

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson
Larry Swanson, Vice-Chairperson
Thomas Cramer
Michael Kaufman
Lance Mallamo
Nancy Manfredonia
Legislator Jay H. Schneiderman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst/Department of Planning
Penny Kohler, Department of Planning
Joy Squires, CAC Huntington
Richard Martin, Historic Services
Ralph Borkowski, Department of Public Works
Ben Wright, Chief Engineer
Dan Hickey, PO's Office
Rick Brand, Reporter for Newsday
Jeff Dawson, Civil Engineer
Erik Bergley, Jr. Civil Engineer
Kevin LaValle, Aide to Leg. Losquadro

MINUTES TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY:

Diana Kraus - Court Stenographer

(THE MEETING CONVENED AT 9:35 AM)

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Good morning. I'm going to call the meeting to order and ask that the members review the minutes of the November 17th meeting; and if there are no changes, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MR. SWANSON:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Okay.

Ratification of staff recommendations for legislative resolutions laid on the table December 7. Jim, is there anything you'd like to call to the Council's attention?

MR. BAGG:

Yeah, there are three things in the packet which are kind of curious. The resolution -- introductory resolution number 2300, 2302, 2303 and 2342. Now, these are all water quality projects to be, you know, constructed with water quality bond monies. And we have not received any environmental review. And they're either unlisted or Type I actions requiring an EAF to be submitted to CEQ. If I look at the exhibits under the Department of Public Works, Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program, it says that the first task is to conduct initial project meeting; the second task would be to prepare project designs. And task number three is obtain all required permits and comply with a state Environmental Quality Review Act. So, they're looking to fund these projects with no environmental review. So, they should be flagged and EAF submitted to CEQ.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Any questions for Jim?

MR. SWANSON:

Are you going to flag them and --

MR. BAGG:

It's so noted in the packet. And I let people in DPW know. And I'll let the Legislative attorneys know.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Do I have a motion to approve the staff recommendations?

MR. SWANSON:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Swanson. Do I have a second? A second by -- no, we can do a question after we're done. A second by Ms. Manfredonia. We'll wait for Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Yeah, Terry, I'm going to have to abstain on 2249.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, I have a motion. I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? I have one abstention on 2249. Carried.

Okay. We have a bunch of Ralph's. So, Ralph, why don't you just come up and then we'll just go through them. And if people have questions, we can ask you. And if not, we'll just go along. I'm just going to open my regs so I can check your cite. Okay. The first one I have a capital program 1608, alterations to the Labor Department Buildings, North County Complex, Hauppauge. The Department is proceeding with the planning and construction of alterations to the Labor Department Building, C017 and the North County Complex in Hauppauge. These alterations include replacement of 58 windows in this building. This department considers this a Type II action under SEQRA in accordance with NYCRR 617.5 C 1 and 2 as this action concerns the replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or in-kind construction of a structure of facility. So, are you doing planning or are you just replacing windows?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Well, planning and construction, both.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

All right. Then we'll give you -- we'll give you another citation. We'll make a C 1, 2 and 18, Jim? Does anybody have any questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion for Type II action.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Kaufman. I have a second by Ms. Manfredonia. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Next, capital program 3013, expansion of the Sheriff's Enforcement Division of the Criminal Courts Building, Riverhead, New York. This Department is ready to proceed with the planning phase for the above referenced project. The project provides for a two-story 3730 square foot expansion of the Sheriff's Headquarters in the state office at the Criminal Courts Building in Riverhead. The project will include space for additional administrative offices and expanded squad room and larger locker area, dedicated parking for the Sheriff's Office. Emergency vehicles would also be provided. This Department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (c) (21) as this action involves the planning phase of the project. You know, Jim, I gave you the wrong cite. It should be (21) on the prior one; not (18).

MR. BAGG:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a question for you. Why aren't you asking for Type II even for the expansion because it's under 4,000 square feet? That way it's the planning and expansion. Because if you keep it under 4,000 square feet, you don't have to come back here.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Yeah, we could change this reflect planning.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Why don't we just get rid of phase and just say planning and expansion; okay?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

That would be fine.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Because if it's under 4,000 square feet, you don't -- it's a Type II Action. So, the citations would be (c) (7) and (21). Anybody have any questions? If you go over 4,000 square feet, though, you have to come back.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Right.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Anybody have any questions?

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. CRAMER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Mr. Cramer. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Okay. One, d: CP 1710, installation of fire security emergency systems at County facilities. "This Department is proceeding with the planning and installation of fire security and emergency systems at various County facilities. The project involves" -- I'm sorry. "The project provides for the installation and/or replacement of fire alarm protection systems, fire sprinklers and security systems at County buildings. State law requires all areas of public assembly where 50 or more persons gather to be equipped with a fire alarm system. This Department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with NYCRR 617.5 (C) (1) and (2) as this action concerns the replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or in-kind reconstruction of a structure of facility." Is this also planning?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Planning and installation.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, it's (C) (1) (2) and (21). Any questions?

MS. MANFREDONIA:

Does this involve any of the County historic buildings?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I don't believe so at this time. But this is open to all County buildings, I believe, so --

MR. MARTIN:

This was fire alarms; right?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Yeah, fire alarms --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Fire alarms, security systems.

MR. MARTIN:

Usually when we are doing restoration projects for the historic buildings, we install fire alarms at that time.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, I'll entertain a motion. I have a motion by Mr. Cramer.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

A second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Okay. I'm on one, e. Capital program 1737, replacement of major building operations equipment at various county facilities. "The department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above referenced project. This project provides for the replacement of mechanical equipment including HVAC and plumbing in county buildings that have exceeded their useful life. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (C) (1) and (2)."

We're going to add (21) as this action concerns the replacement, rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or inkind construction of a structure of facility. Anybody have any questions for Mr. Borkowski? So, we'll just change it to (1) (2) and (21).

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Cramer.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

A second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

One, F, CP 1732, removal of toxic and hazardous building materials and components. "The department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. This project provides for the removal of toxic and hazardous materials from county buildings including county parks and historic structures that may endanger occupants. Materials to be removed include asbestos, PCB's, lead paint, chloro flora carbons used in air-conditioning and refrigeration units and Halon used in fire suppression systems. The project also includes the replacement of material removed with non-hazardous material. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (C) (1) and (2) as this action concerns replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or any inkind construction of a structure of facility." Ralph, have you already done the testing of these materials? Or are you doing a testing of these materials as part of this?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I believe it's as part of it.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

We didn't do any work or any investigation on this at all.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

All right. Let's get the cites right. So, it's going to be (1) (2) (18) and (21). Anybody have any questions?

MR. SWANSON:

What are you going to do with the -- your hazardous materials?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

They will be disposed of through the proper legal ways of disposing of hazardous materials.

MR. SWANSON:

You have a contractor that does that?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

They'll bid it; right? You'll bid it?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

We will bid this project, yes. Probably bid it -- I don't believe it's being done in-house.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Jim?

MR. BAGG:

Yeah. We reviewed the County's protocol for removal of toxic and hazardous substances pursuant to the federal legislation. They have in-house contractors. And everything's done pursuant to the law. And the Council had reviewed that program in the past.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Cramer, a second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Okay. One, g. Improvements to Normandy Manor, Centerport, New York. "The department is ready to proceed with the planning phase for the above-referenced project. This project provides for infrastructure improvements to the property including accessibility for the physically challenged and electrical plumbing and HVAC upgrades that are necessary prior to public use of the manor. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with NYCRR 617.5 (c) (21) as this action involves the planning phase of the project." So, you're not doing any upgrades; just planning?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

At this point just planning.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Motion for Type II. Second?

MR. KAUFMAN:

I'll second, but I also have a question for Richard.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Sure.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Richard, are you in on the loop on all of this? Because I believe it's a historic structure.

MR. MARTIN:

It is a historic structure. And no, I haven't been included.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Okay. Is there any provision for you to deal with the installation of these things? Because basically the structure itself as it exists right now, if I remember correctly, is in relatively decent shape. The infrastructural improvements that are being proposed may impact that a little bit. I'm not saying no to the infrastructural improvements. I understand that they're necessary.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Well, actually I think that the first point that you made was the better point because the first point is, it's a historic structure. We're going to do planning. Are you not going to plan with the Parks Department?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Of course we are.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, really --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

We work closely with the Parks Department.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

I want to make sure.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. We have a motion. We have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. MALLAMO:

Abstain.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Carried. You abstain?

MR. MALLAMO:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. One, h. CP 1715, Riverhead County Center power plants upgrades. "The department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. The project provides for the construction to replace the cooling towers and associated water cooling system and to extend the building automated systems to the Criminal Courts Building. This department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provision of NYCRR 617.5 (1) (2) and (20) as this action concerns the replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure and upgrading and repair of existing facilities." Tell me a little bit about the work that you're actually going to do.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Okay. Well, we're replacing the coolant towers, which is pretty much a straight replacement of an existing facility there. And we are automating the water coolant system and extending it to the building -- to the Criminal Courts Building. We have existing tunnels that are already connected to. So by automating, I mean computer controls at the power plant to control bottom running wires through the existing utility tunnels. That type of work related to this scope.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

So, there's no -- it's straight Type II Action work. Just replacement and --

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I'm just trying to figure out where we sit in your expansion -- your extension. Do you have your regs in front of you, Jim?

MR. BAGG:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Look at (11). Extension of utility distribution facilities including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service and approve subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list. So, if the action on the list is -- which it wouldn't be (1). That would be wrong. It would be (2). Replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind on the same site including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any thresholds in 617.4 of this part. So, if that was the action, and then we did (2) and (11) -- it would be (2) (11) and (21), not (20). That would work, I think. Does everybody follow what we're doing?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I think last month we talked about adding (11) to this.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Yes. So, (2) (11) and (21)? Yes? Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Motion by Mr. Cramer, second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Okay, one, i. CP 1738, modifications for compliance with the ADA. "Department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. This project provides for building modifications to county facilities to allow easy access for individuals with physical handicaps. Project will provide parking, accessibility, offices, toilet facilities, elevators, other modifications to accommodate the special needs of handicapped individuals. The project also provides for the installation of curb ramps and crosswalks along county roads. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1) and (2) as it involves no substantial changes to existing facilities". You're adding bathrooms or you're modifying bathrooms?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

It would be modifying existing.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, you're not providing; right? You're modifying existing parking; right?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

That's a good question. I'd have to get back to you on that if we're -- if we're adding new to accommodate the handicapped or whether we're retrofitting existing.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Are you re-stripping --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I would think we're -- where items don't exist, we'd probably be adding to accommodate.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. But my question is are you going to be on an existing paved parking lot where you're going to be on that paved parking lot creating --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Oh, you mean and re-stripping it versus just adding new?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

-- creating handicapped -- right. Versus, you know, clearing property, and expanding asphalt and --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Right.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Do you know?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

At this point that would probably come out in the planning process. We don't know that at this time. So until the situation is looked at in planning --

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. But it's hard --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

-- it's hard to decide that at this point.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

But it's hard to give you a blanket Type II --

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Right, right. I understand what you're saying.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, can we take out the construction and can we do the planning? We'll give you the planning stuff and then we'll figure it out as you figure out what you're doing.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

That would be fine.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, let's modify this so that it's just the department is proceeding with the planning for the above-referenced project.

MR. MALLAMO:

I think the same could be true with the plumbing. They may find it's easier to put one unisex handicapped bathroom than to retrofit an existing bathroom.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. It's the expansion stuff, though, the new stuff that gets to be a problem.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Right.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, if we change it all to planning and then we change the citation to (C) (21), you'll know that you have that come back here once you figure out what you're doing.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

That's no problem.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. With those changes I'll entertain a motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Cramer, motion for a Type II. I have a second by Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Okay.

One, j. CP 1762, weather proofing county buildings. "This department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. The project provides for the prevention of water intrusion in county buildings by re-caulking, re-sealing and re-painting exterior walls, re-caulking around windows, doors and ventilators, re-seal glazing in windows and repainting masonry, stone and pre-cast panels. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1) (2) and (20)" which I think you mean (21), "as this action concerns the rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure and upgrading and repair of existing facilities." Go ahead.

MR. KAUFMAN:

This is straight forward stuff. Motion Type II.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

For a Type II? I have a motion. Do I have a second? I have a second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Okay.

Next, CP 1724, improvements to the water supply system. "The department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. The project provides for the installation of reduced pressure valves, RPZ, which prevent the backflow of water into the supply system due to a sudden decrease in supply water pressure. The State Health Department and the Suffolk County Water Authority require the installation of RPZ valves at points where the public water system first makes entry into another water system. This project also provides for the upgrade of deteriorating water systems to ensure a safe source of potable water including the replacement of wells with public water supply when available. The department considers this a Type II Action" -- I don't know that I agree -- "in accordance with the provision of NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1) (2) and (20)" -- I think you mean (21) -- "as this action concerns the replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure and upgrading, maintenance and repair of existing facilities."

What exactly are we doing? Do we know what we're doing where?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Not at this time. Again, that will come out in the planning process.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

All right.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

It's replacing, as we stated in the letter, installing RPZ valves where needed. It's all to protect the water supply system.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. It's not the RPZ's that I have a problem with. It's the wells and the public -- the installation of public water and the replacement of wells and that kind of stuff. So, can we -- I would suggest if the department doesn't have a problem, that we deal with planning now; and then figure out what you're doing with the rest of it.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

That would be fine.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, well change planning and construction to planning. And we will make it 617.5 (C) (21).

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Could I just ask you a specific issue on the wells?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Yes.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Replacement?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

What about it? It's not a replacement.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

What your concern is.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
It's not a replacement in kind.

MR. BORKOWSKI:
Right.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
When you run the public water, what are you going to be disturbing? Where are you connecting?

MR. BORKOWSKI:
Okay.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
How much are you disturbing?

MR. BORKOWSKI:
Okay. Understood.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
So with that change --

MR. CRAMER:
Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
Motion. Do I have a second? Second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

One, I. CP 1775, uninterruptible power supply replacement. "This department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. The project is for replacement of the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) system in the Division of Information Services building. The existing UPS protects all buildings 50's servers, personal computers, printers and WAN devices as well as 80% of the electrical devices in the building. The project also provides funds to purchase new motor-generator, replace 50-60 batteries, provide for new cable and bring the main air conditioning units under the protection of the UPS. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR (c) (1) (2) and (20)." Again, I think you mean (21). "As this action concerns the rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure and upgrading and repair."

But you're also buying equipment. And there's something in here for buying equipment.

MR. KAUFMAN:
By the way, where is building 50?

MR. BORKOWSKI:
Building 50 is in Hauppauge. It's the IS building.

MR. BAGG:
Number (25) deals with purchase of equipment.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
So, it's (1) (2) (20) and (25)? I'm sorry. (1) (2) (21) and (25). Thanks.

MR. BAGG:

Terry, I think here what they're trying to say is, is they have to do the administration to carry out these projects. And (20) deals with administration.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. But he's also talking about planning. So, he doesn't have any citations for the planning that he's doing.

MR. BAGG:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Does anybody have any questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion for a Type II.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion for a Type II by Mr. Kaufman. I have a second by Mr. Cramer. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

One, m. CP 3231, police headquarters operation center renovation. "The department is proceeding with the planning and construction of the above-referenced project. This project provides for renovation and equipment purchases for the first and second floor of the Computer Operations Center Police Headquarters. This project would centralize computer operations in one area rather than in the two areas that currently exist and would upgrade the working environment. With this project new consoles to house flat-screen monitors connected to multiple servers will be installed to provide optimum viewing, new servers and cabinetry will be purchased for equipment. Additionally new AC units will be installed to properly cool the air, improving the environment for personnel and equipment. The department considers this a Type II Action in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (c) (1) (2) and (7) as it involves no substantial changes to an existing facility and purchasing of equipment." I think we just figured out that purchasing of equipment was (25). You're doing planning; so, we need (21). And I'm not sure what (7) is. You are not expanding any building, are you?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

No. I might have mis-cited that.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

All right.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I thought (7) might have been purchase of equipment.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

No. That's (25). So, (1) (2) (21) and (25)? That works, right? I'll entertain a motion for a Type II Action.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Mr. Cramer. Do I have a second? Legislator Schneiderman. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

One, n. Mr. Wright, how are you? Sewer district number 7, Medford. Actually, do you mind? We have one more for Mr. Borkowski. And then we can do your three in a row?

MR. WRIGHT:

No.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Stay. I'm going to take one, q, which is CP 3161, firearms training section, drainage. "The department is proceeding with the planning phase of the above-referenced project." So, it's planning only.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Planning only.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

"This project involves the installation of concrete pavement, trench drains and catch basins at the Firearms Training Center to resolve ongoing flooding and drainage. The department considers this a Type II Action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (c) (21) as it involves the planning phase." Any questions for Mr. Borkowski? I'll entertain a motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Motion by Mr. Cramer.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Thank you very much.

MR. BORKOWSKI:

I'll work on getting my citations correct.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

That's okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Don't worry. We'll change them on you the next time anyway.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

That's all right. We'll fix them as we go.

Good morning, Mr. Wright.

MR. WRIGHT:

Good morning.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

How are you?

MR. WRIGHT:

Fine.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. We're looking at sewer district number 7, Medford, item one, n. "The reference capital project includes infrastructure improvements and will require engineering assistance. This memo is, therefore, to request your concurrence at the request for design funds and thereafter the issuance of a request for proposal for assistance is a Type II Action in accordance with NYCRR 617. As with previous requests, we have assumed that the activities for which we will be initiating are defined under 617.5 (c) (18) and (21), which include information collection including basic data collection and research, environmental, feasibility and other studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or improve any Type I or any other unlisted action. Once the project extent and scope of the improvements have been determined, we'll submit a request to CEQ for your determination such that the implementation or construction phase can proceed."

MR. WRIGHT:

I'd like to modify that, if I could.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Sure.

MR. WRIGHT:

Because of the availability of funds, there are some inkind replacement of equipment. And a 600 square foot building that -- extension to a building that we'd like to add onto this. The engineering, as is stated, we are looking at odor control covers and odor control system, which we'll have to come back to you for when we decide or it's determined where it would be and to what extent the construction would be. But if we could add --

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

The odor control's a separate -- it's a separate project.

MR. WRIGHT:

Yes, it is. That's what the engineering is for. But we do have available funds for some of the equipment replacement energy-saving type systems as well as a small extension to the building of 600 square feet.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

How small? 600?

MR. WRIGHT:

Yeah.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Well, 600 square feet clearly falls under the 4,000 square foot threshold. So, we've got to figure these citations again. You told me you're doing inkind replacement within the building; right? Replacement --

MR. WRIGHT:

(2) and (7).

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, it's going to be (2) (7) (18) (21) and (25). Okay? (2) is your replacement. (7) is your 600 square foot expansion. (18) is your engineering and data. (21) is your planning. (25) is your purchase of equipment.

MR. WRIGHT:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. I'll entertain a motion for a Type II.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Mr. Kaufman. Mr. Cramer seconds. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

One, o. Sewer district 14, which I think was exactly what -- you are proposing for sewer district 14 the same things that you're proposing for sewer district number 7?

MR. WRIGHT:

Yes, except this is a 1,200 square foot building.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, you're asking for the same modifications as well?

MR. WRIGHT:

Yes, exactly the same except 1200 square foot instead of 600 square foot.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So, it's 12. So, we're doing inkind replacement of equipment. We're doing purchase of equipment, which is (25). We're doing a 1200 square foot building, which is (7). So, we've got a Type II pursuant to 617.5 (c) (2) (7) (18) (21) and (25).

MR. WRIGHT:

A question I would have, when I wrote the memo, I put two capital projects into the same memo because it's the same sewer district. And it doesn't change anything else. I just didn't know if you wanted to address them separately or not.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

It's not really a problem for us.

MR. WRIGHT:

No. Okay. That's fine, then.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

As long as it's not a problem for you when you go getting your budget allocation.

MR. WRIGHT:

No, it isn't.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I'll entertain a motion.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:
Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
Motion by Leg. Schneiderman, second by Mr. Cramer. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Sewer district 14 parkland, CP 8118 and CP 8151. Isn't that what I just did?

MR. BORKOWSKI:
You just did that one.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
Sewer district 3 southwest. You know, for obvious reasons -- well, maybe not obvious to everyone. I represent Pilgrim. So, I'm just going to stay away from everything at the Southwest sewer district. And I'm going to recuse myself in the discussion and turn this over to Larry.

MR. SWANSON:
So, I guess we have the same thing.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
Same thing.

MR. SWANSON:
It's the same thing --

MR. WRIGHT:
This is purely planning. The first two we added in-kind services and a small building. This is as it's stated. Design, planning only.

MR. SWANSON:
Do we have a motion?

MR. CRAMER:
Motion.

MR. SWANSON:
Do we have a second? Mr. Schneiderman. All in favor? Passed.

MR. WRIGHT:
Thank you.

MR. KAUFMAN:
Thank you, Ben.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:
Okay. We're done with all the Type II Actions. And we're onto the proposed stormwater remediation to Carll's River at Phelps Lane, CF 3710, Town of Babylon. Is there someone here to speak to the Council on this matter?

MR. DAWSON:
Yes. Jeff Dawson with DPW. Okay. As I said, my name is Jeff Dawson. I'm the Civil Engineer registered in the State of New York as a professional engineer. I work for DPW. And this is a project that is just passed the planning stage. What we have here is an existing drainage

system in Babylon. Deer Park Avenue is here. 34 runs by -- I believe that's Babylon High School. Phelps Lane runs into 34 and Deer Park Avenue as well. And there's a drainage system that captures storm water all along Deer Park Avenue, routes it down Phelps Lane and into the Carll's River. This property here is part of the Belmont Lake State Parkland. So, we're in communication with the New York State Department of Parks for permitting for this construction. Basically what we're going to do is modify the existing drainage system to install a base saver storm water treatment unit in the last pipe run. And as you may recall last time -- we got a little bit better visual for you this time. The base saver unit is comprised of two manholes and one HDPE plastic pipe with a series of baffles in it. Those baffles serve to divert storm water flow from the main line into this storage manhole. And because of the configuration of it, all floatables and oils and sediment get trapped into this storage manhole here. And once this water level reaches the point where it's higher than the bottom of this pipe, the flow is then allowed to continue on. And because of this exit pipe being low, it doesn't allow any of the floatables or the sediment to re-enter. So, in that way it filters the storm water.

And these are pictures of the results of one of these type of units. This happens to be a Vortechnix unit that we installed in the Town of Babylon. You can see there is just a ton of trash. And those are installed in operation for about 20 months. And we have just put in the work order to get them cleaned out. And there must have been, I don't know, about three feet worth of sediment in the bottom of that manhole. So, they're very effective.

But in addition to that base saver unit, we're going to construct a storm water pond to treat -- to provide secondary treatment of the storm water flow that exits the base saver unit. This pond is going to have a center island that will provide wildlife habitat as well as increase the retention time that the storm water is residing in the pond because of its increased flow path. There will be native landscaping planted around to update nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which are known storm water pollutants of concern to the DEC. We are going to have a riprap overflow that will allow the water to re-enter Carll's River and at the same time because of its jagged nature, it will provide re aeration just in case there is some stagnation going on.

The maximum depth in the pond is going to be two feet. That will eliminate the need to fence this in so it will not be an eyesore. We'll have, like I said, native landscaping. We'll provide screening on the residential site here. And I think it will look great once constructed.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

This is all less than an acre of disturbance?

MR. DAWSON:

Yes. This is, I believe it was a half acre.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I think it had point 85 acre.

MR. DAWSON:

Point 85? Okay.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I have several questions. One is the pond. Will it have -- will it be actually standing water or will it mostly percolate down and leave the sediments behind?

MR. DAWSON:

It's not going to be allowed to percolate mostly because of the proximity of the water table to the pond.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is it a lined structure?

MR. DAWSON:

No, it will not be lined. The grade is fairly flat here. So, if we just dig down two feet, we expect to be in groundwater. We haven't gotten the boring samples yet.

MR. KAUFMAN:

The groundwater is three to eight feet.

MR. DAWSON:

If we dug two feet down from the existing grade, odds are there will be water there because Carll's River is continuously wet. So, to answer your question, it will always have standing water in there.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

So, it's like an iceskating opportunity for Babylon.

MR. DAWSON:

It could be.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can you go back to the -- what you call the base saver structure.

MR. DAWSON:

Sure.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I had a question on the technology there. One in terms of how often it would require servicing to clean it, but also in the way it's designed, it looks like the water level would fluctuate based on storm events. And at times the -- the suspension layer that's holding the floatables would pass by the outflow and allow it to outflow. Am I not seeing something correctly?

MR. DAWSON:

That would be the -- that would be the case. Water levels would fluctuate if this manhole were perforated. But it's solid and it's water-tight. So any water that get's in there -- and actually one of the last steps of installation is for the contractor to fill it with water. So it will always have standing water in here. And basically that water level in a completely dry condition is going to be below the bottom of this pipe. It's kind of hard to see in this perspective.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

So the layer that's containing your floatables, your hydrocarbons, your petroleum distillates, that's going to build up in thickness over time. Is there a maintenance plan to go in there and take that out?

MR. DAWSON:

Yes. Actually this -- any time we install a unit like this, DPW's -- it becomes DPW routine maintenance schedule. And the goal is to clean these out in full every -- bi-annually. Once every two years.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. They have the equipment to do that I take it?

MR. DAWSON:

Yes. It's just a -- you just basically pop the manhole covers and you put a black vac hole in there, a super-sucker. And it sucks everything out. Then you fill it back with water. And then it functions like new again.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Thank you.

MR. SWANSON:

I have a question following up on that. Is bi-annually sufficient? It seems to me from some drains that I've seen around, that you have to do it maybe twice a year instead of every other year.

MR. DAWSON:

Yeah. The frequency maintenance really depends on the pollutant loading at each specific location. At this location because it's near a school, there will be a lot of sand or salt on the road. And because it does go into and encompass Town of Babylon's jurisdiction. We'd have to check with them to see what their rate of application of sand is; but at this particular location a bi-annual maintenance should be sufficient. These manhole diameters are five feet. And the height is upwards of eight feet -- eight and nine feet depending on the model. So, that's quite a lot of volume before it actually is filled. But bi-annual is our goal. We modify that based on its performance in the field after it's installed.

MR. SWANSON:

And the theory here with your standing water is because it's not exposed to the air, any point, it won't be a vector control problem?

MR. DAWSON:

Actually I checked with Dominick Ninivaggi, who's the Vector Control head. He told me that the best condition for vector -- for not providing vector friendly conditions is to keep it standing full of water. And that an intermittent one is actually not preferable. The reason being the standing pool of water supports biological frogs, fish, what have you that eat the mosquito larvae before they have a chance to breed.

MR. SWANSON:

But there are not going to be any frogs or fish.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

They're going to have a tough time as they surface.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

No. I think you're misunderstanding, Mr. Swanson. Mr. Swanson, I think, is referring to the base saver where I think you're referring to the ponds you're creating; am I right?

MR. SWANSON:

I was referring to the base savers.

MR. DAWSON:

I'm sorry. Oh, you were referring to the base saver; okay. These are actually -- there's no way that they can get into this unit short of coming in from the pipe. That will be one of the units that vector control is going to have to monitor for vector production. But --

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can we switch back to the pond, then, for that question in terms of vector control. From an environmental perspective as well, that area that you're creating the pond in, it's already a storm water receptacle; is that correct?

MR. DAWSON:

No. Right now it's -- it's a little hard to make out. But here's the wood line right here; existing

wood line. There's a trail back here. And this is like a grass field. Right now there's a rusted out car frame back here. There's a refrigerator and a couple of dryers it looks like.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

From an environmental side of it, is there currently habitat value in that area? Has it been checked for various flora, you know, fauna, that might be, you know, worthy of protection?

MR. DAWSON:

Not specifically, no. But that's going to be part of the parks permit process as well as the DEC's process.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

In terms of excavation, archeology, is that appropriate to -- is there any anecdotal --

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Well, OPRHP won't give them a permit without going through its own clearance. And DEC is forbidden to give anybody a permit until they get an archeological clearance.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

So that will be part of the review process?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Absolutely.

MR. DAWSON:

Right.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Could I ask a question or two, please?

MR. DAWSON:

Sure.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Regarding the base saver again, getting back to it, I've been sensitized a little bit as part of the vector control situation. I'm on the Technical Advisory Committee over there as to airtight structures not necessarily being so air tight. And perhaps serving as potential breeding areas for insects. Is there any provision for Dominick to throw BT and things like that in there; in other words, can the -- can the device be serviced for -- anti-breeding things to be thrown in there? Basically to put it in context, there's a study that just came out from California, which is referenced in the Suffolk County EIS. It's under preparation right now. Basically saying that these kind of structures are actually much more dangerous than anyone thinks.

MR. DAWSON:

Can you reference the name of that study?

MR. KAUFMAN:

It was done by _Caltrans_ in cooperation with California Environmental Control Department, I think it was.

MR. DAWSON:

Okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

I mean, if these things are only being serviced every couple of years, that's worrisome to me.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I think we also have to be cognizant of what we're doing. I happened to look at the aerial photograph. And it does not appear to me we are creating standing water where standing water doesn't exist. I mean, look at the area that we're in. We're not --

MR. CRAMER:

Right across the street they have _Elton_ Pond.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Exactly. So, you know, I think we also have to apply a little logic and practicality to the locale that we are installing this.

MR. CRAMER:

And looking at a system like this, a relatively small system, with a vortex system or the base saver system, whichever trade name you're using, you know, it's not going to be a major problem over there.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right. And we also have to remember that we're not a board that makes policy. What we're doing is we're reviewing this to see if the installation of this and doing this program would be likely to have a significant adverse affect on the environment. That's what our job is. And I think --

MR. CRAMER:

Anything else is going to have just the opposite.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Exactly. And I think we're getting kind of off the mission and off the question because, quite frankly, I've been on this Council for fifteen years. And to me DPW has come a very, very long way in working to improve storm water quality. And, you know, as opposed to -- I mean is it possible that a mosquito could get in the storage manhole? I guess anything is possible. But when -- I'm not an engineer but I spent a fair amount of time looking at dry well systems. It seems to me that this is by far an improvement over the open grades dry wells that we see all over the place that often have standing water. So, I think that we also have to focus. We can't create a technology that doesn't exist. If we can, we're not going to do it here.

MR. CRAMER:

Well, really the only place where mosquitos could get in and breed on this particular system would be with the connecting pipes.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Exactly. And the likelihood of doing that, I think, is very, very slim. If someone were raising an issue as to the potential existence of mosquitos and standing water that you're creating, that I could understand. But, again, I think you also have to look at the locale. Because you have a lot of standing water around you.

MR. KAUFMAN:

You've got the lake right next door.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So, you're not creating an environment that doesn't exist.

MR. DAWSON:

In addition, what Dominick had mentioned also for these unit type treatment systems, is that a floating sheen of oil will prevent mosquito larvae from developing. It's like an automatic deterrent. They're not able to breed in that or spawn in that environment. So, the only time of the year to actually have conditions conducive to that is right after you clean it out. But the next storm event would come in, deposit an additional layer of oil on top or a sheen of oil on top. And that will prevent development again.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Just one quick comment. Clearly the intent of this project is an environmental one. That doesn't mean that during the construction, there aren't environmental factors and potentially mitigating measures that might be taken. I remind the committee of the MTBE that was added to gasoline to make it safer for the environment. And it turned out there were all kinds of negative ramifications to that action that we're living with today. So, I think it's fair to, you know, certainly look at the -- the conditions of the where it's being placed and the pond. And I think that's all valid questioning.

MR. DAWSON:

Definitely. Speaking of construction, during construction linear erosion control measures basically is hay bale and a silver fence. It's represented by this magenta line all the way around. So that will further protect the existing wetland.

MR. CRAMER:

That's another question. The fresh water wetlands in the area, is that represented by the orange line? Have fresh water wetlands been flagged in the area?

MR. DAWSON:

They have not yet been flagged. We'll request a DEC --

MR. CRAMER:

Eventually -- it's possible that the fresh water wetlands could come to the edge of the road.

MR. DAWSON:

It's possible, but not likely because of that tree line. The tree line --

MR. CRAMER:

Well, wetlands go beyond trees.

MR. DAWSON:

I realize. But the only vegetation that I saw in that area that we're actually constructing is just grass. Regular fescue grass. There's some scrub brush also.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Well, in the event that the DEC -- because Mr. Cramer -- right. In the event that the DEC were to come in, were to flag that wetland so that it was sufficiently within your proposed basin area, you would most likely be forced to modify your project, in which in case you would have to come back here.

MR. DAWSON:

Right. If that's the case, we could modify the size of the pond to conform to that wetland line. Or we could do away with the pond altogether and just allow the base saver to be installed.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right.

MR. SWANSON:

In your statement you say this activity is a quarter of a mile away from wetlands. It looks like it's pretty close.

MR. DAWSON:

Does it say that in the EAF?

MR. SWANSON:

In Four (b), I think -- it says how far is the project from fresh water wetlands. You have approximately point two five miles. It looks to me like it's --

MR. CRAMER:

Little bit closer than that.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Oh, yeah, like maybe in --

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

It sounds like a good project.

MR. DAWSON:

Oh, okay, that's right. That is in reference to the mapped wetlands map that we have from DEC. They have designations by quad sheets.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right.

MR. DAWSON:

And if you look at the -- I think this is the Babylon quad sheet -- the quad sheet that covers this area, the actual designated wetland designated by the DEC is about a quarter of mile down stream from the Carll's River.

MR. CRAMER:

They didn't designate Carll's River as fresh water wetlands?

MR. DAWSON:

No. This area of Carll's River is not designated as fresh water. Those maps were created back in the seventies. Actually they were revised in the early nineties, which is why they re-delineate their lines every time you request them to. Because obviously they're -- -

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

They re-delineate their lines every time you submit a permit application.

MR. CRAMER:

The maps are just indicators of where wetlands are. And I kind of question them not identifying the Carll's River running up through there.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Just to let you know, on the fresh water wetlands map that you supplied, it's very clearly marked in that area. Well, regardless. As long as you're not going to destroy any wetlands, I think we're okay with this.

MR. DAWSON:

Yeah. If the DEC says that's a wetland area, then we're not going to build in it.

MR. CRAMER:

It's designated as BW on your map. On attachment number 4. Then you have a circle showing the project location going right around the wetlands.

MR. DAWSON:

Yeah. I don't have those attachments -- those maps in front of me right now.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

It's right here.

MR. DAWSON:

Okay. I stand corrected.

MR. KAUFMAN:

It is wetland.

MR. DAWSON:

Yeah, that was an error on that.

MR. CRAMER:

Well, the way this is shown, it may not be a wetland. But it's certainly a lot closer than a quarter mile. The way this is shown, it comes up close to.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

So why don't we change that response to adjoining as opposed to a quarter of a mile? With the understanding that if the DEC, depending on where the wetlands fall, if you have to reconfigure anything, you'd have to come back.

MR. DAWSON:

Okay. If anything from -- what I've shown here is reconfigured.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Right, has to be reconfigured, you have to come back.

MR. DAWSON:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Any other questions? If not I'll entertain a motion unlisted. Neg dec.

MR. CRAMER:

Unlisted neg dec.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion. I have a second. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Thank you.

MR. DAWSON:

Thank you much.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Thank you. Okay. We have a calendar. Let's take a look at the -- does anybody see any particular issues? For me I don't see any issues with the calendar. And I do note that there are only four conflicts with legislative committees, at least the way the calendar stands now. So, that might be a good thing. Does anybody have any problems with the calendar? These are all third Wednesdays?

MR. BAGG:

They are third Wednesdays except for December which is the second Wednesday of the month.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Do we need a motion?

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I think we do. I think we have to accept the calendar.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Cramer, second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Okay. Okay. Election of officers.

MS. MANFREDONIA:

I'd like to make a motion to elect Terry Elkowitz as our Chair and Larry Swanson as our Vice-Chair for 2005.

MR. CRAMER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion and a second. All those in Favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Thank you.

MS. MANFREDONIA:

And thank you to both of them for their hard work.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Historic services.

MR. MARTIN:

Okay. Just to note, the Scully estate has formally been turned over to the Parks Department at this time. And we're just reviewing the building for the needs for public assembly. It has been identified by the Suffolk County Legislature to be the environmental interpretive center for the county. There's no heat in the building so we're just taking walk throughs and just trying to

figure out the space at this point just to see how it can be used. And we will plan to have a historic trust committee meeting there in the spring to take a look at the site.

The Robert Lyon Gardiner estate is now being sold from his East Hampton home at Christie's Auction House in New York City. Items are being spread out over actually five auctions. I'm working with the Sagtikos Manor Historic Society to identify things that either were at Sagtikos Manor early on before Mr. Gardiner set up his foundation at the site in 1985. We've identified one sketch that's in the sale this Friday that was inventoried in the house in the 1920's. And also any other portraits or historic information, paper work that would be significant to interpret the site. And they'll be providing funds for the purchase of those items. And I've also been talking with _Dean Faley_ of some donation of papers that would relate to the history of Sagtikos Manor.

And the next historic trust committee meeting is to take place Tuesday February 8th at 9:30. And this will be at the Manorville Historic Society School House on North Street in Manorville. And it will be inspecting the parks housing units that are located at Swan Pond and also the group of houses on Old River Road in Manorville. And just to inspect them at this point for their condition and the possibility of dedicating them to the Suffolk County Historic Trust.

MS. MANFREDONIA:

I have a question, Rich. There was a problem at the Miller Blydenburg. Could you just tell us about that?

MR. MARTIN:

Well, what we've been working on there is under emergency basis is to secure the footings and the foundation, the stone peers of the building. And we've done two phases of that. And the building is secure now but there's some additional emergency work that we'll need to be doing. In the spring we're hoping to do that. And we're doing that with the County's general contractor at this point. And then we will have to put out -- get additional capital funds, plans -- full restoration plans for the framing and the building and put that out to bid.

MR. KAUFMAN:

What's happening there? Is something collapsing?

MR. MARTIN:

Yes. The peers are problematic. You have stone peers that are sitting in the wetlands there over centuries. And you also have a framing -- you know, resting on those peers that have some rotting problems. So it's secure at this point. We didn't restore the building. We just put some framing there to secure the building. That will be taken out later.

MR. SWANSON:

I have a couple of questions. Could you give us a status report of how the County's doing since revised management of the historic property?

MR. MARTIN:

Okay. With the St. James store, I think I mentioned before the County did go ahead and hire the employees that had been working for the Friends for Long Island Heritage and we're now working with them on setting up all the purchasing procedures within the County system so they can purchase for this year. They have been provided a budget of \$150,000 towards -- for purchasing. And also there's been funds provided to the maintenance division for the maintenance of the historic residences that the County owns that were managed by the Friends for Long Island Heritage. And they have hired additional staff including Richard Wolf, who was working for the Friends for Long Island Heritage, that knows these buildings very well. And he's a carpenter. And he's been hired by the county also.

MR. SWANSON:

The other question I had was -- I heard the County Exec's state of the environment speech. And they referred at that meeting to recycling in the county. I'm wondering do you now have a formal recycling program within the historic sites?

MR. MARTIN:

I'm not aware of that. And I guess I should ask Nick Gibbons on what's being planned.

MR. SWANSON:

They didn't say that specifically that you did. But there is talk in general in the county facilities. And I'm curious.

MR. MARTIN:

Okay. I can find out for you.

MR. SWANSON:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Anything further? Any CAC concerns?

MS. SQUIRES:

No.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

Okay. With that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion. Do I have a second? I have a second from Lance, who's been very quiet today. Thanks.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:32 AM)
_ Denotes spelled phonetically_**