

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, November 21, 2001

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

PRESENT:

Voting Members - Larry Swanson, Vice-Chair, Presiding; Tom Cramer, Jack Finkenburg,
Mike Kaufman, and Lance Mallamo

ABSENT: Theresa Elkowitz, Joe Caracappa and Nancy Manfredonia

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst
Kathleen Rigano, Gail Calfa, Secretaries

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office
George Proios, Assistant County Executive for the Environment
Todd Johnson, Assistant County Executive
Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Office of Ecology
Kim Shaw, Principal Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Legislature
Clark Gavin, Presiding Officer's Office
B. J. McCarter, Legislative Aide to Paul Tonna
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services
Suffolk County Department of Planning
Tom Isles, Director
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Planner
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Leslie Mitchel, Assistant Commissioner

Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Vector Control
Jim Peterman, Director of Design & Construction

Ben Wright, Chief Engineer, Sanitation
Paul McMahan, Sr. Civil Engineer
Stanley J. Humin, Jr. Civil Engineer
Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect

Conservation Advisory Councils

Guests: Kevin McAllister, Peconic Baykeeper
Matthew Atkinson, General Counsel to Peconic Baykeeper, Inc.
John Falotico, Project Manager, Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc.
Bart Marino, Project Engineer, LKB
Chris Weiss, Project Manager, H2M Group
Jessica Ottney, Program Coordinator, Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Shawn Cullivane, Administrator, Village of Lindenhurst

MINUTES:

On a motion by Michael Kaufman, seconded by Thomas Cramer, the minutes of the October 17, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction:

Page 2, subparagraph c, should be changed to read: "A motion was made by Michael Kaufman...."

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions:

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table October 23 and November 20, 2001.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer ratify the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed unanimously.

- b. Proposed Construction of Special Patrol Bureau, Mac Arthur Airport , Town of Islip - CP 3139

A presentation was given by Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect in the Department of Public Works who stated that the project involves the addition of a 2,800 sq. ft. second floor within the building envelope to provide for lockers and toilet facilities, office expansion for Aviation, Paramedics and Crime Scene Units and other miscellaneous improvements. Various mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems are to be upgraded to support the expansion.

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

c. Proposed Replacement and Rehabilitation of Structures at Peconic Dunes County Park, Town of Southold.

A presentation was given by Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who stated that the project involves the rehabilitation or renovation of every structure at the Park following an engineering survey completed by the maintenance division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

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 by a unanimous vote.

2. Proposed 2002 Vector Control Plan of Work, Suffolk County

A presentation was given by Dominick Ninivaggi, Superintendent, Vector Control, in the Department of Public Works, who gave an overview of the Suffolk County proposed 2002 Annual Plan of Work for mosquito control operations. He pointed out that the County's protocol to control mosquito infestations calls for the implementation of an integrated approach consisting of water management, biological control and, as a final measure, chemical control including using larvicides first and, as a last contingency, using adulticides.

Comments on the proposed plan were made by Kevin McAllister, Peconic Baykeeper; Matthew Atkinson, General Counsel to Peconic Baykeeper, Inc.; and Jessica Ottney, Program coordinator, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, who stated that the chemical pesticides to be used may have negative effects on invertebrates, fish, shellfish and endangered species, including Piping Plovers in surface waters and in wetland areas. It was pointed out that the EAF does not include the information concerning Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) as required by SEQRA. Written comments and background information were submitted for the record. The CEQ was requested to recommend that a positive declaration be issued regarding the program and that a DEIS be prepared to analyze, in detail, the concerns presented.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to table this project until the Department of Public Works can respond to the comments and concerns that were raised. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Proposed Construction of Portion Road, CR 16, Ronkonkoma Avenue to Nicolls Road, CP 5511, Phase I, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was given by Jim Peterman, Director of Design and Construction in the Department of Public Works and John Falotico, Project Manager, Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc., who stated that the project involves the reconstruction of a 2.73 mile section of CR 16, Portion Road, from Ronkonkoma Avenue to CR 97, Nicolls Road. The existing roadway will be constructed to a four lane road with center median/left turn lane with shoulders. Continuous concrete curb and sidewalk will be provided as well as a drainage system and improved traffic signals.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type I Action with a negative declaration. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Proposed Improvements of Sewer District No. 1 - Port Jefferson, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was made by Ben Wright, Chief Engineer, Sanitation, in the Department of Public Works, and Chris Weiss, Project Manager, H2M Group, who stated that the project involves the construction of concrete tanks to improve the denitrofication system, cutting and filling portions of the site, installation of retaining walls and landscaping the area. The tanks will be kept as far away from the adjacent residences as possible.

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

5. Proposed Drainage Improvements of CR 67, Long Island Motor Parkway, in the vicinity of CR 4, Commack, CP 5176

A presentation was made by Paul McMahon, Sr. Civil Engineer, in the Department of Public Works, who stated that the project involves the reconstruction of CR 67 to improve drainage, pavement and safety aspects by installing additional leaching pools and enlarging an existing recharge basin.

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.

6. Proposed Implementation of Greenways Program in connection with Acquisition of Active Parklands to be Known as Village Park at Boatland in the Village of Lindenhurst

A presentation was made by Shawn Cullinane, CMC, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer in the Incorporated Village of Lindenhurst, who stated that the project involves the replacement of the current private land use, a marina with dry boat storage with an active recreation park.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to table this project pending receipt from the Village of the following information:

- Since the Greenways Active Recreation Program requires facilities to be constructed and maintained by the local municipality, the EAF and site plan should be amended to show exactly what type of active recreational fields will be constructed on the site and where they will be placed.
- The proposal requires that numerous structures and tanks be demolished and removed from the property. Therefore, the CEQ would specifically like to know whose responsibility it is for such removal and exactly where the materials will be disposed of. If, during the course of the removal of these materials, any toxic or hazardous

substance contamination is found, it should be clearly stated who is responsible to remedial the site should it be acquired.

- The New York State Coastal Zone Management Plan encourages the retention of marina facilities in coastal areas. Since there is a large demand for these facilities in the Long Island region, the consequences of removing an existing marina facility in exchange for active parklands in this area should be explained.

The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a majority vote. Jack Finkenberg abstained from the vote.

HISTORIC SERVICES

Richard Martin updated the Council on the following:

A meeting was held with the Long Island Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society. This Chapter, established approximately 2 years ago, is currently working on the Plum Island lighthouse with the federal government to do some restoration work and provide access to the public. The Historic Trust has been approached to maintain Cedar Point Lighthouse and provide access there. The first thing to be worked on will be a National Register nomination, an historic structure report with the organization and having them do fund raising for that site. Some basic maintenance will be done around the Lighthouse and a metal door will be installed to provide access.

The opening event for the Deepwells Showhouse was a success. This show will run until the end of December 2001.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judy Gordon, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, stated that the Peter Scully, Commissioner, was approached by someone in the office of the Presiding Officer regarding recognition of service by Legislator Michael M. D'Andre who is retiring the end of 2001. It was suggested that something be done at Deepwells along the line of what was done for Barbara Van Liew when she retired. After some discussion, Lance Mallamo made a motion to dedicate the gardens at Deepwells to Legislator D'Andre. The motion was seconded by Thomas Cramer and passed by a unanimous vote

George Proios made the following announcements:

- a. A Lobster Forum will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2001.
- b. The Conference on Environment included presentations on:
 - the latest County Pesticide Report, a draft of which was written by Marty Trent,
 - Agriculture Environmental Management Program
 - Article 10 of the Public Service Law - Siting Process

There being no other business, a motion was made by Thomas Cramer to adjourn at 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman.