as well.

8 MR. HORSLEY: Sure.

9 MS. ESPOSITO: We've met with him. So
10 they're primed for that, I thought you should
11 know.

12 MR. CAMERON: Steve Israel, I know he
13 was instrumental in securing the funding for
14 the planning for Wyandanch.

15 MR. HORSLEY: That is true.

16 MR. CAMERON: Back about four years
17 ago.

18 MR. HERBST: Senator Shumer is also
19 taking positions regarding funding for sewers.

20 MR. HORSLEY: Right.

21 MR. HERBST: So I think he should be
22 invited. He has been very supportive.

23 MR. HORSLEY: Yes. All right. Sounds
24 like we have our first public hearing and
25 certainly some of the other ones.

1 MR. MORGO: And Congress is not in
2 session.

3 MS. ESPOSITO: If we get all of them,
4 we will need a very big room.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Is there a follow-up to
6 this meeting?

7 MR. HORSLEY: That would be our next
8 meeting, that, but we also have to put together
9 this other public hearing.

10 MS. ESPOSITO: We might want to meet
11 for an hour before the meeting so the first
12 half is us doing business and the second half
13 is the Congressional.

14 MR. HORSLEY: That's not a bad idea.
15 I'm sure there's going to be a lot of things
16 happening in the next month while we're
17 working on other issues, but that sounds good.

18 MR. CAMERON: Are we looking at a set
19 schedule that we'll be meeting?

20 MR. HORSLEY: Let's talk that out.
21 This is a pretty tough group to get together.

22 MR. HERBST: That's why I would prefer
23 if we have a set date, the third day of the
24 third month or whatever. Just so I know.

25 MR. HORSLEY: Is that something you

1 guys want to contemplate?

2 MR. BLUMENFELD: Makes it easier.

3 MR. CAMERON: Bimonthly?

4 MR. HORSLEY: Bimonthly. If we
5 started meeting every month, we'd be dragging
6 this out. I want to make this easy for you
7 guys, but productive. Do you want to do it
8 every other month?

9 MR. MORGO: Yes.

10 MS. ESPOSITO: Yes. We should pick a
11 date.

12 MR. CAMERON: Everybody brings their
13 calendar to the May meeting and we'll straighten
14 that out.

15 MR. HORSLEY: An hour before and we'll
16 work it out that way? How's that?

17 MR. HERBST: Or if Brendan wants to
18 reach out to us and say hey, what works out
19 best for you?

20 MR. STANTON: I'm happy to reach out to
21 the Congressional delegation and try and set
22 up the May 27th, 28th, 29th or 30th; and then
23 what I would propose, it would ideally be a
24 month after that, in June, towards the end of
25 June, and I'll send you all a date for the

1 same three days in June; June 27th, 28th or
2 29th.

3 MS. ESPOSITO: Did we just agree that
4 June would be the first meeting for the first half of
5 the supervisors?

6 MR. HORSLEY: The supervisors. We did
7 say that's where we're heading.

8 MS. ESPOSITO: Which is good. If we
9 have a reason to meet and that's substantive
10 and meaningful, I think we're all game. I
11 think we just don't want to be --

12 MR. HORSLEY: I agree. We're all in
13 the same boat. We're all in crazy business.

14 MS. ESPOSITO: We have May and June
15 done. That's a lot.

16 MR. HORSLEY: It is a lot. Absolutely.
17 it's a start. We're good on that?

18 Anything else we need to talk about?

19 Anything else need to be discussed? Good.

20 All right. Meeting adjourned.

21 (Time noted: 3:31 p.m.)

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