

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Chairperson  
CEQ

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: July 15, 2015

TIME: 9:35 am to 11:00 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Eva Growney

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Mary Ann Spencer

### ABSENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Thomas Gulbransen

Larry Swanson

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

### GUESTS:

Jennifer Kohn, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

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

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks,  
Recreation and Conservation

William Bowman, PhD, Senior Scientist, Land Use Ecological Services  
John Pavacic, Executive Director, Central Pine Barrens Commission

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the June 17, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the June 17, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Corral noted that two items of correspondence were received this month. The first item, which the Health Department requested be distributed to the CEQ members, consisted of copies of the Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan's Executive Summary and CDs containing the entire plan. The other item was the Suffolk County Water Authority's 2014 Annual Report which was addressed to Chairwoman Russo. Mr. Corral noted that staff can make copies of the Water Authority's report for any Council member who would like a copy.

**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 nothing new to report on the housing program and that as of today all of the units are occupied.
- Custodial Agreements:  
Mr. Martin stated that the Parks Department has been meeting with the County Attorney's office to develop a template for the Historic Trust custodial agreements. Mr. Martin noted that the County has 18 agreements and 13 of them have expired. Mr. Martin noted that when these templates are finalized it will greatly help to streamline the custodial agreement process.

## **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 16, 2015

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the June 16, 2015 LADS report and that there were no SEQRA related issues to bring to the Council's attention.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the June 16, 2015 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

## **Other Business:**

Central Pine Barrens Commission Presentation on Ecological Services Project for DEC Sarnoff/Suffolk County Pleasure Drive Complex

John Pavacic, Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Commission along with William Bowman, Sr. Scientist at Land Use Ecological Services gave a presentation regarding the above project.

After an extended discussion regarding the details of the project, the CEQ noted that for this project they felt it was appropriate for the New York State Pine Barrens Commission to be Lead Agency and for Suffolk County to be an Involved Agency. The Council also discussed that pursuant to SEQRA requirements the Pine Barrens Commission as Lead Agency should coordinate with the appropriate Suffolk County agencies throughout the SEQRA process. The CEQ also requested that a letter from the Council to the New York State Pine Barrens Commission be sent requesting that the planning and implementation of this project include precautions for turtles that may be located in areas proposed for mechanical clearing and/or prescribed burns. Staff noted that they would draft the letter for the Council's review.

## **CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned