

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE, NY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Ray Corwin	Member at Large
Gregory Dawson	Vice Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Gil Cardillo	Chairman, Town of Riverhead
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold

PARKS DEPARTMENT

John W. Pavacic	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Karen Nicholson	Superintendent of Parks
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Tom Malanga	Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Pamela Greene	Director, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Mgmt.
Greg Moran	Legislator Nowick's Office
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Vice Chairman Dawson called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC PORTION

There were members of the public present; they did not wish to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2010

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee White. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. A colored site map was distributed describing the property.

Hauppauge Springs – Sacco as Contract Vendee Property – Hauppauge, Town of Islip

The acquisition of 7.16 acres in Hauppauge, Town of Islip. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program C12-5 (E)(1)(a).

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Dawson and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Pavacic reported on the following:

Park Fees

The County Executive held a press conference earlier today and announced that the fee increase enacted last year would be sunsetting next month. We will be returning to the 2008 fee schedule and we are working diligently to make those changes in our reservation and POS (Point of Sale) system.

WIFI

The County Executive announced the beginning of a Wi-Fi initiative in County Parks with Southaven County Park being the first for free wireless access. We are also planning on adding Wi-Fi access to other park facilities.

Coindre Hall Boathouse

Last week the site plans were signed and will be going out to bid in the next week or two. We are hoping to have construction under way by early summer.

Blydenburgh Mill

A contractor has been selected. We hope to have construction begin some time this spring.

Beach Erosion

We had a kickoff meeting with FEMA regarding the erosion and beach nourishment project at Smith Point. Terry Maccarrone will update Trustees.

Long Island Maritime Museum

The Long Island Maritime has a new Chairman, Mike Eagan, and a new Board of Trustees.

Upper Carmans River Corridor

There’s a new initiative ongoing in conjunction with the Pine Barrens Commission and several other agencies in regards to the upper Carmans River corridor. That area has been identified for on-the-ground stewardship activities by both the Pine Barrens Commission and the Carmans River Partnership. They are looking at developing an overall natural resources management plan as well as implementation of certain activities including ATV mitigation activities and ramped up enforcement regarding dumping and ATV activity.

Closing of State Parks

Trustee Borden asked if the closing of New York State Parks would affect our Parks operations. Commissioner Pavacic responded that we are going to be open for business with the fees decreasing. We could, potentially, see a significant increase at County parks.

New Trustees for the Town of Babylon and the Town of Southampton

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported the Supervisor from the Town of Southampton submitted a letter recommending a new Trustee, Bill Sickles. The Supervisor from the Town of Babylon submitted a letter recommending a new Trustee, Richard Hollborn.

2009 Fee Increase

Trustee Schilling asked if there was any data on how the Parks Department fee increase affected the 2009 season. Commissioner Pavacic responded that one of the problems last year was terrible weather. It's difficult to compare to other years when we had relatively decent weather.

Mileage Reimbursement

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported the 3rd and 4th quarter mileage reimbursement forms need to be submitted in a timely fashion. The Audit Department will not accept late submissions.

ROUND TABLE

Terry Maccarrone reported on the following:

- GATR Maintenance Facility

There was a construction delay in December due to the need to replace damaged bar joists which held up the completion of the roof installation. The new joists have been fabricated and installed and work is now progressing on the interior. Inclement weather has delayed some outside work, but that should move along as soon as weather improves. Given the current work schedule, it is expected that the project will be completed in mid-May.

- Smith Point Fishing Pier

The substructure for the pier is essentially completed; however, the delivery of the Ipe wood (a special South American wood used to construct the pier) has been delayed so construction is at a standstill. It is hoped that the Ipe wood will be delivered in mid-March and construction can resume. The work schedule indicates that the balance of construction will take 11 weeks to complete once the lumber arrives.

- Beach Erosion

We are working with FEMA / SEMO to develop the project worksheets to repair the damage caused by the November 2009 nor'easter (disaster declaration DR 1869) and to compile information to submit to FEMA so that the County can be reimbursed for debris removal and repair work that was completed by County personnel. The disaster declaration incorporates damages to Smith Point, Meschutt and possibly Shinnecock East, with the main damages at Smith Point. At the same time we are working with SEMO officials to close out the project worksheets related to the earlier disaster declaration (DR 1692) from 2007.

Earth Day

Tom Malanga reported the Earth Day Awards Dinner is scheduled for April 23rd, 7:00 PM at Timber Point Country Club. County Executive Steve Levy, Doug Geed of News 12 and Nancy Manfredonia will be honorees. Tickets are \$150.00. The money will go to the Suffolk County Parks Foundation.

Trustee McKay asked if there was still going to be an auction and Mr. Malanga said they were still accepting items to be auctioned.

Spring Borrowing Request

Pamela Greene reported her division is putting together a Spring Borrowing Request. She will be able to tell us more about the set-up at our next meeting.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th, 2010 at Meadow Croft in Sayville, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0