

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2000

TIME: 9:35 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

PRESENT: Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice-Chairperson; Tom Cramer, Sharon Kast, Michael Kaufman, Nancy Manfredonia, Barbara Van Liew

Staff: James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst  
Kathleen Rigano & Gail Calfa, Secretaries

### Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office  
Chris Nuzzi, County Executive Assistant  
George Proios, Assistant County Executive for Environmental Affairs  
Suffolk County Legislature  
Elizabeth Nostrand, Legislative Aide to Leg. Fisher  
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Mike Frank, Commissioner  
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services  
Suffolk County Police Department  
Captain Don Massaro, Police Liaison  
Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect

### Conservation Advisory Councils:

Joy Squires, Chairperson, Huntington CAB

The CEQ meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson Elkowitz. In attendance were 7 voting members and the Chairperson of the Huntington Conservation Board .

MINUTES:

On a motion by Sharon Kast, seconded by Nancy Manfredonia, the minutes of the January 19, 2000, CEQ meeting were approved as written and distributed.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 1, February 29 and March 14, 2000.

Mr. Bagg of the CEQ staff advised the Council that Resolution No. 1149, introduced by Legislator Fields, establishes a Smart Growth Policy for Suffolk County and directs Suffolk County Department of Planning to create a master plan. Resolution No.1262 deals with land acquisitions as regards the Drinking Water Protection Program and Resolution 1053 deals with adoption of Local Law 2000 to establish last resort vector control spraying policies for Suffolk County. After discussion by the members, Mr. Kaufman made a motion to ratify the resolutions as presented. The motion was seconded by Sharon Kast and passed unanimously. Those resolutions that are classified as Type II actions under SEQRA need no further environmental review. Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code specifies that those classified as either Unlisted or Type I actions require an EAF be prepared and submitted to the CEQ.

- b. Proposed Type II Actions from Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

Correspondence was introduced by Chairperson Theresa Elkowitz regarding the proposed renovations of tennis courts at the Charles R. Dominy County Park in West Sayville and Timber Point Country Club, Town of Islip. These projects involve the removal of the existing court surfaces, nets, fencing and their replacement. A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to classify these projects as Type II actions since they involve replacement in-kind. The motion was seconded by Nancy Manfredonia and passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Proposed Construction of the 6th Police Precinct in Selden, Town of Brookhaven

Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect of the Department of Public Works, presented an overview on the proposed construction of a 6th Precinct building in Selden together with off-street parking for 200 vehicles on 4.2 acres of a 16 acre site. Approximately 6± acres of

property in the southern portion of the site are to be purchased for open space purposes by Suffolk County and the Town of Brookhaven jointly. A motion was made by Tom Kramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be issued. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by unanimous vote.

#### HISTORIC SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Martin, Director of Historic Services, briefed the Council on the following historic trust properties requiring renovations:

a. The Dayton House and Farm Complex. The barn building and homes are in danger and need to be stabilized. The house is boarded up at this time. This project is considered a repair/replacement in kind.

b. The Mary Booth House in Yaphank. \$10,000 had been appropriated for repairs. This year, \$50,000 has been appropriated for the foundation and rebuilding of the chimney and carpentry work. This project is considered as repair/replacement in kind.

c. Coindre Hall Park. \$80,000 has been put aside for restoration work and the installation of air conditioning in the main house. The plans are not completed yet. Money may be used for restoration work on the main house instead or the boat house. The main house has been used for catering purposes only during the cooler months and there were tours of this building up until this year. It is expected the tours will begin again after the installation of air conditioning.

d. Coindre Hall - Garage - Located on the east side of the main house. The framing and roof need repair. \$35,000 is necessary for these repairs.

e. Coindre Hall - Maintenance Garage used for storage and park use. The roof leaks and there are other damages. \$30,000 is necessary for these repairs.

f. Blydenburg Park Sanitary Facility - north side of the park within the historic area. Replacement of the existing facility would be in the same location. The front footage will be the same, but it would be double in depth to get more space. The facility will be less than 4,000 sq. ft.

Motion was made by Michael Kaufman to have the above projects approved by the Historic Trust and recommend that they are Type II actions. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Martin briefed the Council that Spiral Pictures, a company of the Ross School, is preparing a documentary film on the Long Island Duck. It should be completed by the end of 2000. People on the east end will be interviewed and the documentary will be introduced at film festivals in East Hampton and televised on PBS. No funds will come from Suffolk County. Spiral Pictures will look for funds from outside sources.

Deepwell Farms - Opening Biographies on Stage for the year 2000. This series of living history has been very popular. Sunday tours started two weeks ago from 12 - 3 p.m. Twenty to thirty people took advantage of the tours. If it is successful, tours will be given on Saturdays as well. The first floor will be furnished with antiques as well as a gift shop and the second floor will have exhibits.

The EPA project at started at Deepwells yesterday, March 14, 2000 and it is expected to be a year long project.

The Historic Trust meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2000, at the Brookside School on Brook Street in Sayville despite the fact that the school is open. Mr. Martin said he will work more closely with the school in scheduling public activities since the school is open year round and there will be cars in the parking lot all year.

Millers Cottage - There was discussion about restoration of the Millers Cottage. Measurements were taken for reconstruction and restoration of the front porch to the original design. Additional funds are also needed for wall repair. Barbara Van Liew brought in samples of the silver plaster used in the original construction of Millers Cottage. It is called scagliola which is "an imitation of ornamental marble consisting of finely ground gypsum mixed with glue."

Mr. Swanson told the Council that Barbara Van Liew wrote a lengthy article on Gyrodyne which appears in the local paper. The article noted that Gyrodyne is essentially a border between two villages and was part of the farmbelt.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Frank, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation advised the Council that selection of the Smithers property for the Greenways Interpretive Center was unanimously approved by the Legislature. A resolution has been prepared and submitted to the County Executive for signature. \$300,000 has been appropriated for architectural plans. Some of the plans will be ready this year.

Chairperson Teresa Elkowitz presented Michael Frank with a plaque stating the appreciation of the Council on Environmental Quality for his cooperation. Mr. Frank leaves Suffolk County employment the end of March, 2000.

CAC Concerns

Joy Squires advised the Council that the first Smart Growth Workshop on Gerard Street in Huntington was very successful. She also noted that the Suffolk County Planning Department is working on a smart growth report which will be on the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Proios briefed the Council on the following scheduled activities:

a. The Sounds Conservancy Grants Program has prepared an application for university, college and high school students, private individuals and nonprofit organizations.

b. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has a workshop scheduled for April, 2000 on "Dredged Material Disposal."

c. The National Audubon Society presents "Listen to the Sound 2000" beginning May 30 and ending June 29, 2000 at various locations in Connecticut, Westchester County and Long Island.

d. Long Island Sound Watershed Alliance presents "Citizens' Summit 00" at the New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY, on April 1, 2000.

e. The Long Island Sound Educators Conference, sponsored by Sea Grant Connecticut/New York, scheduled for March 31, 2000 at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, CT.

f. A report was prepared by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on Pesticides and their Metabolites in Wells of Suffolk County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.