

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
THIRD HOUSE, MONTAUK, NY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Chairman, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Vice Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
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PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

William Dorsch	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Tom Jones	Suffolk Committee for Camping
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Cardillo called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC PORTION

There was one member of the public present. He did not wish to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15th, 2010

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of *9-0-0.

PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

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

Pine Barrens Core – Fasano, Gratotta, Cullen and Grau Property

The acquisition of 16.4 acres in the Hamlet of Westhampton, Town of Southampton. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (effective November 30, 2000) C12-5(e)(1)(b).

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Sickles and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of *9-0-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- Three parks have been affected by the West Nile Virus: Southaven, Blydenburgh and Gardiners. The parks are tested for the virus every two weeks.
- Hurricane Earl caused some snow fence damage and actually brought in some sand on our ocean beaches.
- The Fishing Pier at Smith Point should be completed by mid October.
- We have received the Master Plan for Robinson Duck Farm from the Planning Department. The Planning Department will send a representative to give a presentation to the Trustees upon their request.
- There were two events at the Long Island Maritime Museum. Both the Seafood Festival and Bradstock events went well.
- The GATR Maintenance Facility is complete.
- The concessionaire at Indian Island wants to end his contract with Parks at the end of this year.
- Attendance at the beaches is up this summer by approximately 100,000.
- Golf rounds are down a little bit but we hope to make it up in the next couple of months.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that each Trustee was given an RFP for the West Hills Stable. We need a vote from the Trustees authorizing us to issue that RFP. The present contract expires the end of this year. The current operator plans on bidding on it again, but there may be interest from other entities. We also need a representative from the Trustees to serve on the RFP Committee. Deputy Commissioner Bellone thought Trustee McKay might be interested in serving on the RFP Committee. We can coordinate this effort at next month’s meeting. Trustee Hollborn volunteered to serve on the RFP Committee in the interim.

A motion to approve the RFP for West Hills Stables was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hollborn. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of *9-0-0.

Nick Gibbons gave a presentation regarding Introductory Resolution No. 1890-2010 “authorizing the completion of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Environmental Cleanup on County Parkland (Robert Cushman Murphy County Park)”. The *Planned 2010 Sediment Removal at Robert Cushman Murphy County Park* presentation was prepared by Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Nick Gibbons said the Parks Department is very comfortable with the environmental cleanup request from Brookhaven National Laboratory.

A motion to approve I.R. No. 1890-2010 “authorizing the completion of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Environmental Cleanup on County Parkland (Robert Cushman Murphy County Park)” was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Sickles. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of *9-0-0.

Nick Gibbons reported the lead remediation at the Trap and Skeet Range is going smoothly. They expect to be done in the next few weeks.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Cardillo reported the next meeting is at Coindre Hall in Huntington, New York. Chairman Cardillo asked about the status of the unleashed dog situation at Coindre Hall. Commissioner Montuori responded that Park Police patrol the area.

Chairman Cardillo inquired about the status of the cell tower in Montauk. Trustee White responded that after 6 years, the Parks Department, the Montauk Fire Department and Police Department have pulled out of this project.

Chairman Cardillo asked about progress on the fishing pier at Smith Point. Commissioner Montuori responded it should be ready by mid October.

Chairman Cardillo inquired about the bird watching pier at Cupsogue. Deputy Commissioner Bellone responded the plans are with the Department of Public Works.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee White reported he will be attending the Parks Foundation meeting next Tuesday, September 21st.

Trustee White said he was contacted by the “Concerned Citizens of Montauk” (CCOM). The CCOM said they would like to continue the burn in Montauk. The burn was originally started by The Nature Conservancy who is no longer doing burns. A member of the CCOM has a source of money for these burns and they have asked if the Parks Department is still willing to have the burns. Their time table is this coming Monday. The Montauk Fire Department has agreed to be the recipient of the money and when it comes time to pay people, the Fire Department would write the checks. Trustee White said he mentioned this to Nick Gibbons. Nick Gibbons informed him that the CCOM’s time table was a little tight for Parks. Trustee White said he will go back to the CCOM to see if the person is still willing to donate the money. The Fire Department will hold the money in escrow until the details can be worked out for a burn period in March/April 2011.

Nick Gibbons responded that we have an existing Management Plan that authorizes burning within a 290 acre area of the park that goes through 2013. As long as what is proposed is in the existing Management Plan area, it could work. The existing lack of a ‘burn boss’, and a crew for the ‘burn boss’ to direct, needs to be addressed. Trustee White and Nick Gibbons will continue to work on this issue.

Trustee White, on behalf of the Trustees, extended best wishes to Trustee McKay and his wife for a speedy recovery.

Trustee White extended his thanks to Terry Maccarrone for the “before” and “after” photos of the GATR site.

Trustee Borden mentioned he recently saw Trustee McKay and he sent his best to everyone.

Trustee Borden thanked Nick Gibbons for a great presentation.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone thanked Trustee White and Mrs. White for the lobster salad.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st, 2010 at Coindre Hall, Huntington, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hollborn. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0

*** Vote did not include Trustee Engel**