

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 17, 2001

TIME: 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM

PRESENT:

Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice-Chair, Legislator Joseph Caracappa, Tom Cramer, Mike Kaufman and Nancy Manfredonia, Jack Finkenberg and Lance Mallamo

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst
Kathleen Rigano, Secretary
Penny Kohler, Secretary

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office
George Proios, Chief Environmental Analyst
Nicole DeAngelo, Neighborhood Aide
Suffolk County Legislature
Martin W. Haley, Legislator, 6th District
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services
Greg Lauri, Director of Sports and Recreation
Nicholas Gibbons, Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department of Planning
Thomas A. Isles, Director
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Planner
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Daniel Pendzick, Director of Bridges/Waterways
Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer

MINUTES:

On a motion by Larry Swanson, seconded by Michael Kaufman, the minutes of the September 19, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved with the following corrections:

- a. Page 4, subparagraph c: Spelling correction to Old "Field."
- b. Page 4, CAC Concerns: Spelling corrections to "date" and "Gideon."
- c. Page 4, CAC Concerns: Omit "It will be based World Trade Center."

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions:

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table - None.
- b. Proposed Median Improvements on Various County Roads - CP 5001

A presentation was given Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson of the Council on Environmental Quality who stated that the various projects involve median improvements on various County roads, including extension of existing left-turn lanes at heavily utilized intersections to improve operation and safety and addition of raised medians where dual center turn lanes currently exist.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to classify this project as a Type II action. The motion was seconded by Nancy Manfredonia and passed by a unanimous vote.

- c. Proposed Construction of an Extension to Existing Building at Gardiner County Park, Bay Shore, Town of Islip

A presentation was given by Nicholas Gibbons, Environmental Analyst in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who stated that the project involves construction of a 28' x 30' (840 sq. ft.) extension to the main building at Gardiner County Park to provide meeting space for community groups. No clearing of vegetation will be required and the site is well beyond NYSDEC wetland jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman Cramer to classify this project as a Type II action. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed by a unanimous vote.

d. Proposed Repair of Commercial Dock at Shinnecock Inlet, Town of Southampton, CP 5344

A presentation was given by Daniel Pendzick, Director of Bridges/Waterways in the Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves funding of one-half of the repair costs of the commercial dock at Shinnecock Inlet in the Town of Southampton which is necessary to maintain this facility in an operational status. Along with the dock repairs will be the inclusion of a 750 sq. ft. Dockmaster office with a bathroom and a small amount of dredging. The dredge spoil will be sampled by the Town of Southampton to make sure it is clean and all necessary N.Y.S.D.E.C. permits will be obtained.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to classify this project as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a unanimous vote.

e. Proposed Preliminary Interior Security Fencing at Gabreski Airport

A presentation was made by Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson of the Council on Environmental Quality, who stated that the project involves preliminary interior security fencing at Gabreski Airport until CP 5721 for Airport Perimeter Survey and Exterior Fencing can begin in 2004.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type II action. The motion was seconded by Nancy Manfredonia and passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Highway and Intersection Improvements to CR 7, Wicks Road, at CR 67, Long Island Motor Parkway and Long Island Expressway South Service Road, Town of Islip, CP 5539

A presentation was made by Bianca Youmans, Jr. Civil Engineer in the Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves highway and intersection improvements to CR 7, Wicks Road at CR 67, Long Island Motor Parkway and Long Island Expressway South Service Road, Town of Islip, including adding various turn and through lanes to relieve congestion in the area and improve traffic safety.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Proposed Greenways Acquisition of the DeLea Sod Farm for Active Recreation, Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven - (Chairperson Elkowitz recused herself from this discussion and vote.)

A presentation was made by Legislator Martin W. Haley who stated that the project involves Greenways acquisition of approximately 76 acres of land in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. Preliminary plans for the property include ten athletic fields, parking and an accessory building.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a unanimous vote.

Historic Services - Director's Report

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

Coindre Hall

a. The terrace across the front of the building at Coindre Hall is being rebuilt. This project has been in operation over three years. There were problems finding the proper brick and the right contractor. Since both have become available at this time, this project will resume next week.

b. The Splashes of Hope group is having an Open House on October 25, between 7 and 9 PM at Coindre Hall in Huntington. Invitations have been mailed. The largest paint-by-number mural, which has been entered into the Guinness Book of World Records, will be on display.

Deepwells

The opening of the Showhouse will be held on November 3 with an opening party following on November 8. Invitations will be mailed out for that event. New designers will be coming into the house. The plaque for the front parlor, which has been dedicated as the Barbara Van Liew Room, will be mounted. A stencil pattern will be put on the walls, which will appear to be wall covering. These and other improvements will allow the home to appear to be more historic. The furniture will be reupholstered as well. The Holiday Social will be running at the same time.

The Fall Fair was semi successful due to bad weather on Saturday. Tours are being given the entire weekend and will run to the end of the year.

Old Field

The Antique Show was a success. Three large tents were set up in the field.

Sagtikos Manor

The County is looking to purchase the Sagtikos Manor. Legislator Carpenter had a resolution passed to look at the property. The buildings seem to be in relatively good condition. A new roof has been put on the main building.

CAC CONCERNS

Joy Squires invited all to the Conference on the Environment on November 9 - 11.

OTHER BUSINESS

George Proios made announcements regarding:

- a. Water Supply Comprehensive Plan
- b. The final signing of the Peconic Estuary Plan is scheduled for Monday, October 22.
- c. Waterfront conference held a few weeks ago.
- d. Suffolk County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board

There being no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Cramer to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Nancy Manfredonia. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.