

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY

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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 18, 2001

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### PRESENT:

Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice-Chair, Joseph Caracappa, Tom Cramer, Michael Kaufman, Lance Mallamo

### Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst  
Kathleen Rigano, Gail Calfa & Penny Kohler, Secretaries

### Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office  
Todd Johnson,  
Suffolk County Department of Health Services  
Walter Dawydiak, Acting Chief, Office of Ecology  
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services  
Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
Daniel Pendzick, P.E., Director of Bridges & Waterways  
Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect  
Ben Wright, Chief Engineer, Division of Sanitation  
Ed Davida, Associate Civil Engineer, Division of Sanitation  
Paul G. McMahon, Sr. Civil Engineer  
Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer  
Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services  
Fred Daniels, Deputy Commissioner  
Suffolk County Fire Training Academy  
Don Gackenheimer, Chief  
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council  
Greg Anderson, Chief

Conservation Advisory Councils:

Joy Squires, Chairperson, Huntington CAB  
Steve Brown, Chairperson, Brookhaven CAC

Guests:

J. Cordano, Marketing Mgr., Synagro-NE  
Henry J. Chlupsa, Dvirka & Bartilucci  
Jim Heil, Cashin Associates

The CEQ meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elkowitz at 9:35 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Elkowitz welcomed Lance Mallamo as a new member to the Council.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Michael Kaufman, seconded by Larry Swanson, the minutes of the March 21, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions

a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table April 3, 2001.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to ratify the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed unanimously.

b. Proposed Repairs and Upgrade of Dennison Building, Town of Islip, C.P. #1659

A presentation was made by Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves the installation of a lighting protection system providing emergency power to the building's HVAC control system, recircuity feeders in the main switchboard to better balance the electrical loads, modernization of the low rise elevators and upgrading the freight elevators, automation of the parking lot lighting system, upgrading the south exit door to meet ADA compliance exterior soffit repairs and other miscellaneous work.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to classify the project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and passed unanimously.

c. Proposed Upgrade of Riverhead County Center Power Plant, Town of Southampton

A presentation was made by Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves the replacement of the absorption chiller (almost 30 years old), upgrading several smaller systems and continuing with energy improvements. The utility tunnels will also be waterproofed since water leaks have been a continuous problem.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify the project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Legislator Joseph Caracappa and passed unanimously.

2. Proposed Construction of Class "A" Fire Training Building, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was made by Greg Anderson, Chief, Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council who stated that the project involves the replacement of the 38 year old existing Suffolk County Fire Academy, a Class "A" Fire Training Building which was built in 1963. This building has live burn that is used for training fire fighters. There were 406 students in training when this program began as compared to 40,000 this year. The new 3,000 sq. ft. facility will be adjacent to the old one and it will no longer burn with hydrocarbons, but with straw and pallets. The old structure will become a smokehouse.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Stormwater Remediation of Santapogue Creek at C.R. 96 and C.R. 12, Town of Babylon

Chairperson Elkowitz read a letter that was received by Legislator Bishop who supports this project which will successfully remove nonpoint pollutants from runoff that are deposited in Santapogue Creek.

A presentation was made by Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves the stormwater remediation of Santapogue Creek at C.R. 96 and C.R. 12 by installing Vortechs stormwater treatment structures within the drainage systems which remove silt, suspended solids, oils and other nonpoint source pollutants from runoff.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and passed unanimously.

4. Proposed Alternate Sludge Processing at Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3, Southwest, Town of Babylon

A presentation was made by Ben Wright, Chief Engineer, Division of Sanitation, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves alternate sludge

processing at Suffolk County District No. 3, Southwest, Town of Babylon, replacing the existing dewatering system with centrifuges, adding on a Blend Tank and upgrading the existing incineration system using fluidized bed technology.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Reconstruction of Shinnecock Canal Locks, Phase IV, C.P. #5543, Town of Southampton

A presentation was made by Daniel Pendzick, P.E., Director of Bridges and Waterways, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves the reconstruction of Shinnecock Canal Locks, Phase IV, C.P. 5343, Town of Southampton, which will include replacement of the existing hydraulic operating system, the electrical control system and service lighting system.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed unanimously.

6. Proposed Intersection Improvements to C.R. 80, Montauk Highway at E. Tiana Road/Bellows Pond Road, C.P. #4045, Town of Southampton

A presentation was made by Paul McMahon, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves intersection improvements to C.R. 80, Montauk Highway at East Tiana Road/Bellows Pond Road, Town of Southampton, by realigning East Tiana Road opposite Bellows Pond Road and provide a four-way signalized intersection with left turn lanes on each leg. The project also proposes an environmental settling basin be constructed adjacent to East Tiana Road in order to correct existing draining problems.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

7. Proposed Intersection Improvements on C.R. 80 Montauk Highway at C.R. 31, Old Riverhead Road, C.P. #3301, Town of Southampton

A presentation was made by Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project will restripe and provide curbing to remedy the existing intersection's narrow feel.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

8. Proposed Improvements on Victory Drive at River Road, C.P. #5112, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was made by Paul McMahon, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves widening Victory Drive in the vicinity of River Road which will provide a greater line of sight. The widening will occur on the southerly edge of the existing pavement. In addition, various types of indigenous vegetation will be planted at appropriate locations in the immediate area.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. . The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

9. Proposed Intersection Improvements on C.R. 19, Patchogue-Holbrook Road at Old Waverly Avenue, C.P. #5040, Patchogue, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was made by Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves intersection improvements on C.R. 19, Patchogue-Holbrook Road at Old Waverly Avenue, Patchogue by creating a "T" intersection with a traffic signal which will assist in moving traffic. Pervious areas within existing medians (approximately 5,300 sq. ft.) will be replaced with pavement. Approximately 6,000 sq. ft. of grassed area will be created to the west of the intersection.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. . The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Walter Dawydiak, P.E., Suffolk County Department of Health Services, distributed a draft of the "Request for Applications for Pump-Out Vessels" and the "Technical Work Plan" to the Council. Pursuant to Resolution 381-2000 of the Suffolk County Legislature, the Department of Health Services has been given the responsibility for purchasing the vessels provided that at least 50% matching funds are provided by local towns and/or villages. As of this date, only the Town of Southampton has made application for two pump-out boats. The Commissioner of Health Services is proposing that the Resolution be changed to state that the towns/villages purchase the pump-out vessels and the County reimburse them. It was suggested that 8-10 boats should be enough to service the County. The technical specifications of the boats would be reviewed.

The Council supports the pump-out program and recommends streamlining the process to accomplish this. Refunding the towns/villages may help to streamline the process and get the program implemented faster. James Bagg will prepare a letter to the Department of Health Services in support of these recommendations.

HISTORIC SERVICES: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, addressed the Council and updated the members on the following:

- a. Deepwells: The proclamation for Mrs. Barbara Van Liew, naming a room in her honor,

is scheduled for May 22, 2001, at 9:30 A.M., which will be followed by a brunch and a meeting of the Historic Trust Committee. Legislator D'Andre will make the presentation.

There was a good response to the Long Island Convention Visitors' Bureau tour at Deepwells. Cars were stuck in the parking field during the holiday show and the tour bus was stuck in the parking field opposite Deepwells. As a result, a plan for improvements to the parking field will be submitted to CEQ in the future.

Newsday reporter Barbara Shea has covered the Show at Deepwells and will begin a new series entitled "Discover Long Island" which will appear in Newsday weekly beginning in June. Deepwells will be one of the first sites covered. These articles will be compiled into a book in the future.

b. Meadowcroft - The main house is now being painted. The Carriage House was painted last year.

c. Big Duck - A project will begin at the Big Duck. The daughter of the Efhghi family who donated the Big Duck to the County is working on a film documentary for HBO as to how the duck came to Long Island. She has taken a leave of absence from HBO and will begin research this summer. This project will be submitted to film festivals across the country.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.