

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: November 16th, 2011
TIME: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
LOCATION: Long Island Maritime Museum
86 West Avenue
West Sayville, NY 11796

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair; Gloria Russo, Vice-Chair; James Bagg; Hon. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher; Eva Growney; Michael Kaufman; Richard Machtay; Daniel Pichney; MaryAnn Spencer

ABSENT:

Tom Gulbransen

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

Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager Francis S. Gabreski
Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Workforce Housing
Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management
Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

MINUTES:

Mr. Pichney suggested amending the minutes to change the word “planning” to “planting” during the section discussing the CR35 project. A motion was made by Mr. Machtay to approve the October 19, 2011 minutes as modified. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Town of Riverhead Planning Department

The Council received a letter from Joseph Hall, Environmental Planner with the Town of Riverhead Department of Planning regarding the proposed Long Island Beagle Club property acquisition. The letter stated the Town’s support of the acquisition and requested information on how workforce housing credits are calculated for such acquisitions.

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 and the tenants are scheduled to move in on December 1, 2011.
- All applicable houses in the program have been rented. Any other possible rentals require maintenance and repair before being acceptable to rent.

Custodial Agreements:

- The County is working on the custodial agreement for The L.I. Maritime Museum. Comments were just received from the Suffolk County Attorney’s Office and the museum will be receiving their copy of the custodial agreement shortly.
- The County is currently working on the beginning stages of a custodial agreement with Old Field Farm. Dedication of the Old Field Farm property and structures should be before the Council in January or February of 2012.

Mr. Swanson asked for a status report on IR1815-2011 which Legislator Horsley has put before the Legislature regarding establishing an historic structure restoration pilot

program and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a request for proposals. Richard Martin informed the Council that it was going before the Parks Committee with corrections and he will report at the next CEQ meeting as to the current status.

PROJECT REVIEW:

Recommended Type I Actions:

Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Long Island Beagle Club II, Inc. Property, Town of Riverhead

A presentation was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Planning concerning the acquisition of 150.0± acres of land known as the Long Island Beagle Club II, Inc. Property in the Town of Riverhead. Ms. Fischer explained that the area is intended to be used for passive recreational purposes and the three buildings will be adaptively reused for maintenance and meeting purposes as well as a possible caretaker residence. Mr. Greg Greene, Environmental Director with Cashin Associates who prepared a Phase II environmental site assessment stated that any issues regarding remediation are being taken care of by the property owner prior to closing.

Mr. Machtay made a motion to recommend classification as a Type 1 Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

Proposed Francis S. Gabreski Airport Capital Project 5734 – Aviation Utility Infrastructure – Phase 2b and 3, Town of Southampton

A presentation was given Mr. Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager for the Francis S. Gabreski Airport with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Workforce Housing. Mr. Ceglio explained that there are upgrades and repairs that are needed for existing utilities. These include improvements to communications, gas, sewer, water and electric services. Overhead utilities will be placed underground and then turned over to the utility company who will maintain them in the future. Phase 1 of this project, located on the north side of the airport has already been completed. Mr. Ceglio indicated that he has received some NYSDOT grant money to accomplish these repairs and has applied for other grants that have yet to be awarded.

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

Recommended Type II Actions:

Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #3 – Southwest Service Area Expansion Feasibility Study (CP 8189), Towns of Deer Park, North Babylon, West Babylon, Wyandanch and West Islip

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the feasibility study for Sewer District #3. The purpose of the study is to determine whether or not it is feasible to extend sanitary sewer services to the above referenced areas. The study will investigate effects on water quality, the environment, communities, cost factors and funding sources. Mr. Rukovets explained that Sewer District #3's associated sewage treatment plant will undergo expansion. It has been designed conservatively and is one of the best run sewage treatment plants in the County. While the issue of build out was brought up, the study plans to cover this issue as well. The study will also include the status of the outfall pipe.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Hon. Ms. Vilorio-Fisher. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dan Gulizio, Deputy Director of the Suffolk County Department of Planning gave a PowerPoint presentation following up on the Suffolk County Autumn Planning and Zoning Conference that was held October 12, 2011. Mr. Gulizio discussed County water quality issues, County sewer policy and general government responsibilities.

Steve Jones, Director of the Long Island Maritime Museum gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Maritime Museum and proposed future projects. The presentation was followed by a walking tour of the grounds.

CAC CONCERNS:

None