

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Chairperson  
CEQ

## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES**

DATE: February 20, 2019

TIME: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Robert Carpenter Jr.

Frank De Rubeis

Eva Growney

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Constance Kepert

Mary Ann Spencer

Andrea Spilka

### ABSENT:

Michael Doall

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

### STAFF:

Andy Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Principal Office Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law  
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks,  
Recreation and Conservation

Christina DeLisi, Suffolk County Legislative Aide, Presiding Officer Gregory  
Frank Castelli, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic  
Development and Planning, Division of Water Quality

Diego De La Rocha, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and  
Planning Division of Planning and Environment

Walter Dawydiak, Director, Division of Environment, Suffolk County Department of  
Health Services

Ken Zegel, Associate Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health  
Services

MaryAnne Taylor, Project Manager, CDM Smith Consultants

**Minutes:**

- December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes and January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Ms. Spilka abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kepert. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Public Portion:**

- None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

- Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites

Richard Martin, the Director of Historic Services, noted that Isaac Mills House is vacant and Suffolk County Parks is currently doing updates to the apartment. After the updates are completed the unit will be reappraised and offered for rent.

Mr. Martin also noted that the large house in the Robert Cushman County Park is again being rented. Mr. Martin noted that there is also a vacant apartment in Greenport at Inlet Pond Park. Suffolk County Parks is doing updates to this apartment and it will then again be available to rent.

Mr. Swanson asked about the issue of eutrophication of the pond at the Mills Pond House and the potential issue that the algae growing in the pond could be toxic to dogs. Mr. Martin noted that would be a question best raised with Nick Gibbons and Suffolk County parks.

Mr. Swanson also noted the issue of ice skating on the pond at Mills Pond House. Mr. Martin noted that he didn't know if there was a posted notice at the pond regarding ice skating but that he would look into it.

- Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

No new updates on custodial agreements

### **Project Review:**

#### **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

##### A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 13, 2019

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 13, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Mr. Carpenter abstained. Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

- Update on the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan and the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

Ken Zegel, Associate Public Health Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services gave an update on the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan and the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

After the presentation by Mr. Zegel the CEQ had a number of comments/questions. The CEQ's main points are summarized below:

- There were questions about the organization of the documents that the CEQ members have received. Mr. Zegel clarified that what the CEQ members received were task reports which will be the information used to make up the Subwatershed Plan.
- There was a question about population growth and whether that was considered. Mr. Zegel noted that the Subwatershed Plan does include buildout analysis for Suffolk County that was done on a parcel by parcel basis.
- The issue of climate change. Mr. Swanson noted that there may be significant changes to the water bodies by 2050 which would have large effects on the analysis that is being completed for the Subwatershed Plan. Mr. Zegel noted that the Plan will include a discussion on climate change and will also include an adaptive management plan to reevaluate findings as new data comes in.
- The issue of how well package sewage treatment plants function was brought up. Mr. Dawydiak, Director, Division of Environment, Suffolk County Department

of Health Services noted that when maintained properly package sewage treatment plants have been shown to function as well as Sewage Treatment Plants.

- The issue of whether IA Onsite Sanitary Wastewater Systems will work properly overtime. Mr. Dawydiak described the County's approval process for these systems and maintenance/reporting requirements that have been put in place to assure that these systems continue to work properly.
- The issue of what will necessitate additional SEQRA review such as a supplemental EIS and how that will be documented in the GEIS. The Health Department noted that they would like to work with the CEQ on this issue.
- Mr. Carpenter raised the concern of the idea of upzoning without compensation for land owners. Mr. Carpenter also noted that he believes the Plan should also consider the purchase of open space acquisition as alternate to upzoning. Mr. Zegel noted that there will be a section in the Plan on land acquisition.

After the extended discussion it was determined that it would be helpful to start setting up the previously discussed working group meetings. Staff noted that one week would be needed to allow for the Public Notice and that the Staff would follow up with the CEQ members on the subcommittee meeting dates.

**CAC Concerns:**

*(Note: this item on the Agenda was taken out of order and was brought up prior to the North Fork Preserve CEQ Subcommittee- Discussion)*

No CAC concerns or comments were raised.

**Other Business (continued):**

- North Fork Preserve CEQ Subcommittee-Discussion

Mr. Swanson noted that immediately following the CEQ meeting the North Fork Preserve Subcommittee would meet. Mr. Swanson noted that any of the CEQ members interested in staying for this subcommittee are welcome to do so.

The regular CEQ Meeting Adjourned