

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: October 19th, 2011

TIME: 9:30 am to 11:45 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair; James Bagg; Eva Growney; Tom Gulbransen; Richard Machtay;
Michael Kaufman; Daniel Pichney

ABSENT:

Gloria Russo, Vice-Chair; MaryAnn Spencer, Hon. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

STAFF:

Michael Mulé, Environmental Projects Coordinator

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Sarah Lansdale, Director

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Dan Gulizio, Deputy Director

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Tracy Bellone, Deputy Commissioner,
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management
Michael Monaghan, Chief Engineer
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Robert Hardie, Architect
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Dominick Ninivaggi, Vector Superintendent
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Amy Juchatz, Environmental Toxicologist
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Michael Maraviglia, Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Joel Snedgrass, Principal
HCMC
Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications
Suffolk County Legislature
John Paul DiMartino, Legislative Aide
Legislator Horsley's Office
Rick Brand, Reporter
Newsday

PUBLIC:

Larry Kelly, Attorney

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Growney to approve the September 21st, 2011 minutes.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vector Control Pesticide Management Committee 2011 Annual Report

A presentation was made by Amy Juchatz, Environmental Toxicologist with the Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy explaining the contents of the 2011 Vector Control Pesticide Management Committee Annual Report. She informed the Council that Methoprene was detected in postseason sampling events but not in the preseason ones. This indicates the fact that there seems to be no carry over from year to year. Ms. Juchatz said that the TNC and Citizens Campaign for the Environment have both vacated their positions due to economic constraints yet maintain contact with the group. The report also goes on to recommend additional literature reviews.

CR35 Mill Dam Road Bulkhead and Shoreline Improvements

The Council was informed of a response letter received from Mr. Papasian regarding the CR 35 bulkhead and shoreline improvement project in which questions arose at the September 21, 2011 meeting. The letter highlighted similar projects and identified the species that will be used for planning, verifying that none of them are on any invasive species “do not sell” list.

HISTORIC TRUST DOCKET:

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation updated the Council on the following:

Housing:

- The Stimson House at West Hills County Park has been rented.
- All applicable houses in the program have been rented.

Custodial Agreements:

- The County is continuing to work on the custodial agreement with the L.I. Maritime Museum. The Museum is available for CEQ to hold the November 16th meeting.

Richard Martin presented the Council with a copy of IR1815-2011 which Legislator Horsley has put before the Legislature Regarding Establishing a Historic Structure Restoration Pilot Program and Directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a Request for Proposals. John DiMartino a Legislative Aide from Legislator Horsley’s office presented the legislation and reiterated Legislator Horsley’s stance regarding the importance of preserving our historic structures. The Council raised some concerns regarding the language in the bill. Mr. Kaufman highlighted the fact that the bill executes the program before an RFP gauges the interest. He suggested that there be a separate execution resolutions. Other concerns were discussed and Mr. DiMartino agreed to amend the bill as necessary. Mr. Kelly suggested that the maritime community be included in this program and requested that occupancy preference be given to veterans.

PROJECT REVIEW:

Recommended Type II Actions

Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table October 11, 2011

Mr. Machtay made a motion to accept staff recommendations. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LOCATION

H. LEE DENNISON BLDG. – 4TH FLOOR
100 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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Proposed Vector Control 2012 Annual Plan of Work

Dominick Ninivaggi gave a presentation regarding the proposed Vector Control 2012 Annual Plan of work. After a discussion, Mr. Bagg made a motion that the proposed 2012 Vector Control Annual Plan of Work will be carried out in conformance with the conditions and thresholds established for such actions as set forth in the Suffolk County Vector Control & Wetlands Management Long Term Plan Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) and associated Finding Statement as adopted by Suffolk County. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Noyack County Greenbelt Addition – Stebbins and Throgs Neck Trading Group, Ltd. Property, Town of Southampton

A presentation was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Planning concerning the acquisition of 9.1 acres of land for open space preservation purposes.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

Proposed Ronkonkoma LIRR Parking Lot Expansion, Town of Islip

Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Hardie gave a brief presentation regarding the construction of a temporary parking lot expansion area at the Long Island Rail Road Ronkonkoma station. The project will provide an additional 545 unpaved overflow parking spots to relieve the congestion within the commuter lot to the west.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion classifying the project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration and went on to recommend that DPW alter their plans to include islands with trees, walkways, and a safety plan. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

CAC CONCERNS:

None