

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: November 18, 2015

TIME: 9:35 am to 10:25 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Eva Growney

Thomas Gulbransen, Vice Chair

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks,
Recreation and Conservation

Greg Dawson, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and
Conservation

Frank Zappone, Deputy Supervisor, Town of Southampton
Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide 5th District
Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

Minutes:

Minutes for the October 21, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Ms. Russo noted that the CEQ had received correspondence from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. Ms. Russo noted that the CEQ is an included agency but is not the Lead Agency. Ms. Russo also noted that she would pass around the letter for the Council members to look at it (the November 13, 2015 correspondence for the Lead Agency designation for the Forge River Watershed Sewer project was then circulated among the CEQ members).

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:
Mr. Martin stated that there is a new vacancy at the Isaac Mills House. The unit is being painted and will soon be available for rental.
- Custodial Agreements:
Mr. Martin informed the CEQ that the Sagtikos Manor Historic Society custodial contract is almost completed. Suffolk County Parks Commissioner Dawson also noted that the Legislative resolution authorizing the custodial agreement with Sagtikos Manor History Society was approved at last night's legislative meeting. Mr. Martin noted that this will be the first custodial agreement using the new custodial agreement template that the Parks Department developed with the County Attorney's office for historic trust sites. Mr. Martin also noted that this new template should help streamline the custodial agreement process going forward.

- Events:

Mr. Martin informed the Council that the Big Duck lighting will take place on December 2, 2015 at 7 pm in Flanders. It was noted that Suffolk County works with the Town of Southampton and the Friends of the Big Duck to put on the event. Mr. Martin also noted that there is a new exhibit on the history of Duck Farming in Suffolk County located in the barn behind the Big Duck.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

Proposed Riverside Walking Trail, Hamlet of Riverside, Town of Southampton.

Greg Dawson, Commissioner of Suffolk County Parks, Recreation and Conservation and Frank Zappone, Deputy Town of Southampton Supervisor, gave a presentation on this project. It was noted that at the last CEQ meeting on October 21, 2015 a general overview of the project was given. It was also noted that at the October 21, 2015 meeting the CEQ requested that a Short Form EAF be completed and that the Short Form EAF has been received.

The project involves the creation of a handicapped accessible walking trail connection from NY 24 (Flanders Road) to the south side of the Peconic River. The walking trail will provide pedestrian access to the water. Deputy Supervisor Zappone also noted that this project runs from Flanders Road to the water's edge on an approximately 7.5 acre parcel of land that is owned by Suffolk County and has previously been disturbed. It was discussed that the walking path was approximately 8 feet wide. In addition, approximately 30 to 50 feet on both sides of the trail will be cleared of debris, invasive species and underbrush. It was also stated that Suffolk County Parks will be on hand during the clearing.

After an extended discussion Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that the Suffolk County Parks Department and the Town of Southampton will carefully develop an invasive species clearing plan for the area adjacent to the walking trail and will insure that this area is properly maintained. The motion also included that the Town and County will consider adding a parking area for the proposed walking trail and implementing future connections to the Riverside community. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pichney. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires asked Legislator Hahn to tell the Council about the legislation that she is working on. Legislator Hahn explained to the Council that she is working on a dry cleaning bill that would have dry cleaning stores to post an informational sheet on the types of dry cleaning solvents they are using and how the chemicals rate on an environmental scale and on a health risk scale. Legislator Hahn noted that this bill is intended to educate the consumers on the solvents their dry cleaners are using and to help encourage the use of greener alternatives. Legislator Hahn is also working on legislation regarding a pharmaceutical take back program where pharmacies would take back expired or unused medications. The Council also congratulated Legislator Hahn on her work on the banning of microbeads. Legislator Hahn noted that she got a call from Senator Gillibrand's office informing her that there is proposed federal legislation that deals with the banning of. Legislator Hahn noted that it appears this federal legislation may pass and that the local action on microbeads brought the industry to the table and helped encourage this federal legislation.

Meeting Adjourned