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(*The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay Mr. Clerk, good morning.

MR. RICHBERG:
Good morning, Mr. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:
Please do the roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature*)

LEG. SPENCER:
(Not Present).

LEG. DONNELLY:
Here.

LEG. BERLAND:
Here.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
(Not Present).

LEG. TROTTA:
(Not Present).

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Not Present).

LEG. FLOTTERON:
(Not Present).

LEG. CILMI:
Here.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Here.

LEG. LINDSAY:
(Not Present).

LEG. ANKER:
(Not Present).

LEG. HAHN:
(Not Present).

LEG. MURATORE:
(Not Present).

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LEG. SUNDERMAN:
(Not Present).

LEG. FLEMING:
Present.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Not Present).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Present.

P.O. GREGORY:
Here.

LEG. ANKER:
Here.

LEG. TROTTA:
Here.

(*Legislator Kennedy entered the auditorium*)

MR. RICHBERG:
Ten (Amended to 17; Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, good morning, folks. Will you all please rise for the salute to the flag to be led by Legislator Tom Cilmi.

Salutation

Okay, I'm going to ask Legislator Cilmi to introduce our Clergy today for the invocation.

LEG. CILMI:
Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. Before I introduce the Pastor, let me first say once again how proud I am to be part of a body that begins our meetings with a prayer. Pastor Colby Rohde was born and raised in Kansas. He attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, where he was a tight end on the football team. While in school he led three trips to Haiti where he and his teammates helped build an orphanage, which is now home to 50 children.

He was just a few credits short of a degree in biology when he realized he could no longer resist Jesus calling. He followed that calling to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, where he acquired his Masters of Divinity in 2015. He was first called to Babylon where he served as an Assistant to the Pastor, focusing on missions and on young adult ministry. He married his wife, Cleary, in 2017, and shortly thereafter was called to serve as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Islip, where he currently serves.
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Pastor Rohde is an avid college football fan, fancies himself a coffe
connoisseur of sorts and loves to explore Long Island. Please join me in a warm welcome for Pastor Colby Rohde. Thank you.

Appraise

PASTOR ROHDE:

Thank you very much. Will you join me in prayer. So, Father, we thank you for today, for the privilege of coming into your presence on this brand new day that you have made. We thank you for your gracious hand which has preserved us as a nation. We praise you for the continuity and continuation of the Suffolk County Legislative District and the state of this great country.

We recall that your word says that unless the Lord builds a house, then those who labor it -- who build it, labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. You have also said that to whom much has been given, much will be required.

So, Father, we gratefully look to the past and thank you that from the very foundation of America you granted our forefathers courage and wisdom as they trusted in you. So we ask you today that you would inspire us by their example. Where there has been failure, forgive us; where there has been progress, confirm; where there has been success, give us humility; and teach us to follow your instruction more closely as we close out this year and enter into the next. Give to all those whom you have entrusted leadership today the desire to seek your will and to do it. Give those leaders a vision of what you desire Suffolk County to become and the wisdom to accomplish it and the strength to cross the bridges into 2019.

Father, we pray right now that you would renew our vision, restore our faith and rekindle our desire to love and serve all humanity. May we never forget that one day we will each stand before you to give an account of what you have entrusted to us. So I pray that today's meeting would be pleasing to you. I pray for clear communication, a swiftness to follow the truth and humility and that you would graciously allow these leaders to fight well this morning so that those they represent would have peace and hope moving into the New Year.

Finally, Father, we pray for our nation and our world. We thank you for those who have sacrificed their lives to give us freedom and we pray for those who continue to serve our nation in places of great conflict and danger. Above all, we join today with millions of others across this torn and confused world in praying for peace. Equip us to diligently do our part today. It's you we seek, it's your glory we're after, so it's in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Amen said in unison)
**LEG. CILMI:**

Ladies and Gentlemen, it's now my pleasure and privilege at the precipice of Christmas to introduce to you for some Christmas or holiday songs, the Hauppauge High School Chamber Choir. Here we have 46 students from Hauppauge High School conducted by Mark Kimes. Please give them a warm welcome. Please be seated, by the way. Thank you.

*Applause*

**P.O. GREGORY:**

Wonderful job, guys. Thank you. So now that I've got you all comfortable sitting down I'm going to ask you to rise for a moment of silence. Please bow your heads for a moment of silence as we remember Suffolk County Police Detective Stephen Mullen, a 26-year veteran of the force who died of cancer he contracted due to his heroic efforts responding to September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Let us honor Detective Mullen's legacy and remember his family at this difficult time. Let's also remember Catherine Cicchelli, mother of Lauren Auerbach, Legislative Aide to Legislator Tom Muratore.

As always, we ask that you keep in our thoughts all our men and women serving our great nation who continue to ensure our freedoms, especially those whose service means that they're spending time away from their families during the holidays. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice.

*Moment of Silence Observed*

**09:46AM**

Mr. Clerk, please recognize Legislator Muratore as an excused absence.

Okay, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest of seasons, whatever holiday you celebrate, and to wish you all a New Year filled with love of family and friends and many blessings in 2019. The beginning of a new year always provides us with a clean slate and a chance to start fresh, to redo those things that we may regret and to build upon the things that make us better people. My hope for the world, and especially our country, is to go forward in peace and harmony and to find a way to appreciate the little things and to take some time to be thankful every day.

Happy holidays to you all.

At this point in our agenda we have some *proclamations* and citations that will be given out. I'm going to recognize **Legislator Trotta** for that purpose.

**LEG. TROTTA:**

Will the **Kings Park Volleyball Team** come up for the eighth consecutive year, please.

*Applause*

This is odd for me because I see Jenna Hayes here walking up and she's probably the last person -- my son was friends with her
brother, and this is the last person I think I'm linked to by my kids are getting old and I'm not.

So over the past eight years this volleyball team in Kings Park has won the County Championship. Now, we lost two coaches last year, they didn't go anywhere, they are just no longer coaching, but clearly we learned something from this. What we learned is it's not the coach, it's the school, it's the environment you live in and it's the winning structure and I think this will continue. I want to congratulate all of you, and on behalf of all the citizens in mine and Leslie's districts and the entire County, we congratulate you. Great job.

Applause

We have some proclamations. We'll take a quick picture and we'll be off to Commack.

(*Photograph Taken*)

Congratulations, guys. See you next year.

I'm going to start off the next one. Those were the Class A championships. There must be something in the Smithtown area that produces great volleyball players. Will the Commack Volleyball Team please come up.

Applause

I have a special place in my heart for this group because I graduated from Commack High School when it was Commack North. And I think Leslie Kennedy and Sue Berland would like to say a few words about this great team.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Good job, ladies. I grew up in Commack.

LEG. BERLAND:
I didn't grow up in Commack, but I can recognize an incredible group of ladies when I see them. Volleyball is an amazing sport and it's such a team sport and it's just great to see you ladies thriving in it. Congratulations, keep up the good work and fantastic.

LEG. TROTTA:
This is your first championship in the history of the school? Really. Okay. You have seven more to catch up to Kings Park. Congratulations.

Applause

(*Photograph Taken*)

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LEG. KENNEDY:
Staying with the great Town of Smithtown, Smithtown West Volleyball
girls, come on up.

Applause

Assistant Coach Deron Brown -- Varsity Coach Deron Brown, Assistant
Coach Ashley Marchese. In 2018 the girls volleyball team enjoyed a
very successful season, earning their first League III title by
going undefeated in league play.

Applause

The team only dropped two sets in ten league games and also went
5-1 in non-league play in four tournaments they competed in. They
were finalists in three and lost in the semi-finalists in another
tournament. This team will not only be recognized for their skill
on the court but also for their heart and compassion towards each
other and others, even their opponents. In their non-league game
in Lindenhurst they embraced the idea of allowing a 5th grade girl
with brain cancer to play against them and win a few points for her
team. In doing so, they showed that winning is not the only
important aspect of athletic sportsmanship and compassion is
equally, if not more, important. These girls are heroes on and off
the court.

Now I would just like to recognize a couple of you. Carley
McAleavy, is that right, All-League and Rookie of the Year; Hannah
Naja, All Classification; Kasey Tietjen, All Classification; Sally
Tietjen, All County Elite 8 Award and All State Fifth Team; Kaylee
Troy, All-League; and Danielle Zarcone, All-County.
Congratulations, ladies.

Applause

LEG. TROTTO:
I just want to say there must be something in the water in
Smithtown or Commack, Kings Park and Smithtown. All champions,
so congratulations.

Applause.

(*Photograph Taken*)

LEG. KENNEDY:
We're not even close to done. Smithtown West Girls Soccer, come on
down.

Applause

Varsity Coach Rob -- whatever your last name is, Rob, I'm not even
trying that one.

MR. SCHRETZMAYER:
Schretzmayer.

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LEG. KENNEDY:
Schretzmayer, and Assistant Coach Steve Iannone. The Smithtown West Girls Varsity Soccer Program finished the 2018 year making school history by clinching the first Long Island Girls Soccer Championship in Smithtown and West Side Suffolk County Girls Championship. The team also finished as Division Champions in the new power ranking system which had them play the top teams in Suffolk County in league play.

09:56AM
Led by Captains Jillian Unkenholz, Emily Leverich, Jillian Meaney and Nicolle Marshal the team finished the season and the New York State Championship in Upstate, Cortland poised to win in all but fell short in a blizzard condition with just minutes remaining after an incredible team effort. We're so proud of their efforts and their athletic prowess.

And just to name a couple of you, Emily Leverich, All-County, All-State Division I Player-of-the-Year, Newsday First Team; Nicolle Marshal, All-Division; Lindsay McCarthy, All-Division; Jillian Meaney, All-County, All-State; Nicole Mennella, All-Division; Jessica Funke, All-Division; Alexandra {Neato}, Academic All-County; Jaden O'Brien, Academic All-County; Rebecca Farrell, Academic All-County; Natalie Sancillo, All-County; Jillian Unkenholz, All-Division; and Emily Wallace, All-County and Game MVP. Good job, ladies.

Applause
(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, congratulations, young ladies.

Pursuant to Resolution 187 of 2018, Establishing an Educational Program and Dangers of Liquid Nicotine Poster Contest in Suffolk County, the Budget Review Office has chosen the 1st and 2nd Place winning posters for 2018. Legislator Kennedy presented proclamations to 2nd Place Winners Maribella Marciano, Taylor Marsh and Alyssa Lorence, 5th grade students at the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School in Smithtown, at our November 20th General Meeting.

09:58AM
Legislator Anker will now present a proclamation to Rohan Akmal, a 6th grade student from Longwood Middle School.

Applause

LEG. ANKER:
So we have Rohan Akmal. He's here from -- he's from the Coram school and basically he won a contest, the Dangers of Liquid Nicotine Poster Contest. What we're doing, we're trying to educate not just the adults, but the younger kids. Liquid nicotine has become an epidemic in the country according to the FDA Commissioner and, you know, a lot of the young kids don't realize how dangerous liquid nicotine is. Liquid nicotine has cancer causing chemicals in it. It has nicotine that makes you addicted for life. It is so

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hard for the folks that have been smoking, or any type of addiction
issue, it is so hard to get over any addiction. So Rohan has been
amazing in creating this poster.

Now, this poster picture will go on a brochure called The Dangers
of Liquid Nicotine. It's another measure that we're taking to try
to get the word out, because one of the first steps we can do is
educate. So the kids that are here today, just realize, I know
vaping, JUULs and e-liquids -- liquid nicotine, they're popular
today, but it's also very dangerous.

10:00AM

I proposed legislation sponsoring the requirement that every
location in Suffolk County has to have a warning sign at the
register, the cash register where you purchase liquid nicotine,
because several years ago a one-year old boy died after he ingested
it. It was like a sweet smelling bubble gum flavor and the little
boy thought it was candy. If you spill it on your skin it becomes
absorbed in your body incredibly quickly. People with any heart
ailments, pregnant women, it's very, very dangerous.

10:01AM

So, with that in mind, I hope I gave you a little bit of education
today, I'm very honored to give Rohan a proclamation for his
wonderful work. I just wanted to let you know that he is, as you
can tell, a good artist but he's also a very well-liked student, he
does very well. And I just want to thank you again for coming here
today, Rohan, and for participating in the Dangers of Liquid
Nicotine Poster Contest. And congratulations for winning this.
Thank you.

Applause

(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Next, Legislator Cilmi will make a presentation.

LEG. CILMI:
Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. Good morning again. If I could
ask Probation Officer President Matt Porter to join us as well as
Probation Officer Richard Haviland. It's once again my privilege
and pleasure to join with all of my colleagues in the Legislature
in applause for the great work of our Probation Officers here in
Suffolk County. I'll tell you a little story about Probation
Officer Haviland.

On July 18th of 2018, Senior Probation Officer Richard Haviland
received a phone call from an Assistant District Attorney working
in the Major Crimes Bureau. Officer Haviland was informed that his
probationer had been arrested two days prior in July and was a
suspect in several other burglaries. Officer Haviland, being
proactive, informed the Assistant District Attorney that his
probationer had worn a GPS bracelet for approximately one-year,
from April of '17 through April of '18. Based on this information,
the Assistant DA reached out to the Detective assigned to the case.

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Once privy to the new information, the Detective working the case reached out to Officer Haviland and provided dates, times and locations for the alleged crimes. Officer Haviland took this information and cross-referenced it with GPS points, which most notably showed the probationer at a residence on the date of an alleged burglary. This verified location and date was valuable information since Riverhead Police Department had recovered the probationer's fingerprint on the outside of one of the windows.

The DA's Office subpoenaed the Probation Department's records and they were able to use this evidence in their indictment of the probationer. On July 19th of 2018, three days after his initial arrest, the probationer was indicted on one count of Burglary 2nd, and approximately one month later in August he was again indicted, this time for ten counts of Burglary in the 2nd degree. The defendant was alleged to have stolen cash, jewelry, designer clothing apparel and a wallet from the residences.

Officer Haviland is assigned to a specialized domestic violence caseload within the department. He has maintained a passion for his work and his lack of apathy has propelled him to go the extra step to ensure compliance by his probationers, or in this instance, to assist other departments in search of justice. Senior Probationer Officer Haviland's actions in this case serve as an example of interdepartmental cooperation leading to an indictment and justice for the victims of the crime.

Just another great example of the work that our Probation Officers do to keep our residents in Suffolk County safe. And Rich, Officer Haviland, we applaud you, congratulate you, thank you for your years of service to the County and your many years to come.

Applause

I know we took a picture already. We'll do one again right here.

(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Next we'll recognize Legislator Berland.

LEG. BERLAND:
Thank you very much, Mr. Presiding Officer. If I could please ask our Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Bossert from Elwood School District and principal of the John H. Glenn High School, Carisa Burzynski, to come up. Welcome. So I have great news. John Glenn High School has been awarded the highly coveted designation of being a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. That gets a round of applause, I think, right?

Applause

John Glenn High School earned this designation based on its overall academic excellence and because the Department of Education in awarding the National Blue Ribbon School seeks out and celebrates great American schools that create safe and welcoming learning
environments in which students are presented with challenging content.

John H. Glenn has realized the benefits of its hard work due to its incredible Superintendent, Ken Bossert, as well as the two principals, Carisa Burzynski and Corey McNamara. The achievement was well-deserved and befitting for John H. Glenn High School. It's a great high school, it's a welcoming place, it's a place where kids feel safe and loved and cared for. They're just a tremendous school with a tremendous student body and we congratulate them tremendously for being awarded the National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Congratulations.

Applause

(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Next I'll recognize Legislator Sunderman.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Okay. If I could get Emergency Service Dispatcher Stacy Scheiner, Commissioner Jordan and Chief of Communication, Greg, to come forward, please. So Stacy Scheiner is an Emergency Service Dispatcher for FRES. On Tuesday, November 27th, at 9:22 a.m. she assisted with the delivery of a baby. The baby's parents called the emergency number and reported contractions for a mother delivering a baby. Stacy assessed the situation and determined the birth was imminent and began to talk the family through the procedures. A responder from Mastic Beach Ambulance Company arrived as the baby was being delivered and a healthy baby boy was confirmed delivered at 9:27 a.m. The family was then transported by ambulance to Stony Brook University.

Stacy is a past volunteer EMT or is a volunteer with the Mastic Ambulance Company and a 21-year veteran dispatcher of Suffolk County Fire Rescue. This is Stacy's third baby delivery as a Dispatcher for FRES. Congratulations, Stacy, on a well done job.

Applause

Congratulations. Thank you. Good job. Thanks for coming, guys.

P.O. GREGORY:
Congratulations. Job well done. Next I'll recognize Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
Carmela, come on up. Everyone this is Carmela Coleman and this morning I am pleased to honor her, a 4th grader from Laurel Hill School in East Setauket, for her efforts to help women affected by breast cancer. Carmela has been raising funds by selling hand-made and custom decorated hair bows and fidget spinners and donating 100% of the proceeds to the World of Pink Foundation to help breast cancer survivors in need. The World of Pink Foundation helps
breast cancer survivors regain their confidence and helps survivors build up a positive body image through bra fittings and prosthesis. By hosting the bow-utiful events -- is that how you say it?

**MS. COLEMAN:**
Bow-utiful.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Bowutiful events, thank you. That's very cute. At her school, local stores and supporting events, Carmela has raised over $2,000 that has directly helped survivors. My husband and I have a beloved cousin Cheryl who we lost to breast cancer and a number of close friends who are survivors, including here at the Legislature, and I know we all know someone affected by breast cancer. So we thank you for your efforts and your contributions that I am sure have helped countless women and families who have been affected by breast cancer.

And I am sure this experience has taught you the benefit of helping others, right, how good it feels when you're able to make a difference in our world? Because you have, so young. And because you learn this so young you're more likely to stay involved as you grow older. You know something? We need folks like you to stay involved in our community and to continue to make a difference in our world. So thank you very much for all that you have done and with that, and on behalf of all of us here at the Legislature and all of the residents of Suffolk County, I want to present you this proclamation and thank you again.

*Applause*

(*Photograph Taken*)

**D.P.O. CALARCO:**
Okay. Next will be our *Presiding Officer* and he will be presenting a proclamation to our outgoing colleague, *Legislator Martinez*.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**
You want me to get up?

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Yes. So it's my pleasure to stand before this audience and my colleagues to offer this proclamation to two of our leaving colleagues, the first being my friend and colleague, Monica Martinez. She is -- if you don't know, she got elected to represent the 3rd Senatorial District in November, she'll assume office in January.

She is a person that when she first got elected and ran I didn't know her and we've gotten to know each other pretty well over the past several years, five years, and it goes by quickly. And she has quickly grown to be one of my favorites, no offense to anyone else, but she is -- to me exemplifies what an elected official and a public servant should be. She really cares about her constituents and she has spent long hours doing a lot of the work herself. She runs her staff ragged --
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(*Laughter*)

-- but it's for a good purpose.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Good thing they're not here right now.

P.O. GREGORY:
She is someone that I really admire and I'm going to miss. And on behalf of our colleagues I want to present this all 18 proclamation to you and just wish you the best.

Applause & Standing Ovation

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Thank you. Please, thank you. I just want to say it's been a great run and coming into this world has opened my eyes to so many different things and so many different issues and now the horizon has expanded even more. But I really want to thank each and every single one of you here at the Legislature, not just my colleagues, but the entire staff here. Honestly, you keep this place going and if it weren't for you, we would not be as successful as we are.

And to my colleagues, every single one of you I've had a conversation one way or another and experienced such great memories with you, whether it's just been talking or having dinner, dancing, singing, I will cherish that forever. And even though I may not be sitting behind you, you know, next to you behind the horseshoe, but please know that I'll always be here. I promise to not go away and you'll hear from me often, because I believe that we can continue working together, not just here at the County but going up to the State. I think we can do great things together. And I know that all of you have great things in your mind and heart for your own constituencies and I want to make sure that I am there to provide you with those resources and means at the State level.

I wish you all happy holidays. I am going to give miss you guys. I am not going to miss the -- I won't say it.

(*Laughter*)

But I will miss each and every single one of you and I wish you all much success as well. Thank you.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, don't go anywhere. All right, if I can ask George -- we're going to do them both and then we'll do the all 18 so you don't have to get back up and down.

So George Nolan, who has been the Legislative Counsel for 13 years, will also be leaving us in January to become a Supreme Court Justice, something that he has been desiring for a very long time. George has decades of government service. He is someone that I'm sorely going to miss as well. He is not only just our Counsel to
me, he is someone that I probably aggravate him on occasion, but someone I -- whose counsel and advice that I really rely on. I'm constantly in his office. What do you think about this? What do you think about that? And I've kind of learned his body language. I know what's more acceptable right away and what's not because he has this kind of thing -- that's when I'm like maybe not. We really work well together and I'm going to miss his toaster runs to the lunchroom.

George is a person who is just a good person and he -- as I said, he was Counsel to me, but I utilized him in more ways than one and he didn't even know it. He was -- I'll go into it later on, maybe at the Christmas party I'll tell you. But I really, really admire George and value his counsel. I'm going to miss him, but so happy that he's going to be a Supreme Court Justice and I want to offer you this proclamation on your behalf.

**Applause & Standing Ovation**

10:21AM

**MR. NOLAN:**

It's score settling time. Thank you very you much, DuWayne. I have to confess, you know, I've been feeling a little bit melancholy about leaving the County Legislature, and then two weeks ago I sat through my 23rd pet store public hearing and I've been feeling a little bit better ever since, so thank you, Monica.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

You're welcome.

(*Laughter*)

10:22AM

**MR. NOLAN:**

I'm joking. The fact is I really do love this County Legislature. I spent 21 years of my life here, working here. When I first came to work here I was 23 years old and I was young and I was full of energy and I had a great head of hair, tremendous.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Still do, George, still do.

10:22AM

**MR. NOLAN:**

I worked as a Legislative Aide. I started as a Legislative Aide to my brother in 1982, that's a long time ago. And then I served a term -- I did that for six years and then I was actually elected to the County Legislature from the 10th District and I served the term and I like to tell people having accomplished all my goals in my first term, there was no need for a second.

(*Laughter*)

10:22AM

In reality, of course, I ran for reelection and I lost and I left here in 1989. And I got to tell you that in the years that followed I dreamed of coming back to this Legislature and being back in this auditorium. That happened a lot. And in 2006 my dream came true. I came back here to be Counsel and I've got to tell you, it's been a tremendous, for me, a great 13 years. It's
the highlight of my professional life to be sure. I've been really privileged to work with some great Presiding Officers, the first being, of course, the late and great Bill Lindsay.

**Applause**

He was a great man, Bill, he really was. And I always remember, you know, there were a couple of times early in my tenure where I made some big errors that were slightly embarrassing to Bill, and we went in his office and he chewed me out, but then he came out here and he took all the heat. And that's the type of guy he was, I never forget that. I also worked with Wayne Horsley, who is one of the nicest guys in politics that I've met in 40 years. And then with my friend, my good friend DuWayne Gregory, the last how many years, four years?

P.O. GREGORY:

Five.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Five years, and it's been great. The Legislators, all the Legislators through all the years, I've been really impressed, really talented --

(*Timer Sounded*)

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Time's up.

(*Laughter*)

**MR. NOLAN:**

I'm just getting to praising you guys. You know, talented, conscientious, hardworking. I know, you know, we're living through really cynical and angry times, but I want to tell you that the service you provide to this County is valuable and it's meaningful. You do it very well and you do it with great integrity and it's been my privilege to work with all of you.

With your indulgence for one more minute, I just want to acknowledge a few individuals beginning with the people who have worked in my office and the Counsel's Office for the past 13 years. My longtime Assistant Counsel, Sarah Simpson.

**Applause**

Mary Jean Kelly, Theresa Malone, Valerie Smith for a short period of time, and from the beginning, Jean Sampson.

**Applause**

So thank you for your very good and faithful service. All the people in Budget Review and the Clerk's Office, Gail Vizzini, Dr. Lipp, Jason Richberg, Tim Laube. All the people in the Presiding Officer's Office, Barbara Musacchio, who always took care of me with caramels, Starbursts, I don't like Peanut Chews and, you know,
most especially my friend Lora Gellerstein; I love Lora.

*Applause*

I've got to give a shout out to our former County Executive Steve Levy because he is the guy who brought me back into County government after many, many years in the wilderness. A local legend has it he may have had some influence in me becoming the Counsel to the Suffolk County Legislature. So I'm very grateful to Steve Levy for his friendship.

*Applause*

Come on. I wanted to acknowledge our excellent and hardworking County Attorney, Dennis Brown. We've had a really good working relationship and he's become a good friend. And I wanted also to mention a guy who was here when I got here in 1982 and that's Rick Brand from Newsday, who has been covering --

*Applause*

Who has been covering our local politics here for like 40 years, Rick? And there's never going to be another guy like you, there's never going to be another person who covers local politics for 30 or 40 years like he has. And, you know, the one thing about him is, you know, like any reporter, there's a healthy skepticism, but there's not this corrosive cynicism either. He's a good guy. I always remember the day after I lost my re-election for the County Legislature Rick bought me lunch, and I remember he also wrote a very nice editorial -- I mean -- I'm sorry, obituary, for my Dad when he passed away in 2006. So thanks, Rick.

And speaking of my father, I'll just leave you with this. I remember back in 1988 when I was a Legislator, we were deadlocked here for like 30-days trying to pick a Presiding Officer, and we were coming back here every day --

P.O. GREGORY:
Don't give them any ideas.

MR. NOLAN:
-- trying to break that deadlock and my father came up here every day to watch and people said to him, "Phil, why are you going up there every day?" And he said, "Hey, the Suffolk County Legislature, it's the best show in town."

(*Laughter*)

That's how I feel. I've always felt that way. I still feel that way. It's been -- I've been so proud and happy that I could be part of it with you. I thank you for your support and friendship and happy holidays to you all.

*Applause & Standing Ovation*
P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Let's take a picture.

(*Photograph Taken*)

Okay, that is the end of our presentations.

All right, we'll go into our public portion. First -- I have many cards. The first is Kelly Platt and then Fred Gorman is on deck.

10:32AM

MS. PLATT:

My name is Kelly Platt. I'm a domestic violence survivor and a domestic violence victim. Since February I have been informing this Legislature body of the ongoing corruption within our court system, mainly with Judge Andrew Crecca. In August, 2017, Judge Crecca took custody of my daughter from me with no family offenses. I was denied seeing my daughter during all holidays last year, including my birthday and Mother's Day. On October 3rd of this year Judge Andrew Crecca took away all of my parental rights, including my home I lived in since it was purchased in 2002. Currently I am homeless because of Judge Andrew Crecca. I was forced to vacate my home by 12 noon on October 31st, which has left me homeless since that day.

Judge Andrew Crecca awarded spousal support to me, but my husband, who is a Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff, is failing to comply with that court order. Andrew Platt, who is a Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff, is refusing to pay my spousal support which is a court order. I believe that some type of sanction should be held against him by this County Legislature because the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is not doing anything to discipline him. I have filed contempt of court charges against my husband for non-payment of his spousal support to me. On November 28th I was supposed to go before a Court Magistrate for support but Judge Crecca pulled that Court Magistrate -- court order from my hearing to his courtroom scheduled for December 12th. December 12th, Judge Crecca adjourned that court date and scheduled it for January 8th, and I am still without spousal support by Deputy Sheriff Andrew Platt.

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Judge Crecca has been biased throughout my divorce and I am asking that the Suffolk County District Attorney, Tim Sini, the FBI, the Judicial Commission of New York State and Chief Justice Janet DeFiori to investigate Judge Andrew Crecca and have him removed from the bench. I am not the only victim of Judge Andrew Crecca. There are countless other domestic violence victims who lost their children because of Judge Andrew Crecca, lost their financial support, was removed from their marital homes and we were all made homeless because of Judge Andrew Crecca. Those victims, just to name a few, are Jill Lynch, Shannon Reid, Amanda Burns, and including myself just to name a few, otherwise I can be here for the next couple of hours speaking about other victims before Judge Andrew Crecca.

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I am asking that this Legislative body do something about Judge Andrew Crecca and have him investigated. Urge the District Attorney's Office, Tim Sini, to investigate Judge Andrew Crecca, because when Tim Sini ran for office he vowed to help domestic violence victims but he is failing to help domestic violence victims. He is turning his back on us and I'm asking that something be done about Judge Andrew Crecca with all his political vendettas he is pulling on us domestic violence victims.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Fred Gorman? Where are you, Fred? Oh, there you are. Okay. And then on deck, Dr. Koubek.

MR. GORMAN:
Good morning, Legislators. My name is Fred Gorman. I live in Nesconset. I'm here to talk about the weir at Mills Pond, but what's going to talk better than me, I left one of these at every one of your desks. It's an e-mail sent to me about a press release from Chuck Schumer. Back in 2007, actually it started in 2005, we have what is happening now; groundwater is beginning to rise because in winter months it doesn't get evaporated. It all falls to certain levels and it hurts homeowners, it floods basements, it makes cesspools non-working. I just ask you to take a look at it, read it. It's as clear as a bell and you can see how the community got together.

Now, at the beginning there was a lot of misnomers about what caused it, was it overdevelopment, what was it that created this all of a sudden massive flooding condition. We brought everyone together, that's the Wet Without Relief group, we brought everyone together and we showed everybody what it was was winter rain, which got all the politicians on board rather than hiding.

Now, this weir was one of the first problems that happened back then. It's one of the ones most recognized. You have your experts, you have all sorts of documentation. You can look and you will see that that weir raises the groundwater level because it doesn't let surface water flow the way it's naturally supposed to flow, but it isn't that easy as just removing the weir, because the DEC isn't going to let you. It's something that has to be negotiated between the two of you.

Now, why an electronic device that can maintain a steady water level rather than waiting until the water rises four inches then calling someone out on the East End to come down here and lift the wooden block? Because every minute that that water rises to a level that someone else's basement gets misty and then it begins to flood, is a minute of pain and agony none of you want to go through. There's nothing more frustrating than 24-hours of pumping water out and getting nowhere.

Now, I was there in the beginning. Mrs. Kennedy's husband was truly the hero of what happened back then. We got everyone organized. Bishop got us over a million dollars, we had Schumer. We had -- understand the kind of problem that this was and it's going to be again. All I ask you to do is pass this legislation
now. It's $200,000 and at least you're going to have the people on your side. They're not going to be against you, they're not going to look at you as an enemy who is deliberately flooding them out because the DEC wants the water at a certain level. And from there you can go further, you can help. All you have to do is look to your experts. Maybe you even want to put together an advisory board, ask these fine people from that area to come in, because where it's starting now it's going to go Ronkonkoma, it's going to go to Nesconset, it's going to go south to Islandia, it's going to envelop all of Hauppauge.

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People are going to tell you Well, we got to clean the streams. Every cure that can be done has been known, it's just been neglected. But you guys put together an advisory board or get your experts to look at this problem.

P.O. GREGORY:
Fred, please wrap up.

MR. GORMAN:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. All right, Dr. Koubek; and then Kevin McAllister.

MR. KOUBEK:
Good morning. My name is Richard Koubek. I Chair the Welfare-to-Work Commission of this Legislature, and this year the Commission took up the issue of Federal immigration policies and their impact on Suffolk residents. For example, ICE arrests on Long Island have been increased by 50% and ICE arrests of people with no criminal record are up by 300%. The problem we found was that Federal immigration policies have created a climate of fear that is discouraging immigrants from securing the kinds of supports they need and are eligible for, both from private and from public sources.

During this year, the Commission received presentations from five agencies that serve immigrants, and what they told us was disturbing. Things like a decline in the number of women reporting cases of domestic violence at Catholic Charities, for example. Another example, immigrants afraid to report crimes to the Suffolk County Police. Immigrant parents of citizen children not renewing their food stamps and even afraid to go for assistance at local food pantries, and immigrants not securing healthcare through programs such as Medicaid and Child Health Plus. Rebecca Sanin told us, from the Health and Welfare Council, that we are on the edge of a possible public health crisis, and I ask you just to imagine the number of kids going without vaccinations during the flu season to their classrooms.

I've distributed today to you a print copy of our report and we do understand, we do understand that there is wide agreement in Washington that our immigration system is broken and there's no
ability about how to fix it. We also understand this Legislature can do little to end the immigration gridlock in Washington, but there are a couple of things you can do. For one, excuse me, monitor the local police practices, some of which are contributing to the climate of fear immigrants are experiencing. The other is recognize that the vast majority of the 70 to 100,000 undocumented immigrants on Long Island are making positive contributions to our economy and are not criminals. They are concentrated in a few Legislative Districts, but they live in every Legislative District.

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And so I think some of you are already beginning to see documented and undocumented immigrants coming into your offices for assistance and we have, therefore, provided you also with a compendium of 51 organizations that you can refer your constituents to for assistance. Assistance like health services, family and nutritional services, educational supports, legal assistance. So we ask you to read the report, we ask you to use the compendium and we wish you happy holidays. Thank you.

10:43AM

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Kevin McAllister; and then on deck Ryan Hersh.

MR. McALLISTER:
Good morning, Legislators. Kevin McAllister. I'm founding President of Defend H2O. Congratulations to Ms. Martinez and Mr. Nolan; best wishes going forward.

I'm here to address the December 4th meeting and correct the record, specifically Legislator Fleming had suggested during deliberations that I was either misleading or making untrue statements relative to the use of Methoprene, specifically the ban in Connecticut on Methoprene, as well as the expansion of Methoprene treated wetlands in Suffolk County from 2017 to 2018. Yesterday at 3 PM I sent you a letter, I provided citations specific to the Connecticut law. I will read the quick passage. "Not later than September 1, 2013, a prohibition on the use or application of Methoprene or Resmethrin in any storm drain or conveyance of water within the coastal boundary."

Further, I provided you with a letter from Senator Christopher Murphy to Governor Cuomo in 2015. It was a September 25 letter. He uses -- he's urging the Governor to pass similar legislation for New York, makes reference that two pesticides have been made illegal by the General Assembly, one being Methoprene. Prohibition, ban, again, we're talking semantics. It's clear.

Relative to the second item, I'm drawing from Vector Control's own annual work plans. On the 2018 plan they report on 2017 activities. Approximately 15,000 acres were treated with larvicides including Methoprene. The 2019 plan reports on 2018. Approximately 20,000 acres were treated with larvicides including Methoprene. And further on the last page, the tablet -- the table, excuse me, 19,004 acres. So there's no question there was an increase in Methoprene use.
Lastly, I've been before this body many times in 20 years. I've covered water quality issues, I've lauded the County for positive steps in wastewater management, coastal zone management, land acquisition. I've represented to you that I am educated in the sciences. I have a great deal of experience in this realm. I study the issues before I speak to them; I do not make things up. We can agree to disagree at times. We come from different walks of life, different life experiences, I can respect that, but I'm just here to tell you, again, when I represent items to you, to the best of my ability and to the best of my knowledge, I'm telling you the truth without embellishment. Thank you very much and happy holidays.

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. All right, Ryan Hersh; and then Elaine Renner.

MR. HERSH:
Good morning. My name is Ryan Hersh. I work for Gotham Government Relations. I'm here today on behalf of our clients, the Suffolk County pet dealers. First off, I would like to thank the Suffolk County Legislature for providing this forum for us to express our concerns. I would also like to thank Legislator Martinez for her hard work on this bill and, of course, congratulations.

Now on to the bill. As it stands, this bill does not accomplish its intended goals of protecting the consumers, protecting the animals. All it does is over regulate and unduly burden the good, law-abiding stores of this County, and that's exactly what my clients are. They are good, law-abiding stores, they are Federally regulated, they follow the law to the letter. They are committed to protecting the consumers and to protecting the animals. As such, they met with Legislator Martinez to discuss the bill and to try to draft legislation that would accomplish these goals, and they are committed to continue working with this Legislature to draft legislation that will accomplish the goals, protecting consumers and protecting the animals. Accordingly, we respectfully ask that the Suffolk County Legislature vote no to bill 1538.

Thank you for your time.

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Okay, Elaine Renner; and then on deck, David Jacoby.

MS. RENNER:
I'm Elaine Renner from Smithtown. I'm here about the weir with the groundwater flooding. We are in that seven to nine year cycle with our groundwater situation of an elevated water table. Residents are back to pumping out basements and cesspools, some to the tune of $500 every other month, trying to prevent losing their homes from the damage that groundwater can do, such as replacement of structural supports, sheetrock, flooring, loss of personal items
and necessities such as oil burners, freezers and electrical damage. Also in this process is the growth of mold in homes that can go airborne and create an abundance of respiratory and health related issues. As you see, rain can be relentless to those who have to deal with groundwater. Many of you have dry feet because you don't have to live with this problem, and when you're not affected with it you can't see the need or severity in this issue.

Last month we received the equivalent of about one month's worth of rain within two days. As we hear again today, this Friday is forecasted to expect another heavy rain event with downpours that can go up to three inches in some areas. This sends everyone into a panic filled anticipation of what we may get to have to deal with with our already saturated groundwater table.

The concept here is to keep flow and shuttle water in the storm events quickly without getting stuck in corner spots and getting obstructed and backing up. We ask that you help support this process and help keep the phases to be done going in a timely fashion so that we don't lose the benefits of what we have done to date and go back to square one and have to repeat the process of the things that were done already.

There's a lot of -- we have over 17,000 people that are in our area that are affected by this, many who can't come because of the hours that these meetings are made. One of the constituents had asked me to read her letter is Eileen Cook from the Smithtown area.

"Dear Legislators. First I want to thank Legislator Kennedy for keeping her promise to work hard to keep making our neighborhood clean, safe and protected from the groundwater that sits beneath us. We have been victims of the system for many years. We are making progress towards a complete remediation of the issue that causes homes to be flooded and property to be lost. Today we come before you again and remind you that we are at the point in the groundwater flood cycle where if we stop allocating sources such as time and money to this issue we have lost all the gains up to this point.

The next phase will allow us to automate an outdated weir system that makes the levels in Millers Pond automatically adjust instead of waiting for all the homeowners to call and complain that the groundwater is overtaking homes again. This is a problem that is preventable not by us, the homeowners, as God would know we would love to take control over our own destiny, but rather by you, the Legislature. You can allocate the money for the homeowners to finish this remediation. This is not a new issue. This is one we have been dealing and working on for many, many years.

I can tell you as one of the affected homeowners this is a critical piece of a much bigger puzzle that will allow us not to cry every time it rains and when we cannot get home to protect our property.
Please support this funding request for this electronic system that can adjust the board slightly as water pressure begins mounting. I thank you for your support and look forward to you all voting yes on this." That was from Elaine Cook. She wanted to be on record for that.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. David Jacoby; and then Al Selmer.

10:51AM

MR. JACOBY:
Hi. Good morning, Legislators. My name is David Jacoby and I'm here to voice my opposition to proposed bill 1538. The bill as it stands does nothing to protect animals or consumers. All this bill does is burden an already heavily regulated business. Section J requires information that is unfair and is truly the definition of overregulation. There is no legitimate purpose to requiring this information. Section I attempts to regulate licensed professionals, which I believe is outside the scope of what is reasonable for local Legislators to regulate. These businesses are already heavily regulated and inspected on the State and local levels. This bill will only burden these law-abiding businesses more than they already are.

Please ask yourselves if this bill does anything to protect animals or consumers before voting. Also ask yourself if this is just part of the moral opposition to breeding dogs. With that information considered, it would be unconscionable to vote yes on this misguided and incomplete bill as it stands. Please let well-intended businesses to continue to prosper and grow.

Thank you for your time.

10:52AM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Al Selmer; and then Jessica Selmer on deck.

10:53AM

MR. SELMER:
Good afternoon. I stood before you many, many times and I still stand here saying that this does not do anything for the consumer. I won't bore you, you know how I feel. It's really about the opposition to breeding dogs and to selling dogs retail. I think enough has been said. This is not a bill that will help the consumer, it will not protect the consumer, because it will force them -- and it has made them go online to purchase puppies.

When I first came before this forum, Presiding Officer Gregory, I don't recall having any gray hair. This has probably produced a lot of angst to everybody, but I think the reality is that this law, as it's written, is not going to do anything effectively except burden us as retailers and not really protect the consumer in any way. I just say that truthfully. Actually, like I said, you've heard me many, many times. I really have nothing else to say except I think you should vote no on this proposed bill. Thank you.

10:54AM

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Jessica Selmer; and then Cynthia Daluise.
MS. SELMER:

Good morning, Legislators. I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I just wanted to reiterate my genuine concern with the bill as written. Section J does ask for an affidavit that we're still concerned is asking for material that we are not allowed to produce based on the USDA blackout, and that's not our doing, that is on the United States Department of Agriculture level. So what this would be doing would be asking us to provide that information in a roundabout way and the appropriate people have access to that information, the inspectors and even perspective consumers, not just consumers. And there's signs up in our stores that state such. So this information is already available to appropriate people.

Our concern is that it would be available to inappropriate people, which we have proven time and time again actually occurs, and the information would be manipulated and it's concerning to us since that's happened multiple times in the past as we can see from last hearing.

The Section I, which requires certain standards for veterinarians to follow, we all already have to work with a veterinarian that has to check in all of our dogs and give an unfit for sale if a dog is not fit. So they go through an extensive examination in the first place. And what happens with Section I would be that the veterinarians have expressed, or the veterinarians that work with us, have expressed that they feel it would be a cookie cutter across the board example of how to handle each puppy, when each breed and each circumstance is different. And isolating sick dogs with well dogs wouldn't make very much sense as Legislator Kennedy alluded to at the last hearing.

So as I said, my major concern is us being responsible for information that is on a blackout in Section J and that information becoming available to people that are on a witch-hunt to put us out of business. And I don't think that was Legislator Martinez's intent, but unfortunately that has become the actual facts of what's going on, as I've illustrated to you numerous times in various e-mails.

So I implore you to ask yourselves if this bill does anything genuinely to protect consumers and pets or it is just more fodder for people that are anti-breeding animals. And we are for adopting or shopping, we just don't see the need to exclude either. I thank you for your time and Merry Christmas, happy holidays.

P.O. GREGORY:

Thank you. Cynthia Daluisse; and JoAnn Cave on deck.

MS. DALUISSE:

Good morning and thank you for your time. My name is Cynthia Daluisse and I'm here to voice my opposition to proposed bill 1538. The bill as it stands does nothing to protect consumers and it does not protect the animals. This bill as written expects pet dealers to provide information that is already available to appropriate people to be provided to inappropriate people, which we have proven
is a legitimate concern with all of the harassment and reputation attacks. This information is available to inspectors and to customers as well as potential customers.

In addition to being over regulatory, it is unduly burdensome and would require as many as 100 pages of information to be compiled. The pet dealers are not opposed to regulation. They're already subject to Federal laws, State laws and County laws. We just ask that it be reasonable.

My other concern is with Section I as it regulates veterinarians' judgement and suggests a cookie cutter approach when puppies should really be assessed on a case by case basis.

The bill as written does nothing to protect animals or consumers. It merely overregulates the pet dealers and for those reasons I implore you to vote no. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Joanne Cave; and then Sean O'Neill on deck.

MS. CAVE:
Good afternoon. My name is Joanne Cave. I'm a resident of Nesconset. I'm here to ask for your vote today on Resolution 1538, a Local Law to improve regulation of pet dealers in Suffolk County. Improve regulation, two very important words.

At the last meeting on December 4th there were a few standout moments for me. The first was a statement made by a man who had never spoke at a meeting before, but he justly made the point; shouldn't regulations to be in this business be more demanding? And when Legislator Cilmi asked Mr. Selmer to explain how this bill would negatively affect his business, after a brief contemplation he offered there would be more paperwork and time required of his employees. Well, Mr. Selmer, I'm sorry about that, but I for one agree with that speaker; if you're in the business of selling live animals, you should be more regulated than if you were selling TVs.

The bill is asking for a six-day isolation period. Our rescues are required to do seven days, but most adhere to 14 days of their own accord because of longer incubation periods for some illnesses. The six-day isolation period for incoming puppies should not even be a point of debate.

The bill also asks for the posting of a suggested retail price on the enclosure. I recall a pet store owner complaining about this and how it will stifle the conversation. I would sure love to know how that conversation goes anyway. What exactly are the questions store workers are asking prospective customers in determining the price they are willing or able to pay? I don't know of any other industry that uses this protocol that is deemed acceptable. To me, there should be no debate on this point either.
Lastly, I'd like to say a few words about Puppy Mill Free Long Island today since the pet stores can't seem to stop talking about it instead of focusing on the real issue at hand, which is Resolution 1538. Pet stores deflect attention away by using their time to talk about an unrelated entity. I get it, it's a great tactic, but it has nothing to do with the passage of this bill. Puppy Mill Free Long Island is not an individual, it is a movement, a grassroots advocacy group with members throughout the country. I participate myself in some of the organized protests and I'm a regular visitor to their Facebook page. I have not seen or witnessed any of the basis claims and accusations of bullying, harassment and shaming of pet stores customers it's been accused of by some. I would personally never associate myself with a group that was guilty of these things. My reputation is very well-respected in the community and it means too much. I do think it's a clear diversion to make some of you think that a vote for 1538 is a vote for intimidation and that is simply not true. Resolution 1538 will better protect animals and consumers in Suffolk County. Thank you.

11:02AM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Sean O'Neill; and on deck, Maura Sperry.

MR. O'NEILL:
Good morning. Thank you for letting me speak in front of the Legislature here, Presiding Officer Gregory, Esteemed Legislators. I'm here -- Sean O'Neil, I'm Executive Director of Peconic Baykeeper, and I'm here to voice our strong support for bill 2019, adopting a Local Law to expand and amend the Grant Assistance Program for the installation of Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems.

Peconic Baykeeper has worked directly with the septic industry, homeowners and communities in order to expand the use of these innovative alternative wastewater treatments. We all recognize we have a water quality problem. We've identified the main issue, nitrogen pollution; and we have identified the main source, wastewater. We have a unique opportunity at this time to leverage over $10 million in State funding for these systems with an easier way to administer the Grant Assistance Program and make sure as many of these systems as possible are getting into the ground. We've made great strides on the East End of Long Island. A lot of that is due to Legislator Fleming and Legislator Krupski here, but we need to make better strides in the western part of Suffolk County.

This law would allow increased funding and ease of funding so that people can get these systems in the ground with little or no cost to themselves. This is the key. In our work with the septic industry and homeowners associations, the cost is the key, and if we can take these things and make them as cheap or as free as possible, more will go into the ground.

Secondly, my background is in environmental and natural resource economics. This is not just an environmental concern here; this is an economic engine. We base what we -- our two large industries
are tourism, Real Estate. That is based upon the water, the fact that we are an Island. We're not Iowa. This is the reason people come here; this is the reason people vacation here; this is a reason people live here. And if we can't protect our water quality people will stop coming.

This -- these 360,000 systems that need to be replaced in Suffolk County, think about the jobs that are created when you begin to actually start replacing. Think about the trickle-down effect of money that comes from this so worthy cause of replacing these systems.

So in closing, this is not just an environmental issue. This is an economic issue, this is a way of life issue, and support for this particular bill will help us replace these systems, will better our water quality and better our economy here on Long Island. And I thank you all for letting me speak, and Happy Holidays and vote yes. Thank you.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Maura Sperry, and then Linda Rose.

MS. SPERRY:
Okay. Hi. I just want to thank everybody for the opportunity to come speak. I'm here in support of Representative Sunderman's Local Law 1852, a Local Law to preserve open spaces in the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area. I've come before and spoken on this, and I'm going to pretty much say the same thing, which is, certainly, for the past 34 years, starting with the Great South Bay, an outlook for the future that was done at Oakdale College by the State Coastal Management, again and again, the same solution is talked about. The Mastic Beach Detailed Study Area strategies are as follows:

"The scattered residences in the flood zone adjacent to the tidal wetlands should be removed and relocated to inland locations. Suitable upland parcels owned by the Town of Brookhaven or Suffolk County should be identified and designated as appropriate sites for relocation."

So this goes on and on year after year. This is the proposed Long Island South Shore Hazard Management Program. Basically, it says the same thing over and over again.

"Retreat from the shoreline should not be adapted as a simple, rigid rule for all situations. The time has come to adopt it as a general policy around which other policies and regulations would be shaped." This is from 1989.

We go on. We have the Narrow Bay Floodplain Protection and Hazard Mitigation Plan, which you guys did, Suffolk County, same thing. I'm -- you know, we have NY Rising, community resiliency techniques, July 2013, transfer of development rights. We have --
the Columbia Law School did a Manage Coastal Retreat, a legal
handbook -- I actually read this, too -- a legal handbook on
shifting development away from vulnerable areas.

And just this past September, I was able to go to a Regional Plan
Association, "The New Shoreline: Integrating Community and
Ecological Resilience Around Tidal Wetlands." Again and again,
34 years we have of studies. I'm sure millions of dollars spent on
this, and the answer is always the same in Mastic Beach, and the
peninsula, and these low-lying tidal wetlands, get the residents
out, get them out. And, at this point, you don't have to do a
transfer of development rights, you already own the properties.
You own these properties and these tidal wetlands. It doesn't make
sense to be having people move into them.

And I would just like to make a suggestion that, as Ms. Martinez,
going to the State Legislator -- I'm sorry, goes to the State
Government, I would like to see you guys to work with the State to
do a disclosure form, so when people are buying properties in the
wetlands, they actually know they're buying a property in a
wetland. I think you would have a tremendous amount of people who
would go, "Uh-oh, maybe I don't want to live here where my
insurance is going to be 15, $16,000 a year."

So I would love to see you all please, please, please pass this
legislation. I think it is long overdue. And I thank you. Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. I'm going to make a motion to extend the Public
Portion, second by Legislator Berland. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Fourteen. (Not Present: Legislators Muratore, Hahn, Cilmi and
Calarco)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Ms. Rose, you're up, and then Megan Petter on deck.

MS. ROSE:
Okay. Before I start, can I just congratulate Monica Martinez on
going to the Senate? And I just -- before you start the clock, I
took in an exchange student from Germany to live with us in high
school for a year, and I was setting up for a holiday party for
those kids, and in that event, there was someone from Brentwood
Schools who was a teacher, who was praising you to high hopes. So
I just wanted to say, on that note, I hope everyone who has worked
with her and knows her has a little bit of her in her, because I
didn't even know this person and that's incredible.

Okay. So my name is Linda Rose and I'm going to just give you a
picture. So as I speak, I'd like you to pass it to everybody,
okay?
Many of you here weren't here last time I spoke, and I'm speaking in reference to the groundwater. And I use my children, because everyone has a child, niece, nephew. So I felt like I grabbed the attention and everybody was looking at me, okay? So that's my point today, is to grab your attention and hope that you communicate with each other. So with that said, last time I talked about my son who almost got electrocuted because of groundwater issues, because he was in the basement playing while we were upstairs, and we didn't even realize it. And my neighbor came downstairs in our house and said, "It's rising, the water. The pumps broke, the water's rising." My kid was a young child. Thankfully, he's okay.

Now I want to start with each one of you remembering when you took office for the first time with the stars in your eyes, with the passion in your heart. Please remember that, because you wanted to make a difference, and today you're given the opportunity for many people, because this isn't just water in someone's basement, this is environmental, this is people. This is your constituents, who -- like I said prior. My son, now who's in college, he said, "We have the power to vote them out." Our youth has more sense, sometimes adults.

This isn't a Democrat issue, this isn't a Republican issue, okay? So if you want to run on those lines, you shouldn't be in office, because for $200,000 is a kick in the bucket of what you've all been a part of giving to other issues. This is real life issues. If you look at that picture of my daughter saying, "Help us," this is a child who couldn't go out without socks up to her knees, socks up to her knees, sweatshirts, because from the water streaming down all the neighborhoods, the bugs, she was getting bit. If I could -- I have photos here showing the destruction the water does to our environment.

Mr. Trotta, when you talked about the volleyball kids, you made a great analogy. You said it wasn't about the coach, it was about your environment. Help us save our environment. This is important. This isn't stupid. You would be smart to be a part of making a change for all these people, nieces, nephews, our community. If you allow this to stay still, it will cost you more in the long run. It's like a cancer. I have breast cancer, so I saw Ms. Kara Hahn with the breast cancer, okay? Breast cancer has to be monitored and maintained --

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you, Ms. Rose.

MS. ROSE:
-- just like our groundwater system, or else it becomes invasive.

So remember, legislation, elections are coming up.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

MS. ROSE:
Have a great evening, and Happy Holidays.
P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. You, too.

LEG. SPENCER:
Happy Holidays. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

MS. PETTER:
Hello, everybody. I've been here before to speak about the Local Law 1538, and kind of what it goes -- covers against for consumers and for protection of animals. We've asked a couple of times for a couple of the situations to be reviewed or changed to make it a little bit better for everybody. As it stands right now, Section I is still exactly the same. It's forcing us to isolate dogs, no matter where they came from, no matter how they are, all in one location. That's to -- I guess the idea is to make things better. It's actually going to make things worse.

We already have State mandates for Legis -- for isolation, we follow them, the veterinarian is in charge of that. I think it's a little bit of an overstepping on you guys for -- to tell the veterinarians how do that.

We've all been on a plane where somebody else is sick, or we have to sit next to somebody who's sick and we're stuck with them. And we don't want to do that, because we're not sick, and what that's going to do is just make it so everybody's going to end up sick. We should leave it to the vets, where the vets turn around and look at dogs and decide if that dog needs to go into isolation, or if that dog needs to go into the hospital, or what the vet really should do is be able to decide what the vet wants to do.

So I think as far as Section I, we're really missing the point of making these healthier and are actually making them worse. And with that, that's kind of the opposite of what everybody's looking to do. So I really think we need to, at this point, be able to rewrite it and be able to come up with something that's going to make less disease, and instead of putting all the new dogs together in one spot, where we're just going to make more of a problem that we're going to have to then legislate further down the line because things are now worse. So thank you very much.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you, Ms. Petter. Joseph Magliato, and then Thomas Spicy?

MR. MAGLIATO:
Good morning, everyone. Seasons Greetings. Three rules of public speaking, be brief, be sincere, be seated.

("Laughter")
MR. MAGLIATO:
I just want to reinforce a couple of things from last week that
unanimously came out of committee, and support the automation of
the weir. Just to try to make it clear, that anything that keeps
the water moving is helpful. And what's happened is as the stream
bed naturally fills with debris that needs to be removed and
maintained, water continues to migrate laterally from the
streambed. And what's happened is it's actually reclaimed property
that once were dry lawns, and now are a part of a septic system
that has nowhere to go.

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So sanitary effluent, the things that you flush down the toilet,
it's a fancy term, has nowhere to go. So even the technical -- the
new technical sewage treatment systems that you want to put in
place in some of these properties aren't going to work in our
property, because there's really still no place for the water to
leach, whether it's treated or untreated, a simple cesspool or one
of these newfangled technological advanced filters.

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It all really goes to health and safety. The increase in mosquito
population is pretty prevalent. If anybody's been around our
territory, standing water pretty much is everywhere. So, again,
these are the things I'm asking for your support. It came out of
committee in -- unanimously, and let's hope you guys can see the
advantage. There's plenty of studies available, maybe you've seen
them, maybe you haven't. I just wanted to, again, voice my concern
and support. Thank you, everyone.

(*Applause*)

11:16AM

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you, sir. Mr. Spicy.

MR. SPICA:
Spica.

P.O. GREGORY:
I'm sorry?

MR. SPICA:
I like spicy food, but my name is Spica.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay. Oh, your C's look like a Y. I apologize.

MR. SPICA:
It's all right.

P.O. GREGORY:
And then on deck, Paul Myzan?

MR. SPICA:
Good morning, Legislators. I'm here -- I've been living on Terrace
Lane in Smithtown, dealing with this water problem for over
22 years. And there's no easy solution, but there's a lot of small solutions we can do, and one of them is this automatic weir to help the water flow better, because over the years the problems only got worse and this is how I live.

I drive over a stream on my block, and if I see the water over its banks, I know my pumps are running 24/7 and there's probably going to be water in my basement, and it's not a fun way to live. I go on vacation, I have to assign people to watch my house. I have alarms set. If the water comes to a certain level, if the power goes out, I'm notified. Nothing goes on automatically, someone has to be there to turn pumps on to keep the water out of my basement. It's my yard. I pump the water continuously, but over time, my yard is turning into a marshland. There's only so far I can put the water.

Every year, or every other year I make my own capital project where I expand the pipes under the ground in my backyard away from my septic system, but still, my -- every year I have more and more wet area, and it's breeding grounds for mosquitoes. I just spent over $700 last week to pump my cesspool for this Christmas season, having friends and relatives over. It wouldn't be fun to not have a cesspool that worked.

The weir will help, dredging the streams will help. All of it helps, and we just need to keep going forward so that this problem can, hopefully, be alleviated. Mother Nature always finds a way to mess things up, but I hope you'll consider passing this bill so we can move one more step down the line. I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, and good health to all of you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you, sir.

(*Applause*)

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Paul Myzan?

MR. MORAN:
Moran. I apologize for my handwriting.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, man.

MR. MORAN:
Took me all the way back to high school.

P.O. GREGORY:
Keith Lewin. I know that's correct.

MR. MORAN:
Okay. Good morning, everyone. My name is Paul Moran. I am a Suffolk County resident since 1990, and a resident of Middle Island since 2015. I'm here to speak very briefly about the Procedural Motion to purchase the vacant K-Mart property over on Route 25.
I have some familiarity with that area. I was running the K-Mart in that area from 1997 to '99, and was a good member of the community. I have a daughter who graduated Longwood High School, who's now a New York City Special Education Teacher, and a 15-year-old son, who's a sophomore at Longwood High School, who both plays on the LYSA teams and the Longwood teams.

That property -- first of all, I thank you for your last effort to purchase that property, I'm encouraging you to do that again. That is a blight on our community. The Coventry Manor Homeowner's Association, where I live, and the Middle Island Civic Association, which I'm a member of, are both very interested in maintaining and supporting that effort. Longwood Youth Sports Association has 3,000 kids that right now are forced to play on the Longwood School baseball fields when they're available, when the schools are not playing, so this area would be greatly used. And I can't overemphasize the need to provide a place for these kids, including my son, to participate in outdoor activities. And I thank you for your time. Happy Holidays.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Thank you. All right. Keith Lewin. Thank you for the neat penmanship.

("Laughter")

P.O. GREGORY:
And Joanne Greco.

11:20AM

MR. LEWIN:
Hi. Good morning. My name is Keith Lewin. I'm glad we could all be the butt of your jokes, the puppy people. Crazy that we're trying to stay in business and defend ourselves.

We are being overregulated. The more you look at it, the more you see that by making more quarantined spaces in our store, it's going to take away from more showroom places in our store, because already we have an area where we would keep a sick dog, or we'd keep a dog who's on hold, or we'd keep an area where we're going to groom and clean dogs. So, obviously, we need now another area for quarantining dogs. So, like the opposition said, we're going to shrink their showroom space, then we're going to inundate them with more workers, more paperwork. So you're just trying to drive up our costs and give us less areas to sell dogs. I get it, you're trying to put us out of business.

I feel like the honest ones are always here. People that are honest, they're going to follow the rules. People that are dishonest, they are not going to follow the rules. By putting us out of business, you're just bringing people from out of state selling dogs over the internet to people, and there's going to be no repercussions. I would really ask you to please vote no on this bill, as people that really want to do the best thing for the animals are already doing the best thing for the animals. The people that are not are not. And that's all I can ask, just really look at it with a clear head and think about it. Is this bill
really helping the animals in any way? Is it really helping the consumers? It's honestly not.

And I know Senator-Elect Martinez has put a ton of work into it, and I'm not tearing her down or anybody at all, but I do feel that we're doing the best we can possibly do. And we know this business. I got here late this morning, because all my kennel guys got -- called in sick. So at 5 o'clock I'm cleaning poop and doing whatever has to be done. That's what we do. When you have to be a business owner and responsible, the welfare of your animals is important, you do what you got to do.

If you want to write a bill, I wish that, you know, we would be invited on to writing this bill. We know the ins and outs of this business. We know, you know, how to follow the rules. And whatever the rules are, there's always going to be people that are not going to follow them. And by kicking us out of this County and just letting other people from other states be the sellers for pets on this Island, you're not going to have your hands on anything. So I'd just ask you to look at this that way.

Thank you for your time. Happy Holidays, Happy New Year. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Joanne Greco, and then Lisa diFiore.

MS. GRECO:
Hi. I'm Joanne Greco from Hauppauge. My husband and I bought our house in 1994. It was a foreclosure, so we were a little blind about the history of the area. The house already had a French drain system in the basement, but it was dry at the time. After five years, having two kids, and the basement being dry, we decided to work on fixing it up so we could send the kids down there and play. As Murphy's Law would have it, all of a sudden, that spring the pump started to run. No big deal. They were doing their job, taking care of the excess water from the winter storms, and they only ran for about a month.

Fast forward five years, the three pumps were now running 24/7, 365 days a year, they never turned off. My husband and I said to ourselves it's our fault, we bought a foreclosure, knew something was up with the French drain systems and we just had to deal with it. Well, after a few years, our three pumps couldn't keep up with the water. It was extremely frustrating, and we cringed every time we saw rain in the forecast. Then came a knock on our door. It was a neighbor from a few blocks over named Tony. He asked me, "Do you mind telling me where the water is coming from that is draining out into the street?" When I told him about the pumps, he said, "Son of a gun, the water problem is back." He said his house has always been dry, but he helped with getting the problem fixed 30 years prior to that. Tony went home, pulled out the previous groundwater study, and proceeded over the next few years to get the Town, County, State and DEC to work together. They hired professionals to do an updated study and phases were put into place.
You asked last week, how do we know the weir will work? Well, I know firsthand that the professionals that did the study know what they are doing. You see, my area was Phase II, because if they did my area first, 347 would have been under water. That is how much water is flowing from the south side of 347 north. These professionals made sure that in their phased planning, that fixing one area would not cause additional problems for other areas. Luckily, my area was part of Phase II, and guess what, it worked also. My pumps have not run since the phase was implemented.

So, to answer your question on how do we know the weir will not work -- that the weir will work, I have no doubt that the professionals that were hired to do the study and come up with a comprehensive solution to be completed in phases know what they are doing. Because the first phases have been successful, this weir is the next part of the phase to be completed.

Legislator Kennedy could have asked for $2 million for this phase. She's only asking for 200,000, because she is going to do the long, hard, tedious work of getting grants to pay for the rest. Two hundred thousand dollars is a drop in a bucket compared to the 1.8 million she plans on getting grants for. Legislator Kennedy has supported millions of dollars awarded for projects in each one of your districts. How many of you ask for the County to fully fund your district projects? I would venture to say that the majority of you did not ask for 10% and then plan on working on getting State grants for the rest of it.

The Town came through and did their part, taking care of the tributaries that were under the jurisdiction. The State supported this by giving grants to help fund these projects. It's time for the County to do their part. The residents of Smithtown cannot wait another three years to bring this back up to vote. Not only is it --

P.O. GREGORY:
Ms. Greco, please wrap up.

MS. GRECO:
I am. Not only is it draining their project, but is emotionally and physically draining as well. Please vote yes and support the thousands of millions -- the thousands of Smithtown homeowners affected by this water issue. Again, $200,000 is a drop in the bucket in the grand scheme of the millions that have been spent in each of your district projects.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

MS. GRECO:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Lisa diFiore, and then Claire Russell.
MS. DI FIORE:
Boy, it's hard to beat that. Hi, everyone. My name is Lisa
diFiore, and I live in Smithtown, right by Terry -- right off Terry
Road. I'm here with the other residents of Smithtown, who through
the years have had to deal with a water problem. And I thought
maybe the best way to express the problem would be to just tell my
story a little bit. My story is a 26-year story, because that's
how long I live in my home.

When I first moved into my house, the pumps started running
regularly, causing all of the issues that everyone else expressed
in terms of anxiety of having to make sure that the pumps were
running, fear that the electricity might go out, dealing with new
cess -- having to put new cesspools in, and all the other stuff
that goes along with it. But when things were happening to help us
out a few years ago, it was an amazing change in my whole world.
The problems that we were having were so significantly alleviated
that I started feeling like a regular person who was not in that
club of the water problem, who didn't fear the rain anymore, who
wasn't constantly listening to hear if the pumps went on. It was
just magical.

And I felt at the time that what was going on was the fulfilment
of the promises that were made to us a few years ago to fix the
problem. And every time I would be -- every once in a while in my
home I would be just going about my business and realizing that the
pumps were silent and it was beautiful. And I realized at the time
that whenever I was listening for the pumps and I didn't hear them,
I felt in a way, wow, you know, everyone helped us out, and I felt
like I had people on my side that really came through for me, just
me as a person, and my neighbors. And it was a really great
feeling to always feel like I sort of had people on -- like looking
out for me. That lasted probably around, I want to say, maybe five
or six years. And how recently, just a short time ago, within the
last few months, the pumps went on again, and those -- you know,
the same feelings came back to me of, oh, you know, here we go
again, all over again. And then I realized, wait a minute, we're
in the middle of sort of going to another step.

And I'm just here to say that all those things that were done in
the past, those little steps that were taken, in combination, made
a huge difference, and I don't have any doubt in my mind that
taking this next step will make a difference again, we just need it
to happen. So I hope you'll all consider that when make your
decision. And thank you very much for everything, and have a
wonderful holiday.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you, you, too. Claire Russell, and then Reverend Chandler is
on deck.

MS. RUSSELL:
Good morning. I'm also here in support of the weir at Millers
Pond. I live at 6 Kim Avenue. I border the greenbelt by Hunts
Pond, south of Route 347.
I'm sorry to hear you've been dealing with it for 26 years. I've been dealing with it for 36 years. I moved into my home in August of '82 and my first flood was March of '83. My husband passed away in 1992 at the age of 36 and he left me with a toddler. 

Single-handedly, I had to vacuum and pump thousands of gallons of water out of my basement window by myself throughout the '90s and 2000s, because I can't afford to install pumps, nor can I afford to pay the electric bill for those pumps. You need to understand that when we're doing this, in my case, the vacuuming and pumping lasts for days after the rain stops, because the water continues to permeate into my basement. For a while I also had the fear of having gasoline enter my basement due to the Exxon Mobil gas plume that was the result of a leak at the intersection of Terry Road and Route 347.

Something you folks need to understand, insurance does not cover the damage caused by this type of flooding. My basement was ruined in October of '05 and I've never been able to get it back to where it was, because I just don't have the money. Something else you need to understand, my -- I -- the stress and anxiety, the physical and mental stress, as someone else mentioned, every time you hear a rain storm, and forget the hurricanes. You know, I went out and bought a generator just in case, because if I lost power, I would have been screwed. Thank God I didn't lose power. Phase II had been put into effect and my basement did not flood.

Now my husband is buried in Saint Patrick's Cemetery on Mount Pleasant Road, which is part of the area affected by the flooding. I've spent enough time in my life cleaning up the water that I don't want to spend eternity floating around in my coffin.

I urge you to pass the funding of the study. It costs less than the yearly salaries of the majority of Long Island School Superintendents, and it's in the best interest in health and safety of your constituents. I would also like to thank Leslie and John Kennedy for their continued help with this issue. And I would like to thank the other homeowners who continually give their time and energy to fight the good fight. And like the water that haunts us, we, too, are a force to be reckoned with. Thank you.

(*Applause*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Okay. Reverend Chandler, then Sherrie Godfrey.

REVEREND CHANDLER:
Good morning. My name is Monte Malik Chandler. I am an attorney for the First Church of Wyandanch Ministries in Wyandanch, New York. I come to ask you to affirm the committee's vote on Item 2132, in authorizing a two-year extension for the development of four parcels of land, pursuant to 72-h, Affordable Housing Program to the Town of Babylon.

I must say, I just wanted to let you know a little bit about this program. We are in the midst of negotiating an outstanding opportunity for the Town of Babylon and for the people of...
Wyandanch. I think it would be a jewel of the Town of Babylon in the soon coming years. We're planning on trying to build 135 units for veteran housing, and affordable housing as well. We are excited. We have already negotiated with Mount Hope, which is a development corporation that has a long history of doing these kinds of projects. We're just asking that you would afford us additional time to move forward on this project. It is something that is going to happen, provided that we have the time and attention from this, and consideration from this Board, from this Legislative body.

That is all I have to say about that. I've been hearing so much about this water condition and I -- my prayers are with you --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**
Thank you.

**REVEREND CHANDLER:**
-- to the people of Smithtown. God bless you, and Happy Holidays.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:**
Thank you.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:**
God bless you.

("*Applause*")

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay. Sherrie Godfrey, then Shir Shalev.

**MS. GODFREY:**
I'd like to hand a copy of this to go to the Leader. And I'm just going to read what I handed to him to address all of the Legislator Boards, and it states:

"Attention Suffolk County Legislature Boards:

On Tuesday, March 20th, 2018, Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, Tuesday, July 17th, 2018, and Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, I stood before this Suffolk County Legislature Board asking for help and a solution to prevent recurrence of the corrupt, unjust, and bias misconduct that I have endured by several businesses and organizations located here in the County of Suffolk.

When I addressed the Suffolk County Legislature Board on all of the above dates mentioned, one of my requests of the Legislature Assembly was to generate a new law that would reprimand and prevent recurrence of the prejudice, partisanship, favoritism and unfairness and/or one-sidedness that I endured by many Suffolk County businesses, libraries, and other organizations that operate here in the County of Suffolk.

The Suffolk County Legislature Board is a deliberative -- deliberative, that word -- assembly who has the authority to make new laws, and it is one of the main responsibilities of the
Legislature, but the results of my request of the Suffolk County Legislature Board was full of bogus excuses, shunning, prejudices, partisanship, favoritism, unfairness and/or one-sidedness from the very ones who make the laws and are supposed to uphold the laws without any bias misconduct.

My experience of simply asking for help from this government law entity was horrible, and how I was treated by this Suffolk County Legislature Board is a disgrace and an embarrassment to our democracy.

I'm a person with mental and physical disabilities that many of our Suffolk County Legislature Board Members were and are well aware of, yet they still chose to stoop to the low level of violating my disability, human and civil rights, as well as jeopardizing, endangering, mocking, and playing mind games with my health and wellbeing, all while knowing that I suffer from mental and physical disabilities, and that in itself is an ultimate disgrace.

Our justice system, mental health system, prison system, police system, resource system, and housing systems are broken. All of them need immediate reform." Does he not want this?

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you.

LEG. LINDSAY:
He made copies. He made copies.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Shir Shalev. Excuse me if I pronounced your name wrong. And then Frank Fugarino.

MS. SHALEV:
Hi. My name is Shir Shalev. I'm here to speak to you about the pet dealer resolution, No. 1538.

I think on both sides our goal is to improve the quality of the puppies that are being sold in our county, and this bill in no way helps that. We have a mandated day for us to veterinarily exam our puppies on the fourth day of isolation. Many of our stores do it earlier than that and following that. There is a huge discrepancy between us trying to keep our puppies healthy and safe, and selling them to someone and their veterinary exam following that. We -- there is a, like you guys very well know, 14-day period where a puppy can break with illness, and that's for any immune system. We do our best to try to bring the puppy's health up to the highest standard before it goes home. That being said, we still run into issues at times. The best solution I think to prevent this, and on both sides, is to source them from better places. In order for us to do so, we'd like the freedom to be able to buy from so-called hobby breeders, which are breeders essentially that have fewer than five breeding animals. We need to be able to do that.
The price tags on the cages will only prevent us from having a conversation with the customer. If a customer walks in and sees a price tag that they feel is too high for that puppy, they will simply walk away, instead of having a conversation with our sales people, and maybe matching them with a puppy that's better suited for them at a price that they can handle.

I think that this legislation, the way that it's written here, does not help the sale of puppies being healthier or from better sources, which is what it aims to do. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Frank Fugarino, and then Gail Lynch-Bailey.

MR. FUGARINO:
Thank you. Thank you very much for the opportunity. I want to wish our new Senator, Monica Martinez, the very best.

I am president of a civic association that represents 130 residents in Mastic Beach. We also are a civic that you awarded us a citation here in front of this body for the care, veterinary care and followup care for over 5,000 feral cats. So I certainly know that your heart is in the right place, and I would support your Resolution 1538. I am interested in that there are two quality of life resolutions before us today, before you, 2000 -- 2019 and 1852. I'm here for 1852.

Mastic Beach has many issues. One of those issues that I think that this bill address -- this resolution addresses is preserving open space. It's just one. We need -- we have a basket full of remedies for all of the issues that we face in Mastic Beach, and it's because of the number of issues that we have, you know, we try to deal with each one separately, and maybe collectively, we're going to see some benefit to the community. We think that our community is underutilized, underrecognized, and all of that. This bill will certainly help in that regard.

In the alternative, if you don't pass this resolution, what we found in the past is that when the -- whether it's open spaces with structures or not on them, the persons who take advantage of the system and buy those houses at auction never take care of them. So as a result, you pass on -- I've had conversations with Kate Browning, our Legislator before this, our current wonderful Rudy Sunderman, that all you're doing is passing on a problem, one or more, a problem that we deal with. As a civic leader, I deal with them, whether it's street lights, or whether it's catch basins, or whether it's vacant derelict homes where it's just -- it's just a combination of things.

But helping us in this way is much appreciated, so I'm here to support that bill, and to understand that in the alternative, the investors out there do little to better our community. It's unfortunate, but they live off the system. So they buy a house at auction at 35,000 and they leave it, and they leave it for someone else, ourselves, Town Councilman Panico in our case, and Rudy Sunderman, to fight that battle again to save our community from
the blight that we experienced over time. So it's important for a lot of reasons, and environmental as well as quality of life. Thank you. And I've got to go pick up my granddaughter.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you.

MR. FUGARINO:
Bye. Thank you. A Happy Holiday to everyone. Merry Christmas.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Same to you. Gail Lynch-Bailey, and then Lou Tutone on deck.

MS. LYNCH-BAILEY:
Good morning, Legislators. Happy Holidays. Thank you for extending the Public Portion. I'm Gail Lynch-Bailey, President of the Middle Island Civic Association, and I'm here to speak in favor of a Procedural Motion, PM 15, on the General Legislative meeting today. But having been educated by so many speakers, I sure do hope that you're able to pass Legislator Kennedy's $200,000. It sounds like it's very much needed, and that she will be adding substantially to that with a lot of hard work. So good luck to you i that, and everybody who's spoken before.

The motion I'm here to support is going to preserve a number of properties along Whiskey Road in Middle Island, and, most importantly, will also authorize the Department of Real Estate to make an offer to the owners of the K-Mart property in Middle Island, those people are Wilbur Breslin and Fred Colin, for the purchase of approximately 21 southwestern acres. Happily, the State has already made an offer to these owners on the northern 28-acre parcel.

Acquisition of this property on Middle Country Road is a unique and important opportunity for government and citizens to jointly create a lasting community treasure. The southern 21 acres will be devoted to active parkland, and the northern 28 will be preserved as open space, where walking and hiking can continue to occur.

Many, many people favor this acquisition, including Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine, who emailed me this message. Quote, "Gail, I strongly support the efforts of New York State and Suffolk County to acquire and preserve parts of the Breslin/Colin property on the north side of New York State Route 25 in Middle Island across from Artist Lake. And I have copied Legislator Anker, so that she is aware of my support of her effort to acquire and preserve part of this property. Signed, Edward P Romaine."

I will share with you these very appropriate words from our longtime Civic Association Treasurer, Margaret Malloy, who has spoken before you passionately about this acquisition, and she could not attend this morning. And Margaret writes in part, "The residents of Middle Island have waited a long time for this
purchase to happen. We have had hopes and dreams for this property for many years now. While sustaining those hopes has been very difficult, we are optimistic that our and your efforts may be coming to fruition. We have been sitting and waiting for the largest, saddest piece of property in Middle Island to become something that we can be proud of. The purchase of the 21 southern acres will help us move in the right direction. The property has been an eyesore and source of frustration for longer than we can remember. And now that we finally have an opportunity to gain some pride in our community, all of us in Middle Island will have cause to rejoice and look forward to the new year."

So I thank you, Legislators, for your support of this acquisition, and special thanks in particular to Legislator Anker for her dedication to this project. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everybody.

(*Applause*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Lou Tutone, and then Mike Kaufman on deck.

MR. TUTONE:
Good morning, Presiding Officer Gregory, Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco, and all Legislators. I am Lou Tutone, First Vice President of the Suffolk County PBA. I appreciate the opportunity to speak in front of you today. I hope everyone had a Happy Hanukkah, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

I'd like to thank George Nolan for his years of guidance here at the Legislature, and wish him luck in his new role as a New York State Supreme Court Judge. Thank you, George.

I also want to thank the Legislators who continue to support the Suffolk County Police Department, and, more specifically, Suffolk County PBA and Probation members. But today I want to focus on one Legislator, Legislator Monica Martinez. Monica, thank you for your unwavering support of the Suffolk County Police Department and all of my members. Last year I was sad to see Legislator Steve Stern leave the horseshoe to go to Albany, the same way I am sorry to see you leave. I believe you and now Assemblyman Stern are very similar. Your constant desire to make the lives of your constituents, the people you represent on the committees you chair and sit on, and all of Suffolk residents better. You did this by always interacting and listening to people you represent, and by introducing legislation that is about good government, not about headlines.

For someone that has sat through almost every Public Safety and General Meeting over the last seven years, what I appreciate most, like I did Assemblyman Stern, is that you speak when you need to be heard, not to hear yourself speak. Your words are always well thought out, informative, and have meaning to the topic being discussed. I do not doubt that your knowledge, determination, but more importantly, your compassion, thoughtfulness, and kindness

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will make you as great a New York Senator as you are a Suffolk County Legislator. We're expecting great things from you, ma'am.

Once again, I want to thank you for your support of Suffolk PBA and Probation members, wish you luck in Albany, and say that even though you are not my State Senator, as a Suffolk County resident, I am proud to have you represent my family and me in Albany. Thank you.

("Applause")

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Mike Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN:
Hello. I'm Mike Kaufman. I first off would like to echo Mr. Tutone's sentiments as to Legislator Martinez leaving the horseshoe.

Okay. I'd like to speak today about the hydraulics of the Nissequogue River just for a moment, and I'm going to go relatively quickly. The river fills up very, very rapidly in rainstorms, and there are large pulses of groundwater and flood water, that's right, just flood water, that travel downstream, carving up the river banks and raising the groundwater in large areas of the town. The drainage of the river and reduction of groundwater is, thus, dependent upon rapid shuttling of the water out of the system. That's why there have been dredging or silt removals from the southern branches of the Nissequogue River by the Town of Smithtown, and why the Village of the Branch is removing choke points from the river inside its boundaries as we speak at Terrace Lane and Village Way. Those are two basically choke points where culverts have impeded flow.

Obstacle removal and restoration of flow to promote drainage is critical within this town, and there are plans that talk about this, and that's what the Town and The Village of the Branch, and, hopefully, the County have been and will follow.

In heavy rainstorms, you want outflow downstream and not storage behind a choke point. You want to shuttle the water out fast. You don't want to create an overflowing reservoir. Storage in a pond or reservoir causes groundwater rise in adjacent areas, and prevents groundwater drainage in these areas from reaching the river to flow out. It's called the reservoir effect. Basically, reservoirs raise adjacent groundwater. So when you have a pond at high water levels, you're not going to have drainage from the adjacent land areas.

Lowering a pond prior to a storm event prevents the water from rising in the pond and being trapped by the dam, eliminates that choke point, and, thus, increases groundwater flow out. In other words, it reduces water storage in the pond and allows for adjacent groundwater drainage and discharge. And, again, I'm talking about temporary lowering of dams. That's what you do with dams when there's too much rain upstream. Every dam in the world has
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spillways, every major dam has spillways that are -- let's call them emergency spillways to deal with those extra flows.

There's also been talk about permanently lowering Millers Pond, which could create a problem like at Lower Lake right now in Yaphank. If you look at Lower Lake right now, there's a river trying to reestablish itself, but it's also causing major problems downstream. You're getting sedimentation, you're increasing mud flow, you've got loss of habitat, etcetera. You probably would need an Environmental Impact Statement to deal with a permanent lowering of that. Yes, it would increase capacity, but there are counter effects to it. A temporary solution, such as being proposed, is probably the best solution. The river has naturalized at this point in time to the regime that exists at this point in time. Storm events throw everything out of kilter, and that's why a temporary lowering of a pond, such as they do with dams --

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MR. KAUFMAN:
Almost finished. Such as they do with dams is probably the best way to handle it. Anything else beyond that is major reconstruction, and you just don't know at this point in time what a permanent change can do. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you. That's all the cards I have. Anyone else that would like to speak that has not already spoken?

11:52AM

LEG. LINDSAY:
Woman in the back.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

MS. DENNIHY:
Good morning, Legislators. I just am here to ask for your support of Bill 1538, and to thank Legislator Martinez for the many hours she has spent with both the pet dealers and the advocates to come up with this commonsense bill. Again, it's a commonsense bill and I ask that all of you support it. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Anyone else? Okay.

MS. SCOFIELD:
Hi, Legislators. I also would like to thank Legislator Martinez for the amazing hours, and work, and education that she put into this. My name is Dori Scofield. I'm from Paws of War, Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue, Guardians of Rescue, animal welfare person.

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I first want to say that I am not against breeders. I first started out with the top Yorkie breeder in the United States when I first became involved working with animals. Then I moved on to show grooming standard poodles for a top standard poodle breeder in the United States. Two of my best friends are breeders, one breeds
Labradors, one breeds English Cocker Spaniels, so we are not against breeders. We are not against anything that helps the animals.

Quarantining seems to be a big issue. We, as animal rescuers, are -- by law have to quarantine our animals. That's a Suffolk County law that was enacted. I have no problem with it. I sent each one of you an email yesterday, I don't know if you had a chance to read it, but every dog that comes in off a transport vehicle to my shelter goes into quarantine. There's no way I am putting that dog into general population. It gets vetted when it comes in, and I get a piece of paper. After the animal is spayed or neutered, we do that, too, with the vet signing off everything, heart, lungs, everything is good. This animal can go up for adoption now. So I don't understand why there's an issue with quarantining. They're not -- they're all coming in on a truck from all over the place. Somebody's going to get something. Do your best to place them in a separate area, observe them, make sure they're okay before they go up for adoption or up for sale.

We just want what's best for the animals. Like Barbara said, it's common sense. I have to abide by health certificates. I have to get a license by the State now, and I have to get my permit from the County. I have no problem. If you want to come to the shelter and see every single dog, where it's from, we will do that. Like he said, there's going to be people that do the wrong thing, there's going to be people that do the right thing. We are all here to make sure people just do the right thing. So, please, I'm urging you to vote yes, you won't regret it. Thanks.

(*Applause*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. That's it. I will make a motion to close the Public Portion.

LEG. HAHN:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Martinez, was it?

LEG. MARTINEZ:
(Pointing to Legislator Hahn)

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay, Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen -- 17. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I make a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

LEG. CILMI:
Second.
P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
I make a motion to take -- on Page 7, I make a motion to take
I.R. 2168 - Renaming a portion of County Road 13 in Bay Shore in
honor of Det. John E. Thomas, Sr. (Martinez.), out of order.

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LEG. FLOTTERON:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Flotteron. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

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P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Flotteron to approve renaming --

LEG. MARTINEZ:
No, I'm sorry. I would like to make that motion. Oh, which one?

P.O. GREGORY:
Your bill?

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yeah, it's mine.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay. Motion by Legislator Martinez to approve renaming a
portion of County Road 13 in Bay Shore in honor of Det. John E.
Thomas, Sr.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Flotteron. On the motion, anyone?
All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Please list me as a cosponsor.

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LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Jason.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Cosponsor.

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P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Coach, congratulations. His son is the Amityville High School Basketball Coach.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

All right. So back to Tabled Resolutions. *I.R. 1301 - Adopting a Local Law to require installation of Advanced wastewater treatment systems at auctioned parcels. (Hahn)*

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LEG. HAHN:
Motion to table one more time.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to table, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

**11:57AM**

P.O. GREGORY:
*I.R. 1538 - Adopting a Local Law to improve regulation of pet dealers in Suffolk County. (Martinez)* Motion to approve by Legislator Martinez. Do I have a second?

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Hello?

(*Laughter*)

LEG. HAHN:
Second, second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Hahn. On the motion, anyone?

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh. Oh, I didn't hear you. Okay. All right. Legislator Berland.

LEG. BERLAND:
Okay. Now's the time.

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D.P.O. CALARCO:
Now we can debate the bill.

LEG. BERLAND:
Now, right. Now we can debate the bill, right?
MR. NOLAN:
Debate.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Debate away.

LEG. BERLAND:
Okay. All right. Well, I have some issues with this bill that I continue to have. Let's see. Give me a second.

First, I think the definitions are too vague. I don't know what suffering from pain, fear and distress is supposed to equate to. I think it's really not possible to, you know, make a definitive answer on that, so I think that those definitions should continue to be worked on.

I'm concerned about, you know, maintaining a healthy and safe manner, you know, in having that definition go into a general requirement when it's really vague.

I still have a problem with Section I, about the veterinarian, requiring veterinarians to treat every animal the same way, and I'm a little concerned. What happens if a vet says, you know, "I don't want to treat the dog that way, I don't want to" -- "I don't think that this particular animal needs that treatment"? Are we then going after veterinarians? Are we going to, you know, hold them responsible if something happens because they use their professional, you know, understanding and their professional abilities to decide, you know, not to follow what this legislation says? I don't think we should be regulating veterinarians. I think they have enough degrees and enough school to be able to do it themselves and we shouldn't be interfering in that.

I'm concerned about the breeder and transporter information, I think this is proprietary. I think the information is available to the proper agencies, and are, you know, given by the pet stores to the proper agencies. And I think what has happened is that, you know, the activists, who have clearly shown their inability to be civil in this context, will now be awarded more information to be able to go after the pet stores. Clearly, they want to close down pet stores. And, you know, if we're not going to regulate shelters and pet adoption agencies in the same way we're regulating pet stores, then I think we're -- you know, we're trying to have a moral position here which I don't think we have any right having.

You know, the -- and I applaud Legislator Martinez for what she's doing and what she's trying do here, and I know you're going to be in charge of pets in the State, and I implore you to bring this fight to the State. And if you want to ban the sale of dogs in New York State, you know, go for it. But leave, you know, leave it alone for now, because, you know, I think that we're going to end up forcing people to go out of state, and forcing people to buy on the internet, and forcing people to not be able to look at a dog before they want to buy it, but to go and buy it elsewhere, which I think is much more problematic.
So let's see. And then I also have a problem with, you know, again, with the cage tags, and listing things on there that you really shouldn't, you know. And I think, like you go into a store and not every item you want to buy necessarily has a price tag, you could ask, and if it doesn't have price tag, you can ask. And I think a negotiation with someone on, you know, an animal that somebody may be coming back to the store over and over again to want to buy and maybe they feel they can't afford it, but maybe the store feels that this is a really good family and an appropriate home for this animal and they try to negotiate with them. And I don't want people, you know, to be disheartened and to not try to get the family pet that they really want or in some cases need. I mean, some children have -- and people have allergies to animals, and there are certain breeds that they can get and certain breeds that they can't. And to prevent them from getting those hypoallergenic breeds, because you're, you know, going to not allow stores eventually, which is I think what this is -- where this is heading, to not sell pure breed animals, I think that's a problem as well.

And I've got to go back to the good old affidavit that we've been having the argument about from day one. It's still the same language. It still doesn't say you have to do an affidavit once a year, it's still too vague. And I really think that, you know, any time a store owner who, you know, doesn't update their affidavit every time they get a delivery, it's probably in violation of this code. Whether we say we're not going to go after them because it's once a year, it doesn't say once a year. It says updated by January 31st, it doesn't just limit it to that.

I think there's a lot of problems with this -- with this resolution, and I just really don't think we should go forward. I think we need to continue to work on this. And, you know, I will end with a motion to table.

LEG. TROTTA:
I'll second the motion to table.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion to table by Legislator Berland, second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone else?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Thank you. So after listening to a great deal of testimony about the bill, the merits of it, and the things that people didn't like about it, and I'm not going to repeat everything Legislator Berland said, because she said -- she made the points that I wanted to make about the specific parts of it. And so I find it -- I think it's great that, you know, you want to make -- improve things for pet sales, I think that's the right way to go, but I think there are
some things in the bill that's going to make it very difficult for people to be in business here in Suffolk County, and that people who are still going to want to buy different breeds of dogs are going to buy them elsewhere. So it's a -- to me, that's -- that makes it difficult.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else?

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LEG. MARTINEZ:
So, if I may, Presiding Officer.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Obviously, I made a motion to approve, and this is something that I have been working very hard for. And I think the intent that I've had from the beginning has been to not only protect consumers, but protect their animal welfare, and to not have our businesses go out. And I think I've made that clear to the pet stores, that that has not been my intent. And I cannot control human behavior, I cannot control what other people have done to persuade you to vote differently due to certain conversations that have happened. But in terms of regulating shelters and rescue, Legislator Berland, that already takes place. This is something that I also spearheaded here in the County to make sure that our rescues are also regulated.

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In terms of the suggested retail price and putting a price tag on the cage, it's a suggested retail price. And I know some people have compared the animal to buying a car and having a suggested retail price on a car as well. You negotiate, and you negotiate a price, and this is what that will also do.

And then this bill is definitely not intended to limit breeding pure breeds (laughter). Look, and I think everyone has a right to decide what type of dog they want at home. I am a rescuer, I am not a buyer. But, at the same time, I would never tell someone not to go buy at a store. I would never tell someone not to buy from a specific store either, but I think people should have the option. And I think when people do go to a pet store, they need to know what they're getting, just like when you go to a store, you pay for what you get. And if you don't have all the information that you need, then you've just been deceived as a consumer, and this is what this bill does, is just to protect the consumer, protect the animal, see where the animal is coming from.

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The transportation, as you all should know, when you carry a bunch of dogs in one van, there's bound to be some sort of transfer of disease, and now you're going to come into a store and put them out with the rest. You don't want another dog getting contaminated or getting infected with whatever they're carrying.

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And I think with the veterinarians having a role in this, no one's saying that their degrees haven't matter. I'm an educator, I have my own degree, and we all go through schooling for that, and no one's saying that they're not good enough. And we've received information from veterinarians that don't want this, but we also received information from veterinarians that do want this.

So this is a -- I guess an issue that no one will ever be okay with, right? I don't think anyone will ever be happy with this. And you gave me some great ideas to take up to the State Senate, so thank you for that. But I would like to continue the motion to approve. I think this is a commonsense bill, like was said. I believe this is something that we can continue working at further, not maybe just at the County. I'm not sure who's picking up the animal world here in the County, but whoever does --

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Susan.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Susan will now pick it up. Good luck. And --

(*Laughter*)

But just know that my intent has always been to protect everyone. I don't do a bill just to do a bill. I have worked on this bill for the past five years, but, literally, the last two years on this bill. And we all come in here with an intent, right? We all come here -- my passion has been children and the protection of animal welfare and animals and women, and I think this is what the bill does. And I hope to have the support of my colleagues. And those of you who have been at the table with me while discussing this bill, you also know my intent has been that from the beginning, and I think this is something that we should do. And I will continue with my -- with my motion to approve.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Cilmi.

LEG. CILMI:
Thanks, Mr. Presiding Officer. I'm hoping maybe to get some clarity from the sponsor, Legislator Martinez. I recall having these conversations with respect specifically to the quarantining aspect of the bill, and I recall there being, generally speaking, support for that aspect of the bill. It sounds to me like that has evaporated for some reason. I mean, I'm wondering, has anything changed in the bill with respect to the initial discussions on quarantining? Is there any requirement, be it from the State level, or the County level, or the Federal level, that dogs are quarantined now?

LEG. MARTINEZ:
I believe there is. There is a State -- so what we did with this bill when we were in conversations with both sides, and you were in at those meetings, that this was something that was needed. And we went from the advocates wanting two weeks of quarantine to the pet
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stores saying that's insane, we can't do that, and we compromised to seven days. Even with that, I also continued meeting with the pet stores and they wanted less than that, and I gave them less than that. So I really don't know why this has become an issue when it was something that was discussed at the beginning, and now it's losing, I guess, interest. But this was something that we had discussed, and I've even modified it a few times to meet the demands of our pet stores, but it's still not good enough.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Are you finished, Tom?

LEG. CILMI:
I don't know.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. CILMI:
I tell you, there are -- there are very few issues that tug members, or tug me -- I should speak specifically about myself -- in both directions in my nine years now here on the Legislature. You always listen to different points of view, and -- but, you know, with most issues, you can come to a decision that you're totally comfortable with. In this case, I find myself appreciating the points of view of those who have come before the Legislature advocating on behalf of our animals, family members, and I find myself empathizing with the store owners as well. I know beyond a shadow of my doubt that the sponsor's intentions are totally pure here, and I know that she has included the store owners in the conversation, and she's tried really, really hard. I don't know. I don't know if it's there yet, honestly. I don't know how much more it could cook, you know, at this point, and I think that's the problem. You're leaving. Susan's going to pick up the mantle, I understand, but --

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LEG. BERLAND:
Thanks.

LEG. CILMI:
Just an attempt to deflect it from me.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. CILMI:
And sitting here right now, I'm still not quite sure what to do. I think we're left with a product that I don't really see from a regulatory point of view, with the possible exception of the additional paperwork, I don't see the significance of the impact, the negative impact to the store owners, but, at the same time, I really don't see the positive. I don't see the results that I think the sponsor is looking for in terms of the protection of animals and in terms of the protection of the consumer. So I just want to put that on the record, and I remain torn.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Berland.

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LEG. BERLAND:

I just want to also say, I have no doubt at all that your intentions were pure and good on this. I just think that the consequences are not so good. I do think it's an additional burden to the stores, which, you know, puts them in a legal quandary when there are, you know, things that they're supposed to keep secret for the Federal Government, which now they're supposed to tell, which I have an issue with.

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And, you know, I think back to our animals. We have three cats and two dogs. We adopted -- one we -- one was found in a car, which we just -- at the car dealer, which my husband didn't want me to go to, because he knew I'd come home with a kitten, so that was one. The other two cats we adopted from the Town pound, and a Labradoodle we adopted from the Town pound. When we adopted it from the Town, I had no idea where she had been, who her home was with, where -- you know, whether she was mistreated or not in that home, I had no information on her at all. And it turns out that when we get her home, she wouldn't go from room to room, because I had found out after, when I inquired at the pound, that they had one of those collars, those shock collars in the house to -- and they found that out because I had them actually -- they wouldn't tell me who the owners were, and I was a Councilwoman and they wouldn't tell me, but they called to find out, you know, why this animal wouldn't move from room to room. And even today, years later, she still has an issue. So then the other dog we adopted was actually purchased from a pet store by somebody else and then given to us, and that dog had all this information. So I actually got more information on the dog I adopted that was bought from a pet store than the dog I adopted from the Huntington Town pound.

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So, you know, I think it's important that we have information that we need in order to take care of our pets and make sure that they're loving and comfortable in our homes. But when we're turning over information that I don't think is relevant to the purchaser, like, you know, in the transportation aspects of this, and the other things that you want on the cage, I think it's just food for fodder for the -- you know, the opponents of pet stores, and it just emboldens them to go after them even more. And I don't think it's accomplishing what you want to accomplish.

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If you want to, you know, protect puppies when they're born and who's buying from whom, that's why you don't, you know, buy from the breeders that are puppy mills. But, I mean, you know, and it goes back to the whole, you know, hobby breeder issue, which I know is not in here. But, look I have no problem. If this is tabled, I really have no problem taking up this mantle. As much as I've been, you know, daily threatened by these groups, and there's been horrific things, you know, said and written, I have no problem working with both sides to try to see, you know, what we can do.

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And I know that, you know, your colleagues, some of them would like to give you this as a parting gift, and I ask that they think about it, because what might be a nice parting gift to you is going to be a burden to the rest of us to have to deal with it after the fact. And I -- you know, I will tell you that I will continue to work on
this. You know, as much as it's not the popular thing to do, I will, and hope that, you know, everybody can at least agree to

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LEG. MARTINEZ:

Yeah, and I appreciate that, Legislator Berland. And I don't want
table this version, and we'll see if we can come up with, you know,

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another one that, you know, we can -- we'll work on together. Or

LEG. MARTINEZ:

you can do the wonderful thing and pass some State legislation,

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which then prevents us from legislating at all and takes it out of

our hands, and there you go.

LEG. MARTINEZ:

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I know, I know.

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LEG. MARTINEZ:

So being considered a parting gift, I kind of find that offensive,

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because I have worked hard for this.

LEG. BERLAND:

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I apologize. I did not mean that in any way. I just -- you know,

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I guess I have the sense that some people are just not, you know,

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happy with it, but, you know, really, frankly, want to vote for it

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for you before you go.

LEG. MARTINEZ:

Well, those who are not happy with it don't have to vote for it.

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I have not asked anyone to vote for it. If they don't want to vote

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for it, they don't have to vote for it.

LEG. BERLAND:

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I didn't say you did.

LEG. MARTINEZ:

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And that's how we're going to leave it as. But I'm glad that

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you're taking over, and I do wish you the best of luck.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. MARTINEZ:

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I do really hope that you draft up meaningful legislation to

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continue protecting our --

LEG. BERLAND:

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That's my parting gift.

LEG. MARTINEZ:

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-- our animals here, our furry friends. But, again, I know that

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our time is coming to recess, and I just would like to continue

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with the voting, if no one else has any other questions and/or

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concerns.

P.O. GREGORY:

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Legislator Cilmi.
LEG. CILMI:
I just had another two cents to put into the equation here. You know, two of the people that I've really come to respect throughout this process are Joanne Cave and Jessica Selmer, two different sides of the, you know, opinion here, but both, I think, very thoughtful, very respectful input to this conversation. And regardless of what happens with this bill, I'm quite sure that the conversation doesn't end here. So I'm hopeful that we -- I'm not just going to say Susan, that we can sort of put Jessica and Joanne, and maybe, you know, in a room and, you know, don't come out until you figure it out kind of thing, you know.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah, hash it out, hash it out.

LEG. CILMI:
And I am reasonably sure that we can make something happen that is in the best interest of everybody here. So, anyway, thanks again.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? All right. So we have an approval motion and a tabling motion. Tabling motion goes first. Roll call.

(*Roll Call by Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk*)

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes to table.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
No.

LEG. DONNELLY:
No.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
No.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
No.

LEG. LINDSAY:
No.
LEG. ANKER:
No.

LEG. HAHN:
No to table.

LEG. MURATORE:
(Not Present)

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
No.

LEG. FLEMING:
No.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes to table.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
No.

P.O. GREGORY:
No.

MS. ELLIS:
Six. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Approval motion, roll call.

(*Roll Call by Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk*)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
No.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
No.

LEG. TROTTA:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.
LEG. FLOTTERON:
No.

LEG. CILMI:
No.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
(Not Present)

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
No.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P. O. GREGORY:
Yes.

MS. ELLIS:
Eleven. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. I.R. 1636 - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, Simms property - Town of Riverhead (SCTM Nos. 0600-119.00-02.00-001.000, 0600-119.00-02.00-056.000, 0600-119.00-02.00-057.000 and 0600-119.000-02.00-058.000). (Krupski)

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Motion to table.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.
P.O. GREGORY: Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY: I.R. 1769 - Adopting a Local Law to authorize conveyance of real property previously taken for delinquent taxes (83 Bellrose Avenue, East Northport, SCTM No. 0400-083.00-01.00-022.000). (Trotta)

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LEG. TROTTA: Motion to approve.

LEG. SPENCER: Second.

P.O. GREGORY: Motion to approve by Legislator Trotta, second by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY: I.R. 1969 - Authorizing planning steps for implementation of Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program (Concern Southampton). (Co. Exec.)

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LEG. FLEMING: (Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY: Motion by Legislator Fleming.

D. P.O. CALARCO: Second.

P.O. GREGORY: Second by Legislator Calarco.

LEG. CILMI: This is motion to approve?

LEG. FLEMING: Yes, motion to approve. And please list me as a cosponsor.

P.O. GREGORY: Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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MS. ELLIS: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

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P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 2007 - Authorizing Request for Proposals and pilot program to improve park properties and maximize revenue. (Lindsay)

LEG. LINDSAY:
Motion to table, please.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to table by Legislator Lindsay, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 2096 - Accepting the donation of certain lands now owned by Dowling College and transferring such lands to the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation for Open Space Preservation purposes (SCTM No. 0200-988.30-02.00-001.000). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. HAHN:
Motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Motion to approve.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to approve by Legislator Krupski.

LEG. CILMI:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I have a request to take I.R. 1852, which is on Page 5, it's the first bill in Environment and Planning, out of order.

LEG. CILMI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1852 - A Local Law to preserve open spaces in the Mastic-Shirley conservation area. (Sunderman) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. HAHN:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Just take it out of order.
LEG. HAHN:
Oh, yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
To take out of order. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion to approve by Legislator Sunderman, second by
Legislator Cilmi. On the motion, Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
So I just -- I just have a question about the demolition of
properties. And I was hoping I could get an update from the
sponsor on where we are in the IMA with the Town on this.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
I have the IMA turned over to all the Legislators and to Counsel
and they're voting on it Thursday.

LEG. HAHN:
Okay. So I saw that and it wasn't signed, so that was my concern.
I just don't think we should pass it until the IMA has been signed
by the Town. That's my concern that I think -- I think everyone
should share. When you have an Intermunicipal Agreement and you're
voting on something based on the conditions of the Intermunicipal
Agreement, it's not signed, there's nothing binding to that
Intermunicipal Agreement. And I don't think I'm fully supportive
of the intent of the legislation. The -- you know, everything
that's going to happen as a result of the legislation is very good,
very important, but there are some significant items that the Town
of Brookhaven is agreeing to with significant financial
implications, and I think it is our duty to wait until it is signed
and executed before we pass this.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
I have a letter from the Supervisor stating that he'll sign on
Thursday, which I did turn over to everybody originally. So he's
ready to move forward. He won't move forward on his signing of the
IMA until he confirms that our Legislators will sign off the
resolution.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Fleming.

LEG. FLEMING:
Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I just want to applaud the sponsor's
efforts in this very important area. And I would note that
Legislator Sunderman did distribute to us both the MOU that will
be voted on by the Brookhaven Town Board on Thursday, that will
authorize the supervisor to sign the IMA, and the IMA itself.
I'd also note that not only does the IMA obligate the Town of Brookhaven to undertake all financial responsibility for demolition of structures, but that they are also obligated to allow access for coastal resiliency purposes, as well as for vector control, to reduce pesticides by wetland restoration.

So I do think that everyone is -- there has been a meeting of the minds with regard to the use of this open space for coastal resiliency purposes, and to allow the wetlands to function in their natural infrastructure function, which is going to become increasingly important as climate change continues to affect our climate here on Long Island.

So I would love to be listed as a cosponsor, if that's possible. And I applaud Legislator Sunderman. I think what we've been given is very good evidence that the Town of Brookhaven is going to live up to its responsibilities with regard to the financial obligations under this agreement.

P.O. GREGORY:
And I think, also, because it's a Local Law, the County Executive, if the Town Board does not approve the IMA, there is the opportunity for the County Executive to veto --

LEG. HAHN:
Can you bring forward the County Executive's Office so that we can hear that that's their intention? I have no -- to veto this if it is not signed on Thursday, then I have no problem approving it today.

P.O. GREGORY:
I don't think it's -- I mean, I think it goes without saying, but --

MS. KEYES:
So, we -- yeah, we have to hold a public hearing. There's a -- there's a process. It's a pretty -- much longer than Thursday until we can sign it.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right, yeah, exactly, that's my point.

LEG. HAHN:
Right. But you wouldn't sign it if --

MS. KEYES:
I think that's consistent.

LEG. HAHN:
-- they refuse to sign the IMA, correct?

MS. KEYES:
Yes. I think that -- yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Okay. So as long as that's the position of the County Executive --

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MS. KEYES:
Yeah.

LEG. HAHN:
-- then there's no problem passing it, but --

MS. KEYES:
Yeah. We were -- we were at the meeting with Legislator Sunderman. It seems like everybody is acting in good faith. We have full expectation the Town will execute it, so we're good with that.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. So let's move on. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor?

12:27PM

LEG. TROTTA:
I have a -- I have a question.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay, I'm sorry.

LEG. TROTTA:
Didn't we do -- I mean, you're telling me we were selling these houses when we knew they were -- we were doing this already?

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
And this is a -- this is a defined area, I'm assuming. So up until this point we were doing it? Didn't we stop doing this years ago?

LEG. KENNEDY:
No.

LEG. BERLAND:
You're always saying sell it.

LEG. TROTTA:
No. I say sell it when it's in an area where we could make some money, but these things were worthless.

LEG. HAHN:
No.

LEG. TROTTA:
To the sponsor, I thought we were doing it. Why would we be selling land that we're constantly fixing for floods?

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
That --

LEG. HAHN:
If I --
LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Go ahead.

LEG. HAHN:
No. I mean, I think that -- and I went on the record saying this
in committee. I mean, the Town of Brookhaven is notorious for
having been incredibly poor planning over the last several decades,
building where they should not build. It happens. It's happened
all across the County, including Smithtown, quite frankly, but
places where people are still willing to buy homes, even though
there's flooding that happens. And this -- you know, yes, we need
to do this --

LEG. TROTTA:
This is only tax --

LEG. HAHN:
-- there's absolutely no question.

LEG. TROTTA:
This is only tax delinquent properties at this point?

LEG. HAHN:
At this point, it's tax delinquent properties, yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
But we're --

LEG. HAHN:
But it's a huge cost to demolish a home that the Town allowed to be
built in a floodplain, and it should not be borne by the County.
So that's my concern, but my concerns are now alleviated --

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

LEG. HAHN:
-- because the County Executive will veto this if the IMA is not
signed, so we're all good.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
This is big for the community, Legislator Trotta, and it's a
corrective action, so we're going to move forward if we pass it.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Muratore)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Mr. Richberg, list me as a cosponsor, please.
P.O. GREGORY:
All right. It's 12:30. We're going to recess for lunch, and we'll see you all back at 2:00.

(*The meeting was recessed at 12:30 p.m.*)

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(*The following testimony was taken & transcribed by Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer*)

(*The meeting was reconvened at 2:01 p.m.*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Good afternoon, Madam Clerk. Please do the roll call.

MS. ELLIS:
Good afternoon.

(*Roll Called by Ms. Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk*)

02:01PM

LEG. SPENCER:
(Not Present).

LEG. DONNELLY:
Here.

LEG. BERLAND:
Here.

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LEG. McCAFFREY:
Here.

LEG. TROTTA:
Here.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Here.

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LEG. SPENCER:
Here.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Here.

LEG. CILMI:
Here.

02:02PM

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Here.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Here.

LEG. ANKER:
Here.
LEG. HAHN:
Present.

LEG. MURATORE:
(Absent).

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Here.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes, here.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Here.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Present.

P.O. GREGORY:
Here.

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, so we left off, we were going through the agenda. I have several requests for -- to take resolutions out of order. Next on my list --

LEG. TROTTA:
Public hearings?

P.O. GREGORY:
There's no Public Hearings. Next on my list is IR 21 --

MR. NOLAN:
Oh, we have to set the date for the Public Hearings.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, right, right; my bad, sorry.

Okay, I want to -- I make a motion to set the date for the following Public Hearings for the first General Meeting of the year, 2019. 2p.m., Rose Caracappa Auditorium, Hauppauge, New York: IR 2176; IR 2209. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Spencer - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, now back to the agenda.

IR 2149 should be in -- it's on page seven in Public Works. I make a motion to take IR 2149A, Bond Resolution, out of order.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand).

P. O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:03PM

P. O. GREGORY:
I make a motion to approve IR 2149A (Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $875,000 bonds to finance the reconstruction of CR 48, Middle Road from Horton Avenue to Main Street (CP 5526.311)).

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.

02:03PM

P. O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. This is amending the 2018 Capital Budget & Program and appropriating additional funds in connection with reconstruction of CR 48, Middle Road from Horton Avenue to Main Street. Roll call.

02:04PM

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.

P. O. GREGORY:
Who was that? Oh, Legislator Trotta.

02:04PM

LEG. TROTTA:
Just quickly, what does this have anything to do with the traffic circle?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
This will go from -- you mean the proposed one in Greenport there?

LEG. TROTTA:
No, the one that we just spent $7 million for.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
No, that one's in Flanders. No, this is just road reconstruction going through the North Fork by the sound by Town Beach --

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
-- and Sound View Restaurant.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

P. O. GREGORY:
Okay, roll call.
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02:04PM

P. O. GREGORY: Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.

LEG. SPENCER: Yes.

LEG. DONELLY: Yes.

LEG. BERLAND: Yes.

LEG. McCAFFREY: Yes.

LEG. TROTTA: Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY: Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON: Yes.

LEG. CILMI: Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ: Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY: Yes.

LEG. ANKER: Yes.

LEG. HAHN: Yes.

LEG. MURATORE: (Absent).

LEG. SUNDERMAN: Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO: Yes.
MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, I have another request --

MR. NOLAN:
Same motion, same second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, same motion, same second on 2149; sorry (Amending the 2018 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating additional funds in connection with Reconstruction of CR 48, Middle Road from Horton Avenue to Main Street (CP 5526) (County Executive). All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:05PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Two resolutions down.

I'll make a motion to take IR 2171A, Bond Resolution (of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $1,476,000 bonds to finance a portion of the cost of pavement resurfacing of CR 4, Commack Road from the vicinity of Julia Circle to the vicinity of NY 25; and CR 13, Crooked Hill Road from the vicinity of Henry Street to the Vicinity of CR 4, Commack Road (CP 5599.320, PIN 076129) out of order.

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions to take out of order?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:05PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I'll make a motion approve IR 2171A, Bond Resolution, Amending the 2018 Capital Budget & Program, appropriating funds in connection with the County's share for participation in pavement resurfacing on CR 4, Commack Road from the vicinity of Julia Circle to the vicinity of NY 25 and CR 13, Crooked Hill Road from the vicinity of Henry Street to the Vicinity of CR 4, Commack Road. Do I have second?

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes, second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Berland.
LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
Can someone -- is this by the Costco there?

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Is there someone from Public Works who can tell me where this is?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:
Good afternoon.

LEG. TROTTA:
Is this by Costco by the Expressway?

ACTING COMMISSIONER TYSON:
Yes. So the two locations that will be handled here would be one on County Road 4 between Julia Circle and NY 25, and then on County Road 13 which is Crooked Hill, from County Road 4.

LEG. TROTTA:
But it's by Costco.

ACTING COMMISSIONER TYSON:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
So when I pull off and come in North on Sunken Meadow I go -- I get on the Expressway, the North Service Road and I sit in traffic because there's no entrance off the North Service Road, and there's no turning lane into Costco either which creates a huge traffic jam.

LEG. BERLAND:
And it's very bumpy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Now it will be smooth.

LEG. TROTTA:
It's so poorly designed, I cannot believe it. And there'll be no way I will support this without additional ramps going into the parking lot because it just backs up, and it's so ridiculous that it's not done. So thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? All right, so we have a motion and a second on IR 2171A. Roll call.
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("Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature")

P.O. GREGORY:  
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:  
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:  
(Not Present).

LEG. DONELLY:  
Yes.

LEG. McCAFFREY:  
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:  
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:  
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:  
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:  
Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ:  
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:  
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:  
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:  
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:  
(Absent).

LEG. SUNDERMAN:  
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:  
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:  
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:  
Yes.
LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Opposed: Legislator Trotta - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, IR 2171-18, (Amending the 2018 Capital Budget and program and appropriating additional funds in connection with the county share for participation in pavement resurfacing of CR 4, Commack Road from the vicinity of Julia Circle to the vicinity of NY 25; and CR 13, Crooked Hill Road from the vicinity of Henry Street to the vicinity of CR 4, Commack Road (CP 5599) (County Executive), same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. TROTTA:
Opposed.

02:08PM 

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Opposed: Legislator Trotta - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, let's get back to the regular agenda.

All right, so Budget & Finance:

IR 2060-18 - Reducing Pipeline Debt by authorizing the County Comptroller to close certain Capital Projects and transfer funds (County Executive). I'll make a motion to approve.

02:08PM 

LEG. CILMI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:08PM 

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2144-18 - Delegating authority to refund certain erroneous tax payments to the Suffolk County Comptroller (Control No. 482-2018) (County Executive).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).
P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2174-18 - Approving County funding for a contract agency (Lloyd Harbor Historical Society) (Spencer). Motion by Legislator Spencer.

LEG. BERLAND:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Berland. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

(Environment Planning and Agriculture)

IR 2019-18 - Adopting Local Law No. 2-2019, A Local Law to expand and amend the Grant Assistance Program for the installation of Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (County Executive).

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:

LEG. DONNELLY:
Could we have somebody from the County Executive's Office come up?

MS. KEYES:
You're okay if I defer to Director of Planning?

LEG. DONNELLY:
Sure.

MS. KEYES:
Okay.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Hello. I'm also here with Justin Jobin from the Department of Health.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Okay. So Sarah, I know I've been pretty inquisitive on this project for a variety of different reasons, particularly related to the area that I represent. So Deputy County Executive Scully answered most of my questions. I do just have a couple of more, specifically to the personnel that are going to be assigned to help
this process.

So he identified several positions, I guess? Are they going to have recurring -- be able to sustain that in the Operating Budget for the next several years while this grant program is in effect?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Those positions that were identified in the letter that Peter Scully sent to you are funded with 477 Quarter Cent funding which is a recurring funding source.

02:12PM

LEG. DONNELLY:
And then just -- so from an operational perspective for this program, we have the additional staff on board who's going to actually oversee the whole program -- Deputy County Executive Scully is going to oversee it? Is there going to be a -- is it going to be a middle person who will be kind of like the Chief of staff for this operation?

02:11PM

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
The Department of Health Services is the department that runs this program under the direction of Peter Scully, Deputy County Executive.

02:11PM

LEG. DONNELLY:
Okay. And then lastly, I referenced on several occasions, both in conversations with Peter Scully and yourself, my concern about the outreach to the community, making this a workable project, that the County has different socioeconomic areas we know and folks have got to be able to navigate this process. So we talked about training, right, I'm pretty sure? So what's the feasibility, at least I know in my area, of getting Legislative office staff up to speed on that so that they can be -- because one of the things that Legislator McCaffrey and myself recently attended was the sewer meeting in Babylon, and there seemed to be some kind of, you know, concerns about how it's going to be implemented, the voting process and things like that.

02:12PM

So I just -- I probably sound very redundant, but sometimes a big program that sounds good, there's these little nuances underneath and then folks are going to get frustrated, so that's wherein my concern, as you know, lies. So maybe you can put me a little more at least on that.

02:13PM

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Sure, sure. In response to the letter that you sent, we did schedule a meeting and invited all Legislators and their staff to a training session on Friday, January 4th that will be held in the Department of Health Services out in Yaphank. Later in the afternoon that same day we are -- we've reached out to specific County departments and agencies, some of those agencies were listed in the letter that you sent us and we invited additional departments to participate in the training as well, so that we leverage the assets and outreach opportunities and engage Legislative offices and their staff as well as departments, other County departments to learn about our program.
LEG. DONNELLY:
Okay, that about sums it up. You know, I thank you, Sarah, and thank you to Peter as well. I appreciate it. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Okay, so we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Spencer - Absent Legislator Muratore).

IR 2073-18 - Accepting and appropriating New York State Department of State, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant funds, in connection with a Watershed Management Plan for the Revitalization of Lake Ronkonkoma (County Executive).

LEG. CILMI:
Motion.

02:14PM

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, motion by -- okay, I was waiting for Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Martinez. Second by Legislator Cilmi.

02:14PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay, Legislator Kennedy. Motion by Legislator Cilmi and second by Legislator Martinez; how about that?

LEG. CILMI:
Works for me.

02:14PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Sarah, how did you know I was calling you up? As we discussed prior, there already is a management plan being put into effect for a year-and-a-half by Oneonta lake study -- Lake Management Program. We also have Stony Brook in the lake. I don't have a problem taking the money and doing another one, but this will be one of three; this will not be the primary, or will it be the primary that we have to go by?

LEG. HAHN:
I can use this money (Raised hand).

02:15PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Who can use the money? I can use it, too, I'll take it (laughter).

LEG. HAHN:
Water quality projects.
DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
I want to thank Legislator Kennedy and Legislator Cilmi, as well as
the staff of Legislator Muratore for making themselves available to
participate on a call to talk further about this a week and a half
ago. And subsequent to that conversation where we discussed the
scope, I did follow up with the Department of State on the
opportunity to use some of this funding to allocate towards the
existing consultants that have already been retained by Legislators
or the community. And I have some -- there are opportunities to do
that, we need to further understand the scope, and I know you sent
me the scope last Tuesday, I've reviewed it. So there are
opportunities to further work together, we just need to talk
about -- the State wants to learn more about the procurement
process and how those consultants were procured, and if it
satisfies the State's procurement process then there's an
opportunity to potentially use a portion of this funding towards
those consultants. There's a lot of questions that still need to
be answered, but willing to work together.

LEG. KENNEDY:
That is excellent news but it didn't answer my question, Sarah.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Yes. So the question -- there will be, as I promised on the call,
an opportunity to assimilate all of the information that's been
previously conducted into this report. And likewise, we would be
happy to, if there is original information generated by this
effort, share it with the ongoing effort. So --

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay, as long as we're doing that I'm satisfied. Thank you.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Great. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
No, I think I made it clear that if you don't want the money, we've
got lots of uses for it.

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Laughter).

LEG. HAHN:
We've got lots of water quality projects on the water in Setauket,
so, you know, if you're arguing against this, you know, if the lake
doesn't need it we'll take it.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I just don't like redundancy. I wanted to make sure there was a
science component, there were a lot of other things we discussed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay? All right, so we have a motion and a second. All in favor?
Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen.  (**Amended Vote**: Fifteen - Not Present: Legislators Spencer & Martinez - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
2147-18 - Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum - land purchases for Open Space Preservation (CP 8732.210) - for the Schmelzer property - Manorville Hills County Park Addition - Pine Barrens Core - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-510.00-03.00-002.000) (County Executive).

02:18PM

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming.  Second by Legislator Krupski.  All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

02:18PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Spencer & Martinez - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2157-18 - Authorizing acquisition of land under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program [C12-5(E)(1)(a)] - for the Giella Property - Orowoc Creek Addition - Town of Islip - (SCTM No. 0500-343.00-02.00-035.000) (County Executive).  Motion by Legislator Flotteron.  Second by Legislator Cilmi.  All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2159-18 - Authorizing the repurposing of funding to the Carmans River Fish Passage Project using the New Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program Funds and rescinding Adopted Resolution Nos. 635 and 636-2017 regarding the Clean Lakes in Patchogue Project (CP 8733.310) (County Executive).  Motion by Legislator Sunderman.  Second by Legislator Calarco.  All in favor?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
On the --

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
May I just make a comment?  We actually request to table this.  We just realized that we need a bonding resolution and that SEQRA needs to be complete as well.  So we'll need to table this --
P.O. GREGORY: Okay.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: -- until we get a SEQRA resolution from CEQ. It's a different project. Sorry.

P.O. GREGORY: All right, so --

D.P.O. CALARCO: May I?

P.O. GREGORY: Yes, Legislator Calarco.

D.P.O. CALARCO: But weren't we already in the process of doing this fish ladder and that the project itself needed additional funding?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: That's right.

D.P.O. CALARCO: But don't we have a SEQRA already done on that project?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: We do, but according to Bond Counsel we need a new SEQRA Resolution.

D.P.O. CALARCO: For an additional bond for the same project.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: Yes. I wish that wasn't the case.

LEG. HAHN: Can we get a CN? Is it -- does it have to go before, separately before CEQ, or does it just need --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: It went through CEQ.

LEG. HAHN: Right.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: We have the CEQ resolution but it hasn't -- that resolution hasn't been adopted by the Legislature.

LEG. HAHN: Do we need a CN? Does it have to be done before the end of the year?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE: No.
LEG. HAHN:
Oh, I thought it did; no?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
No.

LEG. HAHN:
Okay.

02:20PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, I'll make a motion table.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
(Inaudible)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco; you okay?

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yeah, I'm still trying to process that.

02:20PM

LEG. CILMI:
I'll second.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
I'll second it.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second to table by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

02:20PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Fourteen (Not Present: Legislators Spencer, Donnelly & Martinez -
Absent: Legislator Muratore).

IR 2169-18 - Appointing Chairman of the Suffolk County Water
Authority (Patrick G. Halpin)(Gregory). I'll make a motion to --

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Kevin, I'll second to approve. On the motion, Legislator
Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yeah, I'm just wondering if there's a conflict because he's a
registered lobbyist for Hudson -- I believe he's a registered
lobbyist for Hudson River Healthcare.

02:21PM

MR. NOLAN:
Well, he's not precluded from being a member of the Suffolk County
Water Authority because he is a lobbyist. I'm not sure what his
lobbyist status is at this point. There may become -- there may be
matters when he's on the board where there is a conflict,
individual matters where he'll have to recuse himself, presumably.
But there's nothing to prevent us from appointing him. He's been -- you know, he was a member of the Water Authority until a -- he just resigned from one position to get appointed to this position, but there's nothing to preclude this Legislature from approving his appointment now.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

P.O. GREGORY:
Anyone else? All right. So all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. TROTTA:
Abstain.

MR. RICHBERG:

Government Operations, Personnel, Information Technology & Housing

IR 2097-18 - Authorizing amendments to the Affordable Housing Development Agreement and Development Plan for Columbia Street Development – Huntington Station (County Executive).

LEG. DONNELLY:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Donnelly.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:

MR. RICHBERG:
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Spencer & Martinez - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2132-18 - Authorizing a two-year extension for the development of four parcels of land transferred pursuant to the 72-h Affordable Housing Program to the Town of Babylon (County Executive). I make a motion to approve.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator McCaffrey.

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.
P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion.

LEG. TROTTA:
Is there somebody here who can speak and see how long we've given
this away and if they did or didn't build on it? It wouldn't be a
meeting without you, Jason.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I appreciate that, thank you. These were originally transferred to
the town in 1999.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. So it's now 2018, so we're talking over 20 years, about
20 years.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Yeah, 19 years.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. What have they done in 19 years?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Again, they -- it was transferred for affordable housing. It has
not been completed, they're looking to do a large-scale project, as
they discussed during the public comment period. The Town's
requesting this extension to be able to continue working with this
group to try to create this project.

LEG. TROTTA:
How big is this property?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
It's four different properties, a total of .585 acres.

LEG. TROTTA:
Point -- a half an acre?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
A little over a half an acre.

LEG. TROTTA:
And you're talking about a half an acre for 19 years.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
That's correct, the four parcels equate to a little above --

LEG. TROTTA:
Nothing started on this, we haven't built anything.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
There hasn't been improvements. Again, they are looking to do the
large scale project that they were describing earlier during the
public portion. The Town is requesting for this extension to go
through because they would like to continue working with this group
to try to accomplish this.
LEG. TROTTA:
For another 19 years, or --

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I can't --

LEG. TROTTA:
Clearly I can't support -- for 19 years we've been doing this and nothing. So I think we should sell it and get some money, because in case you haven't heard, we're broke. Thank you.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
So Jason, it's my understanding that this was -- this parcel was in -- this resolution was inadvertently left off that list that we did I guess a year or two ago?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Yes. So when we had done that large-scale extension these should have been included, but they were marked in the system as not accepted, which when we looked into it a little further we realized these were transferred; again, since these were so long ago. So these should have been part of that batch during that time.

P.O. GREGORY:
And if I recall, it's going to be 135 units for veterans and affordable housing.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
That's what they were describing at Public Portion. You know, again, they're going to be working with the Town and trying to complete, you know, the type of project. So I don't believe they have approvals in place yet, but again they're working with the Town and the Town is requesting this.

P.O. GREGORY:
The intent is for veterans affordable housing.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Until any approvals, I mean, that is the intent now.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, you know, as it gets closer to actually being constructed, I think, you know, the formation of the project will come at that time.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. TROTTA:
Question?
P.O. GREGORY:
Yep, yep.

LEG. TROTTA:
How many houses, units did you say, a hundred and thirty --

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, we may have missed one. I think he said 35 or -- I don't remember. There were multiple units for -- maybe I misspoke.

LEG. TROTTA:
On a half an acre?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Again, the group is going to control the zoning on that, they're working with the Town and the Town's requesting this extension to continue working with this group.

LEG. TROTTA:
Is there a house on this property?

P.O. GREGORY:
No, I don't think so.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I don't believe that they're improved parcels. It's four separate parcels that total to that amount.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay, thanks.

P.O. GREGORY:
But this particular church, too, I mean, there's properties that they've gotten from the Town but they own properties on their own right. They own a lot of properties.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Yes, I believe they have other properties inside their inventory.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right. Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Are you privy to what they're discussing? Is it going to be seven stories high to get that amount?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Again, they don't have approvals for the actual project yet, they're working with the Town. So I wouldn't want to hold anything out until they get approvals in place to say this is actually what the project is. The Town's requesting to continue to be able to work with them which is why they submitted this request to come before the Legislature to extend it.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay.
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Okay. All right, so we have a motion and a
second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Fourteen (Opposed: Legislator Trotta - Not Present: Legislators
Spencer & Martinez - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2170-18 - Amending the hourly rate for temporary positions in
the Suffolk County Classification and Salary Plan (County
Executive). I make a motion to approve.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Spencer & Martinez - Absent:
Legislator Muratore).

(Health)

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2017-18 - Adopting Local Law No. -2018, A Local Law to prohibit
smoking in County bus shelters (McCaffrey). Motion by Legislator
McCaffrey. Second by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor?

02:27PM

LEG. HAHN:
Question. I love the idea, I'm just curious as to like do we have
a way of enforcing? So like can the bus drivers -- (laughter).

LEG. MCCAFFREY:
Well, this came out of -- you know, I don't take the bus often, but
it came out of -- one of my constituents came to me that does take
the bus often complained about people smoking in the bus shelter
while they're waiting for the bus. And then I heard from a bus
driver who complained about people are smoking in the bus shelter
and they're not quite done smoking and they walk into the bus and
blow the smoke into the driver's face. So -- and if there's no
rule that says they can't do that, I guess they will continue to do
it, at least they could at least remind them that they can't be
smoking in the bus shelter. And if need be, I guess we can take
the appropriate action. I don't think we're going to have the
police station at the bus shelters checking for that --

02:28PM

LEG. HAHN:
Of course.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
-- but right now there's no remedy for any of these people that --
you know, if they're uncomfortable or feel it's an unhealthy
situation for them.
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LEG. HAHN:
So Darnell's here. I'm just curious, I mean, can a bus driver refuse a ride to somebody who's smoking in a shelter or gets on the bus and blows smoke in the driver's face? I mean --

LEG. McCAFFREY:
I would think that the -- I wouldn't want the bus driver to take that action but they could report that person. Because generally the people that are getting on the bus stop are getting on that same bus stop every day, and so they can say, Hey, look, I have a problem. Every day the same person gets in the -- is smoking in the bus shelter, blows the smoke into the bus when they get in here, can we do something about it? I guess at that point we could arrange for some sort of enforcement action.

LEG. HAHN:
Okay.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Listen, I am opposed to laws that we can't enforce, but this is kind of a public safety and health issue.

LEG. HAHN:
No, I'm agreeing with you, I'm just trying to figure out -- because I'd like the -- as much as you don't -- obviously the bus drivers probably wouldn't want, but I would like them to be able to say you can't get -- if they're that disrespectful, you know, if they're that -- blatantly snubbing their nose at, I mean, the rules or whatever.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
I'm sure they can -- if this law is in place they can remind them about the law, point to the sign or whatever is going to get done.

LEG. HAHN:
Yep. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Anker.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
There will be a sign and maybe we can do a contest, yeah, that would be a great idea. Thank you.

LEG. ANKER:
Well, I was going to say that, speaking of signs. I think -- you know, because what happens is law enforcement, they can't enforce unless there is a warning, and I believe that's going to have to happen, a sign as they're entering the bus.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
I understand that there is a provision for signage in there, yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Okay. The other question I have as far as vaping. Now, does your legislation include the act of vaping when you say smoking? And in
addition, will it encompass the marijuana recreational law?

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Well, that's going to be a whole new world here, you know. And the Governor has just made it a priority in the next Legislative session to make sure that -- with all the problems that we have, now legalizing marijuana is the first priority for the Governor. But anyway, I would have to think that you can't smoke marijuana in there or vape or whatever because there's various ways of doing that now, so.

02:31PM

LEG. ANKER:
So, George, does that cover in the legislation, the marijuana and the liquid nicotine?

MR. NOLAN:
Yeah, definitely the vaping. Really, the definition of smoking is the combustion of any cigar, cigarette, tobacco or any similar article, and includes an e-cigarette which creates a vapor; so it's pretty inclusive, yes.

02:31PM

LEG. McCAFFREY:
And I believe, George, that we follow the same enforcement that we have for bars and restaurants.

MR. NOLAN:
Well, this bill -- you know, the smoking law is enforced by the Department of Health Services; I think a big part of that will be the posting of signs saying No Smoking. Eighty, 90% of people are going to obey the law if they're aware of it, you know, that would probably be the biggest enforcement mechanism when you come right down to it.

02:31PM

LEG. ANKER:
Do we have a law like this regarding alcohol?

MR. NOLAN:
We cannot -- we do not regulate alcohol.

02:31PM

LEG. CILMI:
But you can't have any.

MR. NOLAN:
Yeah, I mean, that's covered by the State. I'm just saying that's covered by the State.

02:31PM

LEG. ANKER:
But once there's edibles, will that encompass the marijuana; do you have any idea, George?

02:32PM

MR. NOLAN:
(Laughter) A screwball on the last day, right? Not you! You're throwing me a screwball, let me clarify that.

(*Laughter*)
Man, oh man. I stepped in it, didn't I?

LEG. TROTTA:
Sarah, what's a --

LEG. McCAFFREY:
You were doing so good all these years.

MR. NOLAN:
Can you restate the question, Legislator Anker?

(*Laughter*)

LEG. ANKER:
The question is when marijuana gets regulated, will it be -- will we be able to regulate it on our public transportation where people will not be able to use it, whether it's inhaled or ingested, and I guess that ingested part is what I'm asking at this point.

MR. NOLAN:
I certainly believe that we can say to people they cannot smoke anything, including marijuana cigarettes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yeah, but how will you --

MR. NOLAN:
Well --

LEG. ANKER:
Or ingest it.

MR. NOLAN:
That I don't know, we'll have to see what the State bill says. I'm sorry.

LEG. TROTTA:
I have a suggestion. Maybe we should make the relief points at the bus shelters so we could have the cops there and we can understand what's going on to have a better view of it.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. TROTTA:
I'll put a bill in.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Anyone else? Okay, we have a motion, a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Thank you.
MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Martinez - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

(Parks & Recreation)

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 1997A, Bond Resolution (of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $200,000 in Bonds to finance the planning costs associated with the Millers Pond Weir (CP 7206.110)). Motion by Legislator Kennedy. Second?

LEG. CILMI:
I'll think about it. All right, I'll second it.

P.O. GREGORY:

(*Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature*)

02:33PM
LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

02:33PM
LEG. CILMI:
Yes.

02:33PM
LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. McCAFFREY:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. MARTINEZ:
(Not Present).

02:34PM
LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

02:34PM
LEG. HAHN:
Yes.
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LEG. MURATORE: (Absent).

LEG. SUNDERMAN: Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO: Yes.

P. O. GREGORY: Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ: Yes.

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

Applause

P. O. GREGORY: Okay, IR 1997-18 - (Appropriating funds in connection with Millers Pond Weir (CP 7206)). Same motion, same second. You had a comment?

LEG. ANKER: With this bill in particular, I just wanted to state, because there were so many concerns with -- again, this is planning money, $200,000 in planning money. If we could be, you know, aware that these projects need proper planning, just like the Canine facility and other types of -- especially our DPW, because it not easy to build some of these very involved projects. But I do wish you the best, and we know how important this particular project is thanks to public comment. So thank you guys for coming out. Thank you.

LEG. KENNEDY: Thank you, Sarah. It's also study money to see if the cement is strong enough to hold it in there. So it's --

LEG. HAHN: We look forward to you supporting. But let --

LEG. KENNEDY: I do understand your point, though. I understand your point.

LEG. HAHN: But your constituents -- your constituents were very sure that you support, you know, other projects in other districts.

LEG. KENNEDY: I do. I do.
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, all right.

LEG. HAHN:
But you don't.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I do.

LEG. HAHN:
So we need to -- we look forward to you doing that in the future. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, so we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:35PM
Okay, IR 2123-18 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York authorizing the issuance of $50,000 Bonds to finance Improvements at Maxine Postal County Park (C 7201.310). I'll make a motion --

LEG. McCAFFREY:
I'll make a motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to approve by Legislator McCaffrey. I'll second. Roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature*)

02:36PM
LEG. McCAFFREY:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

02:36PM
LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

02:36PM
LEG. TROTTA:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.
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LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
Yes.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
(Absent).

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Opposed: Legislator Trotta - Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, thank you.

IR 2145-18 - Renaming the Red House at Inlet Pond County Park for Roy Latham (Krupski).

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So moved.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Krupski. Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2146-18 - Appointing Joseph Kukral as a member of of the Suffolk County Board Of Trustees of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (Member-At-Large)(County Executive).

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LEG. HAHN:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Hahn. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

(Public Safety)

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2148-18 - Accepting the donation of one evidence locker for use
by The Suffolk County Police Department (County Executive).

LEG. SPENCER:
Motion.

02:37PM

P.O. GREGORY:
I'll make a motion.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2153-18 - Accepting and appropriating Federal funding in the
amount of $39,500 from the United States Department of Justice,
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, for the
Suffolk County Police Department's Participation in the ATF Task
Force with 79.71% support (County Executive).

02:37PM

LEG. TROTTA:
Motion.

LEG. DONNELLY:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Trotta. Second by Legislator Donnelly.
All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2154-18 - Accepting and appropriating Federal funding in the
amount of $91,719 from the United States Department of Justice,
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), for the Suffolk County
Police Department’s participation in the DEA Long Island Task Force with 79.71% support (County Executive).

LEG. SPENCER:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Spencer. Second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2155-18 - Accepting and appropriating Federal funding in the amount of $18,344 from the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), for the Suffolk County Police Department’s participation in the DEA Long Island Tactical Diversion Task Force with 79.71% support (County Executive).

LEG. KENNEDY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by -- who was that? Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

(Public Works)

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2115-18 - To appoint member of Suffolk County Tick Control Advisory Committee (Jeffrey E. Sander)(County Executive).

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming. Second by Legislator Sunderman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2137-18 - Authorizing execution of an Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3 – Southwest and Suffolk County Industrial LLC (IS-0727)(County Executive). I'll make a motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.
P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2142-18 - Authorizing execution of an Agreement by the
Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 1 –
Port Jefferson and Setauket Meadows in the Woods (BR-1709).
(County Executive).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All the way down to 2175-18 - Authorizing an analysis to
encourage renewable energy development while minimizing adverse
impacts to open space and wooded areas in Suffolk County (Fleming).
Motion by Legislator Fleming.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. On the motion, anyone?
All in favor?

LEG. ANKER:
I have a question.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Anker.

LEG. ANKER:
I just wanted to mention as far as the work that Bridget has done,
I think it's been very important that we move forward in analyzing,
you know, how we can make the solar industry better. In fact, I'm
working on a letter to the editor regarding a recent article about
the fraud and misconduct that has been done with the solar -- with
some of the solar installers. This basically pertains to the
millions of dollars of grant money that has been provided to
encourage people to install solar panels on their homes or lease them. And what has happened is a lot of these solar companies have been -- basically they've misled the resident, they've charged much more than what the resident thought, they -- the resident may have problems reselling or refinancing their homes with these solar-leased projects on their roofs. And also -- what was the other question? Anyways, there's a numerous amount of problems and I'm just very happy to see that LIPA and PSEG is really addressing this as we move forward with trying to get people to go solar.

But I do want to make this particular point. It just -- it would be, I think, more beneficial for each resident to benefit directly from solar installation on their roofs instead of putting, you know, hundreds of millions of dollars into these large, global companies that are making these fields. Which are a part -- it's part of the picture of increasing renewable energies, but I think a lot of the money, if it could go directly to the resident to put those solar panels on the roofs so they can benefit, I hope that LIPA will consider that and PSEG will consider that. But I think, Bridget, what you're doing is very important in allocating where these installations will go with the solar, with your projects you're working on. Thanks.

LEG. FLEMING:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

(Ways & Means)

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2130-18 - Adopting Local Law No. 2018, A Local Law to authorize conveyance of real property previously taken for delinquent taxes (33 Linden Lane, Farmingville, SCTM No. 0200-599.00-05.00-029.002) (Muratore).

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Sunderman.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).
P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2131-18 - Approving payment to General Code Publishers for Administrative Code pages (Presiding Officer Gregory). I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2133-18 - Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 760-2018 (County Executive). I'll make a motion.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Sunderman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2172-18 - Approving list of Surveyors as designated by the division of Real Property Acquisition And Management (County Executive).

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Krupski. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2173-18 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Barry and Carol Cheshire (SCTM No. 0400-056.00-02.00-073.000)(Trotta).

LEG. TROTTA:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Trotta.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, in the manilla folder we have several Local Law 40s, there
are several.

IR 2214-18 - Amending the 2018 Adopted Operating Budget to accept
and appropriate $402,220 in 100% additional State Aid from the New
York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) to Family Service
League (FSL) for Stabilization Center Services (County Executive).

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Donnelly.
All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR -- Procedural Motion Resolution No. 15-2018 - Setting Land
Acquisition Priorities in accordance with "AAA Program"
Requirements (2018 - PHASE VI)(Hahn/Krupski).  Motion by Legislator
Anker.  Second by Legislator Krupski.  All in favor?  Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2216-18 - Accepting and appropriating 100% grant funds received
from the Dormitory Authority of New York State to the Suffolk
County District Attorney’s Office, under the Suffolk County
District Attorney’s Office Surveillance Equipment Enhancement
Program (County Executive).  I’ll make a motion to approve.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

LEG. CILMI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Cilmi.  On the motion, anyone?  All in favor?
Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Procedural Motion Resolution No. 16-2018, Procedural Resolution
Apportioning Mortgage Tax by: County Comptroller (Presiding
Officer Gregory).  I’ll make a motion to approve.

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D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, red folder, we have several **CNS**:

**IR 2208-18** - Authorizing the voluntary acquisition of land in connection with the acquisition of properties to be acquired for the Replacement of a Bridge on C.R. 16, Horseblock Road over the L.I.R.R. and Long Island Avenue, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York (CP 5855) (County Executive). Motion by Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

**IR 2218-18** - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Caroline Lewkovitz (SCTM No. 0900-099.00-01.00-045.014) (Fleming).

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

**IR 2221-18** - Authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Village of Saltaire for provision of police services (County Executive).
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LEG. LINDSAY:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Lindsay. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

02:46PM

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 2222-18 - Authorizing the County Comptroller to borrow cash funds from other County funds for 2019 (Presiding Officer Gregory).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Donnelly.

02:46PM

LEG. SPENCER:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:
Just on the County funds, I just would like an explanation just on this one, just briefly.

02:46PM

MR. NOLAN:
Legislator Spencer, this is a resolution we adopt every year just to authorize the County Comptroller to make inter-fund transfers for cash flow purposes. So this is just an annual almost pro forma exercise for us.

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you very much.

02:47PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Muratore).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, yellow folder, we have some Late Starters:

I would like to waive the rules and lay the following resolutions on the table:

IR 2219 to Ways & Means; IR 2220 to Budget & Finance, set the Public Hearing for the first General Meeting in 2019 at 2 PM in Hauppauge.

Second by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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And Legislator McCaffrey.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Just a point of privilege. Before we adjourn, Mr. Presiding Officer, I just want to recognize my Chief of Staff, Zach Giglio, who is leaving us after almost two years as my Chief of Staff. And it's not because he doesn't like me or doesn't like working for me, but he's --

LEG. CILMI:
As far as you know.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
I don't blame him, I know, but he's headed for greener pastures in South Carolina. I hate to say another victim of some of these young people that we like to keep around that just can't afford to live here on Long Island. But we want to wish them the best, he's been a great service to this County and myself. Thank you so much, Zach.

Applause

MR. GIGLIO:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Kevin McCaffrey, we actually have a few leaving. So we have Robyn Fellrath from Legislator Anker's Office; Andrew Koven from Legislator Martinez' office; Denise Rivera from Legislator Martinez's office; Luis Montes-Brito from Legislator Martinez' office; Zach, as you mentioned, from your office; Ross Slotnick from Legislator Fleming, as well as Paul Brady from Legislator Fleming's office are all going to be leaving. I want to thank them for their service, wish them the best of luck. And Happy New Year, Merry Christmas to everyone, and we'll see you next year.

We stand adjourned.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.*)

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