

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, August 18, 2004

TIME: 9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice Chairman; Tom Cramer, Adrianne Esposito, Lance Mallamo and Nancy Manfredonia

ABSENT: Jack Finkenberg, Jay Schneiderman and Michael Kaufman

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst
Penny Kohler, Secretary

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive Office
Adam Santiago, County Executive Assistant
Suffolk County Department of Planning
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Planner
Suffolk County Legislator's Office
Charles Bender, Legislator Aide
Kevin LaValle, Legislator Aide
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect
Suffolk County Police Department
Vincent R. Stile, Director Police Radio
Bill Gardner, Supervisor, Technical Services

Conservation Advisory Councils:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

Guests:

Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager, SC Gabreski Airport

MINUTES:

The July 28, 2004 CEQ meeting transcript from the Clerk of the Legislature's Office was not available for review and comment. Because it is a Legislative Committee week, the Legislature's court stenographer was not available to take a verbatim transcript of the CEQ meeting. The service will only be available in the legislative auditorium when there is no legislative business scheduled. It was noted that Suffolk County Planning Department would be taking the CEQ minutes pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order as set forth in the Council's by-laws. The meeting was tape-recorded which will be kept in the Council's files for future reference, if necessary. Ms. Elkowitz asked that all members and attendees identify themselves before speaking.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. *Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions laid on the Table – August 10, 2004.*

The members reviewed the recommendations of the CEQ staff regarding the August 10, 2004 Legislative introductory resolutions. Mr. Bagg noted that IR #1692 had an incorrect Type II cite.

A motion was made by Ms. Manfredonia to accept staff recommendations, seconded by Ms. Esposito. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Proposed Renovation and Reconstruction of Facilities at Francis S. Gabreski Airport, CP #5702, Town of Southampton.*

A presentation on this project was give by Mr. Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager of Suffolk County Gabreski Airport. The action includes the simple renovation of a bathroom built in 1940, repaving existing roads with pot holes and repairing/replacing flightline lighting. The Council considered the project to be a Type II action under SEQRA in accordance with the provision of Title 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1) (2) and (27) as the action involves the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, and the repaving of existing roadways not involving the addition of new travel lanes.

A motion was made by Mr. Swanson to recommend that the project is a Type II action, seconded by Mr. Cramer. Unanimously approved.

3. *Proposed Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, Communications Tower Removal, County Building, C0110, CP #3230, Yaphank County Center, Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY, Town of Brookhaven.*

Chairperson Elkowitz read into the record the information submitted by Mr. Ralph Borkowski, R.L.A. with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. A presentation on the proposal was also given by Mr. Ralph Borkowski. This project, which is Phase I, includes the demolition and removal of an existing 160 foot transmission tower that must be removed for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Ms. Esposito to classify this project as a Type II action. Unanimously approved.

4. *Proposed Replacement of ITT Radio Tower Structure, Hampton Park, Town of Southampton.*

Letter from Town of Southampton concerning this project was read into the record by Chairperson Elkowitz. An overview of this project was given by Mr. Vincent R. Stile, Director of Communications Systems and Mr. William Gardner, Supervisor of Technical Services with the Suffolk County Police Department, stating the use is for government purposes only. The current tower is unsafe and in danger of collapse. The replacement will be in the general area of the existing tower and will be approximately the same elevation above mean sea level. The existing tower is over 60 years old – built in the 1930's. It can't be replaced in the same place because it has existing police antenna's on the tower that must be kept in use until the new tower is completed. The area is clear and no tree removal will be required. It is in an open gently rolling field.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Mr. Mallamo to recommend this project is a Type I action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(7). A Negative Declaration should be issued. Unanimously approved.

5. *Proposed Donation of Property to Suffolk County for Park Purposes – 0.6 Acres in the Carll's River Watershed Area (James Gerrain), Town of Babylon.*

An overview regarding this proposal was given by Ms. Laretta Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Planning for the donation of three parcels – 0.6 acres in the Carll's River Watershed area. The property will be dedicated to parks for passive recreational and open space purposes.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Ms. Esposito. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Nancy Manfredonia stated that Mr. Kenny, Trustee of Southampton Town said he wants to come to CEQ to discuss a proposed bikeway in the vicinity of Poxabogue Pond County Park. Ms. Elkowitz recently spoke with Skip Heaney, Supervisor of Southampton and told him the CEQ never reviewed the proposal and therefore, could not have made any decisions regarding the matter..

HISTORIC SERVICES – Director's Report

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services in the Suffolk County Parks Department advised the CEQ that the next Historic Trust meeting will probably be held in September at the Scully Estate.

Lance Mallamo gave an overview of events to be held in the fall at the Vanderbilt Museum.

Richard Martin announced that the Big Duck hit the news again. Southampton wants to move the Duck to the other (second) Flanders site. The Historic Trust previously reviewed it and would have to review any town proposal.

CAC Concerns

There were no CAC concerns.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.