

**Meeting Minutes - Suffolk County Legislature's
Marine Industry & Revitalization Advisory Council
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

Committee Members Present: *Tom Kehoe; Eric Kreuter; Vincent Biondo; Susan A. Berland; Kim Lamiroult; Danielle Stango-Torre; August Ruckdeschel; Chris Pickerell; David Wicks; Vincent Pesce*

Committee Members Absent *Dr. Shaun McKay; Gilbert Anderson; Diane LaChapelle; Al Krupski; Debra Montaruli; Bridget Fleming; Roger Evans; Kristen Jarnagin*

Staff Members Present: *Lora Gellerstein; Christina DeLisi; Derek Stein.; Carol Wickliffe-Campbell; Ross Slotnick*

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory with a brief introduction of those present.

Annual Report Discussion:

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory opened the meeting by pointing out that the resolution establishing the Advisory Council called for an annual report. He asked the committee and staff to put together a brief, two page paper detailing ongoing actions and progress of the committee thus far, especially with the creation of subcommittees. Presiding Officer Gregory asked if anyone had any questions regarding this no comments were made.

Subcommittee Meeting Breakout:

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory began by explaining that initially the idea was to break off into the four different subcommittees and meet in separate rooms. However, since many members are not present the task force decided it would be better for the groups to go over membership and appointed chairpersons. He then mentioned that an amendment resolution will be filed at the next Suffolk County Legislature's General Meeting to add a representative from the Health Department as well as Legislator Bridget Fleming. He then informed the group that a new representative from Suffolk County Department of Public Works will be attending future meetings as Gilbert Anderson has retired from Suffolk County. Presiding Officer Gregory asked August Ruckdeschel if he had anything to add. August responded that he really didn't but asked if there would be a chance to have subcommittee meetings before the next full meeting of the Task Force. Tom Kehoe asked August Ruckdeschel if he would be a

participant on the Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture Subcommittee. August Ruckdeschel replied that he would.

Tom Kehoe then spoke about several issues of concerns in the fishing industry, and how baymen have issue with fishing in Peconic due to surface based shellfish apparatuses. He also asked about funding, which brought up the question if the college had funding available for fishing and if the hotel-motel tax model could help fund commercial fishing development. Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory replied that this issue would fit in perfectly into the subcommittee discussion and that he only knows of State Grant Programs. August Ruckdeschel added that in the past Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) had received an spent \$60,000 for their F.I.S.H. program promoting sustainably caught local species and that Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning had applied for \$150,000 for "Choose LI" (total project \$200,000) which would be for a program encouraging shoppers to spend 10% of their grocery budget on local food including shellfish and fish. Applications have been submitted to both New York Farm Viability Institute and New York State Empire State Development. August Ruckdeschel mentioned that the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning has put together a survey for fishermen which will be circulated to fishermen shortly and hopefully featured in CCE's "On the Water" Magazine. Tom Kehoe stated that they should reach out to Bonnie Brady, who heads the Long Island Commercial Fishing Association. August Ruckdeschel agreed, and repeated that the survey will be sent out widely and will be the first part of a wider set of information that will soon be made available to boaters and prospective fishermen.

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory asked everyone if they thought meetings should alternate between Hauppauge and Riverhead. Tom Kehoe and Eric Kreuter responded that they thought having the regular meetings only in Hauppauge was fine. He then suggested that it would be good to have a Public Hearing in Riverhead and in Hauppauge.

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory asked everyone to review the subcommittee list that his staff had put together after everyone had submitted the form of which subcommittees they would like to participate in. He read off each of the subcommittees, what they cover and their members. Presiding Officer Gregory described the Environmental Subcommittee, the Education & Workforce Development Subcommittee, the Aquaculture & Commercial Fishing Subcommittee, and finally the Economic Development Subcommittee. Eric Kreuter stated that he was on every committee in order to fill a spot for Vinny Pesce and indicated that he and Vinny Pesce would split duties on each of the Subcommittees. Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory asked if they would like to appoint Chairs of the groups and discuss on their own, which the group agreed to chair. He then noted that the next meeting of the entire Marine Industry Revitalization Advisory Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., and hoped that each Subcommittee would be able to hold their first meeting before the next Advisory Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

The Minutes compiled by Derek Stein

The following is a list of the Chairperson appointed for each Subcommittee:

- Aquaculture & Commercial Fishing: Chair, Tom Kehoe.
- Economic Development: Chair, Kristen Jarnigan.
- Environmental: Chair, Vinny Pesce.
- Education & Workforce Development: Chair, David Wicks.