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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Council of Environmental Quality will convene a regular public meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 in the Arthur Kunz Library, H. Lee Dennison Building, Fourth Floor, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Pursuant to the Citizens Public Participation Act, all citizens are invited to submit testimony, either orally or in writing at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted prior to the meeting to the attention of:

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> **Council of Environmental Quality R. Lawrence Swanson, Chairperson**

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AGENDA

MEETING NOTIFICATION

<u>Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Arthur Kunz Library</u> <u>H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4th Floor</u> Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge

Call to Order:

Minutes - check the web at <u>http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/planning/minutes.aspx#ceq</u> April's minutes are available on the website for review

Correspondence:

<u>Public Portion:</u> Kathy Larsen for discussion on Cupsogue Park

<u>Historic Trust Docket:</u>

Director's Report:

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements Historic Trust Motion

<u>Project Review:</u> Recommended TYPE II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for April 28th, 2009, May 12th, 2009 and June 9th, 2009.
- B. Proposed Sludge Thickening Enhancement at Sewer District # 7 Medford, Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

<u>Project Review:</u> Recommended TYPE II Actions:

C. Proposed Main Plant Improvements to Sewer District # 5 – Strathmore Huntington.

<u>Project Review:</u> Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Overton Preserve Belonzi Property in the Town of Brookhaven.
- B. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Overton Preserve Stanton Avenue, LLC Property in the Town of Brookhaven.
- C. Proposed Renovation of the Elwood Schoolhouse/Little Red Schoolhouse, Town of Huntington.

Other Business:

CAC Concerns:

<u>***CAC MEMBERS</u>: The above information has been forwarded to your local Legislators, Supervisors and DEC personnel. Please check with them prior to the meeting to see if they have any comments or concerns regarding these projects that they would like brought to the CEQ's attention.

***MEMBERS – <u>PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU</u> <u>WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.</u> ***<u>ALSO FOLLOWING THE MEETING PLEASE LEAVE BEHIND ALL MATERIALS</u> <u>OF PROJECTS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED AS WE CAN RECYCLE THESE</u> <u>MATERIALS LATER ON.</u>

ORGANDE 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 3 Arthur Kunz Library 4 H. Lee Dennison Building 4th Floor 5 100 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, New York 6 7 June 17, 2009 8 9:30 a.m. 9 10 11 12 BEFORE: 13 R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairperson 14 15 16 17 18 REPORTED BY: 19 THERESA PAPE, Court Reporter/Notary Public 20 21 22 23 24 25

1 2 BOARD APPEARANCES: 2 3 HON. JAY H. SCHNEIDERMAN 4 THOMAS GULBRANSEN 5 RICHARD MACHTAY 6 MARY ANN SPENCER 7 JOY SOUIRES 8 RICHARD MACHTAY 9 DANIEL PICHNEY 10 ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS 11 12 EVA GROWNEY 13 GLORIA G. RUSSO 14 HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERS: 15 16 RICHARD MARTIN, Director 17 ALSO PRESENT: 18 19 JAMES BAGG, Chief Environmental Analyst 20 LAURETTA FISCHER, Suffolk County Planning 21 KATHY LARSEN, Cupsoque Park 22 KEN WARREN 23 CHRISTINE DESALVO, CEQ Staff 24 25

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2	(WHEREUPON, this proceeding
3	convened at 9:30 a.m. Off-the-record
4	discussions ensued, after which the
5	following transpired:)
6	(Time noted: 9:37 a.m.)
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We'll call the
8	meeting to order. And anybody like to
9	comment on April's minutes?
10	MS. SPENCER: I thought they were
11	great.
12	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Did you find any
13	mistakes?
14	MS. SPENCER: No.
15	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich?
17	MR. MACHTAY: A few minor errors,
18	but nothing worth talking about.
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. And I
20	sent mine in, too. So
21	MR. GULBRANSEN: I sent them in to
22	Christine.
23	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
24	So do we have a motion motion to
25	accept April's minutes

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2	MR. BAGG: As corrected.
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: as as
4	corrected.
5	MR. MACHTAY: Seconded.
· 6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second from
7	Rich.
8	All in favor?
9	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
11	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
12	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
13	Jim, what do you want to call our
14	attention to with regard to
15	correspondence?
16	MR. BAGG: We don't have any.
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
18	(Laughter)
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And so now we'll
20	move on to the public portion, and today
21	we have with us Ms. Kathy Larsen, and
22	she's here to tell us a little bit about
23	some of the activities that are going on
24	at Cupsogue Park, and to ask our
25	assistance in reviewing the program.

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2	So, Kathy.
3	MS. LARSEN: Is this here okay?
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes. And please
5	identify yourself for
6	MS. LARSEN: Okay.
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: the
8	stenographer.
9	And I should say, Kathy is a
10	colleague of mine at the State
11	University of New York and also,
12	formally with the Three Village
13	Historical Society. So I know Kathy
14	quite well.
15	MS. LARSEN: Okay. My name is
16	Kathy Larsen. Thank you for allowing me
17	to speak today.
18	I'm a Suffolk County resident. I'm
19	here today to discuss the Cupsogue beach
20	entrance project.
21	The project calls for the widening
22	. of the road, additional lanes, and
23	putting a turnabout to a seaside dune.
24	The project is on Suffolk County land
25	and in the Town of Brookhaven and a

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2	small piece from the Village of West
3	Hampton Dunes.
4	The permit attached to the plans
5	the village hired the engineering
6	firm is designated Wetlands SEQR
7	Type II. The village also had applied
8	for the permits. Both Suffolk Parks and
9	DPW indicated that the Village of
10	West Hampton Dunes was considered to be
11	the lead agency because the village had
12	requested the plans be drawn up and had
13	applied for the permits. Based on the
14	consideration, many of the standard
15	practices of Suffolk County with regard
16	to this type of project were not
17	addressed, especially by the county, for
18	property not even located in the
19	village, which included reviews by this
20	committee.
21	There are fundamental issues with
22	the redesign of the traffic flow.
23	Elements of the plan and the underlying
24	traffic issue is unknown at this time,
25	from the county's perspective. There

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2		are also serious questions with regard
3		to the DEC permit attached to the plans
4		and the lack of a coastal erosion
5		consideration for the ocean side of the
6		project.
7		In 2005 the village approached
8		Suffolk County and offered to help with
9		traffic issues and offered to hire an
10		engineering firm for the same firm
11		about the same time the village started
12		planning on desires to construct on
13		property adjacent to the park and owned
14		by a not-for-profit, the Barrier Beach
15		Preservation Association.
16		In March of 2007, a set of plans
17		were released by the engineering firm
18		for the park entrance.
19		A permit received by DEC on
20		May 18th of 2007 was put on the DEC
21		application system with a description of
22		"Add new entrance to the Cupsogue Park
23		and turnaround, completeness
24		determination due as of June 4th, 2007."
25		A permit was received by DEC on

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2	June 28th of 2007, some 40 days after
3	the initial permit, and was put on the
4	DEC application system with the
5	description of "Widen roadway, Widgeon
6	Way to Cupsogue Beach Park, and
7	reconstruct park entrance."
8	The June 28th, 2007 permit was
. 9	issued on January 18th, 2008, and is the
10	permit that's attached to the plans.
11	The village sent a letter for the
12	village residents on August 21st of
13	2008, indicating the plans would be
14	discussed September 6th, 2008,
. 15	effectively three months after an
16	Article 78 could be filed.
17	On September 6th at the village
18	meeting, the project was identified as
19	two separate projects. The first from
20	the beginning of Widgeon Way, on the
21	separate permit issued on April 3rd,
22	2006, and a second separate project was
23	then identified as the one to be done by
24	Suffolk County, from Widgeon Way down to
25	the park entrance.

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2	I asked Suffolk County
3	representatives what traffic studies,
4	traffic analysis, vehicle turnover
5	rates, or beach utilization studies had
6	been done.
7	I was told, since the village was
8	lead agency, Suffolk County did not
9	conduct any of the studies I asked
10	about.
11	So what data supports these plans?
12	How do we know if the new traffic
13	patterns will resolve the traffic
14	issues?
15	Who from Suffolk County reviewed
16	the DEC permit?
17	Did Suffolk County and Brookhaven
18	agree with the SEQR Type II designation
19	even though it appears to be contrary to
20	DEC policy?
21	Why weren't the plans reviewed by
22	CEQ? Again, the village was the lead
23	agency; therefore, my understanding is,
24	Suffolk County some Suffolk County
25	offices weren't even aware of the plans,

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	2	and other ones felt that the village is
	3	lead agency was responsible for those
	4	actions.
	5	A portion of the project is to put
	6	a mini or small urban turnabout into a
	7	seaside dune. The secondary dune will
	8	be eliminated, and after consideration
	9	for grading and the required setback,
	10	will most likely be in conflict with the
	11	coastal erosion zone, including the
•	12	25-foot conservation easement required
	13	by the Stipulation of Settlement
	14	agreement.
	15	As a state agency, DEC is required
	16	to consider coastal policy matters with
	17	advise from DOS. When I bring up these
	18	two agencies, there appears to be a lot
	19	of resistance for consulting these
	20	agencies with regard to this project.
	21	I issued a FOIL request to DEC so I
	22	could review the application folders,
	23	and there was some others that I was
	24	requesting. At this time I've been
	25	informed verbally that the application

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2	folders for the permits indicated above
3	cannot be located at DEC for review.
4	If DEC is unable to locate the
5	folders, the permits should be
6	considered null and void as it will no
7	longer have a record to support the
8	SEQR Type II designation.
9	The village is moving forward with
10	its attempts to build a village hall on
11	property adjacent to the park, on the
12	property owned by the Barrier Beach
13	Preservation Association. The minutes
14	of both organizations, the Barrier Beach
15	Preservation Association and the
16	village, over the past year, have
17	numerous references, and plans were
18	recently posted on the Barrier Beach
19	Web site.
20	Is Suffolk County aware of the
21	village's intentions to build a village
22	hall adjacent to the park?
23	The turnaround is not necessary.
24	If the fields are full, the simple
25	solution is to direct traffic back in,

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2	using the existing turnaround.
3	How would these plans then
4	facilitate the resolution of the
5	underlying issue for the plans, which
6	was the traffic?
7	The plans set forth will not
8	resolve the traffic issue and may worsen
9	the situation as they create a dead end
10	and limit alternatives by moving the
11	booths 75 feet out on to Dune Road and
12	locking it in to two lanes.
13	The turnaround that they're
14	planning on putting in to the seaside
15	dune, by different sources, is too small
16	to accommodate some of the vehicles that
17	they wanted to accommodate. Based on my
18	conversations, the traffic hasn't been
19	as much of the issue over the past two
20	summers since the sign at the end of
21	Jessup's bridge and an extra booth was
22	installed at the park.
23	After observing traffic for about
24	eight years, I believe the main problem
25	is the rush-hour effect. The bathing

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2	opens at 10:00. The parking fields can
3	accommodate 660 cars. The staff can
4	accommodate about 250 to 300 cars an
5	hour if both booths are open. Traffic
6	backing up is almost a given regardless
7	of where the booths are located, and the
8	proposed hard road surface will not
9	accommodate more than 20 or 30 cars.
10	What other plans were provided by
11	the Village of West Hampton Dunes with a
12	lesser environmental impact?
13	What other studies were done by
14	Suffolk County?
15	Solutions for the traffic with a
16	less dramatic impact to the environment
17	could include expediting cars through
18	the payment process, move the booths
19	farther back in to the park by 40 or 50
20	feet to allow a better separation from
21	the turnaround, and see if the road
22	could be widened or the building set
23	back a little to allow a better traffic
24	flow.
25	The commissioner of DPW recently

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 14 2 was quoted as saying he hopes to cut the 3 traffic issue down one-half. То 4 understand the value of one-half, you 5 need to have data. 6 Given the desire of the village to 7 build on the Barrier Beach property, 8 having the traffic circle in the seaside 9 dune would be most beneficial to the 10 village. Having a way to effectively 11 close the park and direct traffic into 12 the turnaround is also very beneficial, 13 potentially in conflict, though, with 14the public access with regard to the 15 settlement agreement. 16 So, I mean, those are the issues I 17 see with regard to the project that 18 seems to be very supported by the Parks 19 Department. 20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So you will 21 leave your notes for --22 MS. LARSEN: Uh-huh. 23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- the record? 24 MS. LARSEN: Yeah. 25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. And you

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2	have some pictures that you wanted to
3	MS. LARSEN: Yeah.
4	(WHEREUPON, the Honorable Jay H.
5	Schneiderman joined the proceeding in
6	progress.)
7	(Time noted: 9:48 a.m.)
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: This is Cupsogue
9	Park.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.
11	MS. LARSEN: I didn't make at
12	the time of the environmental exam,
13	so basically, some of the fundamental
14	blow ups with the plans also include
15	they refer to a spigot statement a
16	spigot location in the park. So spigots
17	are actually the sanitation dumping
18	station where the campers come out and
19	they must dump their waste.
20	And I don't know, should I just
21	pass them around or
22	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
23	MS. LARSEN: Okay (handing).
24	This is just showing that the
25	sign next to the Cupsogue Park entrance
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2	(handing).
3	This one picture you can actually
4	see where the coastal erosion zone is.
5	All the decks of the backs of the houses
6	cannot go into the coastal erosion zone.
7	So you can clearly delineate where that
8	line is (handing).
9	A picture showing traffic backing
10	up. This was on Memorial Day weekend.
11	It wasn't a busy weekend, it wasn't a
12	nice day, but traffic still backed up
13	because they're not processing the
14	vehicles fast enough (handing).
15	Some pictures of when the breech
16	happened in the late '80s, early '90s
17	(handing).
18	The Army Core of Engineers
19	restoring the dune (handing).
20	Some additional pictures of the
21	Army Core of Engineers restoring the
22	dune (handing).
23	The dune as it is now, on the top,
24	and the dune as it was in January 2008,
25	where the water was right up in to that

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2	primary dune again (handing).
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So your purpose
4	in being here today is, number one, to
5	inform us of what's going on, since
6	at least I was not aware of what was
7	going on, and to ask what the county
8	actually knows about the development of
9	the project, and also to see whether or
10	not some environmental regulations or
11	guidance may be violated by building a
12	road into the dune; is that correct?
13	MS. LARSEN: That's correct.
14	I've been writing to County
15	Executive Levy, and copying some other
16	people. I also so this is the last
17	letter I sent to County Executive Levy
18	(handing), and the next letter is the
19	letter I sent to Tom Isles, Gilbert
20	Anderson, and John Patterson (handing),
21	as well as the questions that I had with
22	regard to the project, and some other
23	additional photos for support.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim, what can
25	you tell us

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2	Will you leave this for the record,
3	too
4	MS. LARSEN: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: in addition
6	to your statement?
7	MS. LARSEN: Uh-huh.
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim, what can
9	you tell us about what's going on?
10	MR. BAGG: All right. Well, this
11	was submitted by the Village to West
12	Hampton to the county, and they had a
13	request that they wanted the project
14	completed by Memorial Day
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Of this year?
16	MR. BAGG: of this year. All
17	right.
18	MR. PICHNEY: Excuse me, West
19	Hampton Dunes?
20	MS. LARSEN: The Village of West
21	Hampton Dunes.
22	MR. BAGG: West
23	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
24	MR. BAGG: The Village of West
25	Hampton Dunes.

19 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 1 2 The county is in receipt of the plans; the Parks Department has had it, 3 the Department of Public Works has had 4 It's been up to the county 5 it. executive's office, so it's now under 6 7 review. And it's the County's -- Parks Department's determination, at this 8 9 point, and DPW, that we're not bound by 10 the village or DEC's Type II Action. So from the county's perspective, 11 12 this is at least an Unlisted Action that 13 is going to need a long environmental 14 assessment form and a complete review I -- and -- and 15 with submittal to CEQ. 16 these questions I will make sure get 17 resubmitted to the Department of Public 18 Works and the Parks Department. And we start to discuss exactly, in filling out 19 20 the EAF form, that these questions are 21 addressed before they come to CEQ. 22 So the county isn't committed to 23 anything at this point in time because, in essence, they were given the plans 24 25 without really any input into it, and --

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2	and the Department of Public Works, at
3	this time, is still reviewing the
. 4	plans or the Parks Department is
. 5	still reviewing the plans.
6	They know a determination from
7	the Department of Public Works said this
8	is not an a Type II Action; this is
9	an Unlisted Action at the very least.
10	So we have to do an environmental
11	assessment form.
12	So that is the stage the county is
13	in at this particular time.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So one of
15	the reasons that it was considered
. 16	Type II is it's less than four acres; is
17	that correct?
18	MR. BAGG: Well, the Type II list
19	is less than 4,000 square feet. This
20	was rehabilitation of an existing road,
21	pursuant to the village, and also DEC
22	said under their Type II designation,
23	it said that that was essentially what
24	the project was. However, at the county
25	level, they're talking about a new lane;

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 21 they're talking about use of the county 2 3 park property. So from the county's perspective, it cannot be a Type II 4 5 Action. It's, at the very least, an Unlisted Action which requires a full 6 environmental review -- an environmental 7 assessment form, plus coming to CEQ, 8 9 comments, and then final determination. 10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What about the 11 project of cutting into the dune? Isn't 12 that --13 MR. BAGG: Well, that's going to 14 have to be investigated as to what that 15 status is. Most of that area, the whole Barrier Beach in there, is so disturbed 16 17 with all those houses that line both 18 sides of this particular road, that 19 those -- except for the primary dune, 20 everything else has -- has been 21 eliminated. And when they put in that 22 pump-out station, to some extent, that 23 dune wasn't near those things. So that 24 has to be really looked at, from the 25 county's point of view.

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2	In addition, the county attorney's
3	involved here, because part of this
4	project, the the village is seeking
5	easements from the adjacent property
6	owners all right
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
8	MR. BAGG: or they're going to
9	go to eminent domain and condemnation.
10	So the project can't proceed until the
11	village does that, and and the county
12	cannot spend any kind of money, you
13	know, on private property, unless it's
14	been released from a legal point of
15	view. I mean, they're not going to go
16	near it.
17	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
19	MR. MACHTAY: Is part of the
20	proposal to build a new village hall on
21	parkland?
22	MS. LARSEN: No, the part of the
23	proposal and it's not a
24	MR. MACHTAY: Or is that
25	MS. LARSEN: part of this

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2	proposal
3	MR. MACHTAY: a separate
4	proposal?
5	MS. LARSEN: There are separate
6	actions being done by the Village of
7	West Hampton Dunes, if you review their
8	board minutes and the Barrier Beach
9	Preservation board minutes. The intent
10	is they want to build it's been
11	everything from a research center to a
12	community center to I believe the
13	latest latest classification is a
14	village hall.
15	MR. MACHTAY: On parkland or
16	MS. LARSEN: No, on the Barrier
17	Beach Preservation Association property,
18	which is a not-for-profit 501C. Sitting
19	in the wetlands, established for the
20	purpose of supporting and maintaining
21	and preserving the wetlands.
22	MR. PICHNEY: The project that
23	you're giving us information about, does
24	that have to take place first before the
25	village can do anything? Is one

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2	predicated on the other?
3	MS. LARSEN: I don't think so. I
4	think I think I don't think so.
5	From my perspective, I think the county
6	needs to understand what the county's
7	issues are, and the county needs to
8	resolve its issues and separate it from
9	the village's.
10	MR. PICHNEY: Okay. So in other
11	words, if if the county didn't do
12	anything, then at some point, if they
13	got the approval, the village can
14	proceed and build the building they want
15	to build? No problem.
16	MS. LARSEN: Well, they would have
17	to get through DEC also. The property
18	is sitting in a wetlands up against the
19	canal.
20	MR. BAGG: I mean, Larry, if I
21	if I might add to this.
22	What this situation is, is that
23	Cupsogue Beach is a very popular park.
24	And especially during holiday seasons,
25	they have a lot of people that want to

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 25 2 go to the beach. And when the parking 3 lot fills up -- all right -- basically, a lot of these people who come from 4 5 Brooklyn, and some of them from 6 New Jersey and everything else, have 7 been in a line waiting for hours, get up 8 there, and they say, The beach is full 9 and you have to go turn around, that 10 they don't want to. They say, We will wait. And they're very obstinate about 11 12 it. So the parks people who are working 13 at the park are dealing with these 14 individuals who are now lined in 15 traffic. Now, meanwhile, the road backs 16 up. 17 Now, Suffolk County Department of 18 Parks put a sign at the bridge to say 19 the beach is full. And that's three 20 miles down the road, and these people 21 don't read it or they don't pay 22 attention. They say, Well, we'll take a 23 chance. 24 So they come up; they're not 25 handled probably as expeditiously as

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2	possible; people are waiting; the
3	traffic is now backed up. It's only a
4	two-lane road, so now, all those houses,
5	people can't get out of their houses.
6	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Their driveways,
7	yeah.
8	MR. BAGG: They can't get out of
9	their driveways.
10	MS. LARSEN: And if I could just
11	interject. Also, at this point in time,
12	the and I talked to numerous
13	residents out there about the traffic
14	issue and how bad it's been. And since
15	they put up the sign at Jessup, and
16	since they put the extra booth in, it's
17	helped facilitate things.
18	You do have a problem where the
19	booths are tangled up with the
20	turnaround. And I would say, this past
21	weekend, 30 percent of the vehicles
22	pulled up, decided the weather wasn't
23	nice enough, and they actually drove
24	out. Every time I've been down there
25	watching, you have a certain percentage

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2	that pulls up and drives on out.
3	My issue is that this set of plans
4	is not going to resolve your problems,
5	because you're still going to have the
6	people that want to drive up and pull
7	out. These plans don't even address
8	that.
9	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: What do the set
10	of plans do, create a turnaround?
11	MR. BAGG: It creates a turnaround
12	to facilitate getting the people back
13	moving back out down the road, but also,
14	they've created a a staging area that
15	would accommodate roughly 25 vehicles
16	for people who wanted to wait.
17	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But it was
18	MR. BAGG: It's not there now.
19	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Not queued up
20	before the booths, but somewhere on a
21	MR. BAGG: Would be to the
22	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: side road?
23	MR. BAGG: to the to the side
24	of the road and the en loop road.
25	So that

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2	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: The waiting
3	area.
4	MR. BAGG: once that queues up,
5	they'll say, I'm sorry, the queue is
6	full, you have to proceed around the
7	loop.
8	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It sounds like a
9	good idea. So what the prob the
10	problem with it is?
11	MS. LARSEN: Well, the problem with
12	it is, I can probably count on these two
13	hands
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And are you
15	are you a property owner in that area
16	or
17	MS. LARSEN: No.
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay. What's
19	so what's your interest is just
20	environmental or
21	MS. LARSEN: My interest at this
22	point, with regard to the turnaround and
23	this idea for the the land, is
24	environmental. It's unconscionable that
25	you're going to take out a seaside dune

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 29 2 to put a turnaround in and change the 3 whole configuration of the park 4 entrance. 5 This park's open 24/7. Twelve 6 months out of the year, seven days a 7 week. The way this park --8 aesthetically, as it's going to appear, 9 you're going to come down Dune Road, 10 instead of the beautiful open park that 11 you currently have, now you're going to 12 have booths down at the end that people 13 are going to have to go through. 14Currently, in the wintertime, 15 people go right into the park because 16 they don't collect a fee. When you had 17 a nice summer day, back in April, which 18 is amazing, you had 400 veh- -- people 19 go into the park. You didn't have a 20 traffic jam. 21 Your traffic jam is not because 22 people are trying to get into the park 23 and are queued up because the park's 24 full; the traffic jam is because your 25 people in the booths don't process the

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 30
2	transactions fast enough.
3	The other problem is that the
4	booths are tangled up into the
5	turnaround.
6	And the final thing I'll say is
7	that, if you don't know how many people
8	leave in a course of an an hour,
9	queuing up 20 or 30 cars to allow them
10	to sit and wait, when you don't know how
11	many people are coming out, how do you
12	determine how many vehicles are allowed
13	or should be queued up?
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Now, this
15	queuing just to think this through,
16	this queuing area that already exists,
17	it's an old like a dirt road?
18	MR. BAGG: No.
19	MS. LARSEN: No.
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It doesn't
21	exist. There's no they'd be
22	cutting
23	MR. BAGG: So, in essence, they're
24	going to have to they're going to
25	have to widen the existing road in order

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2	to accommodate the queue. And I I
3	think that, basically, they said,
4	Well
5	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So it would
6	take
7	MR. BAGG: how do you figure how
8	long the queue is? Well, I mean, you
9	could put a queue the entire length of
10	the road. So the question
11	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, no, I
12	think
13	MR. BAGG: is well, we want
14	to make
15	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: some of my
16	people
17	MR. BAGG: an effort
18	THE REPORTER: Wait, wait.
19	MR. BAGG: to try to.
20	THE REPORTER: One at a time, guys.
21	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I was going to
22	say, at some point, people see the queue
23	and say, Okay, I'll turn around. So the
24	idea is basically to get the queue into
25	a spot that would still let people look

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2	at it and go, All right, I'm going to
3	make a decision here, either I'm going
4	to get on that line or I'm going to turn
5	around.
6	MR. BAGG: Right. Or if the
7	queue's full, you have to turn around.
8	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.
9	MR. BAGG: In other words, you
10	can't wait.
11	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right. So there
12	should be a maximum of like 25 cars that
13	could wait
14	MR. BAGG: Right.
15	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: and the other
16	cars would turn around.
17	MR. LARSEN: But that's
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And you're
19	saying that the loop cuts into the dune,
20	or the queue cuts into the dune, or
21	MS. LARSEN: No, the the queue's
22	going to be on the the wetlands side
23	of this road. It's going to be on the
24	northern bay side.
25	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And what's there

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 33
2	right now where they're trying to
3	MS. LARSEN: Just the
4	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: put the
5	queue?
6	MS. LARSEN: Dune Road, and
7	there's really
8	MR. BAGG: The village property.
9	The village hall is
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Village
11	property. But is it
12	MR. BAGG: two
13	MS. LARSEN: Well
14	MR. BAGG: two
15	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: what is it?
16	MS. LARSEN: actually
17	MR. BAGG: and there's two
18	private lots in there, I believe.
19	MS. LARSEN: Well, actually, it's
20	not
21	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm sorry.
22	She's trying to she's trying to write
23	down everything we say.
24	All right. We'll pause.
25	MS. LARSEN: All right. So the

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 34 2 plan -- I actually have a miniaturized 3 set if you'd like to see them -- is to 4 open up a third lane at Widgeon Way. 5 We're going to have two westbound lanes 6 at Widgeon, one eastbound lane at 7 Widgeon. 8 You're going to go up approximately 9 to where the Barrier Beach property 10 starts. The northernmost westbound lane 11 is going to jog to the north a little 12 bit more. It will go down a little bit, 13 span out into two lanes, and those two 14 lanes would go into the booths that are 15 now 75 feet out on to Dune Road. So 16 once you've gotten to the point where 17 you've made the decision to go into the 18 park, there is no turning around. 19 You're now locked into these lanes, 20 locked into this queue. 21 The other westbound lane is going 22 to go directly into -- go down, about 23 where the booths are, go into the 24 seaside dune, and turnaround and head 25 back eastbound.

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2	So, I mean, I'm not a traffic
3	expert, but before you I'm not the
4	traffic expert, but I know human nature.
5	If I'm in a left-hand lane and I realize
6	that I should have been in the
7	right-hand lane because I want to go
8	into the park, I'm going to cut in front
9	of probably 15 or 20 cars to get into
10	that right-hand lane.
11	The other thing is, once they're
12	queued, they are queued. There is no
13	unqueuing. They're locked in.
14	So at the point that you actually
15	have these 20 cars backed up in this
16	queue or 25 cars backed in the queue,
17	and you're number 12, and it's going to
18	take better than an hour or an hour and
19	a half to move up to be able to get into
20	the park entrance or just get a parking
21	spot, you could have some very angry
22	people waiting in traffic now, with
23	their cars idling because it's going to
24	be a nice hot summer day. So unless
25	somebody in the car's willing to stay

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 36 2 behind and just wait and hope that they 3 can get into the park and get their 4 parking spot, you're going to have a lot 5 of angry people sitting in that gueue 6 waiting because you have idea of what 7 your beach turnover rate is. 8 What's the traffic study, where's 9 the traffic analysis? 10 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, maybe 11 they're planning a pilot project of some 12 kind --13 MR. BAGG: Well --14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- to see if it 15 works. 16 MR. BAGG: -- I think that the 17 county is committed to doing the 18 environmental review, so these questions 19 have all been --20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right. They're 21 all policy, and --22 MR. BAGG: They're going to have to 23 be looked at; they're going to have to 24 be responded to and answered, you know, 25 and -- and possibly the project may have

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2	to be changed based on what they find.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Has this project
4	even come to us for
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Not yet.
6	MR. BAGG: Not yet. Parks has said
7	it's an Unlisted Action, an EAF will
8	be
9	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: All right.
10	MR. BAGG: filled out and will
11	be submitted to CEQ, but they still, at
12	the point, have to, you know, look into
13	all these questions. They have to look
14	into to the issue where the village
15	wants to either get easements from
16	certain property owners, or actually
17	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.
18	MR. BAGG: condemn the land.
19	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Board of
20	trustees probably will have something to
21	say on this.
22	MR. BAGG: So it's really in the
23	early stages of review, at least at the
24	county level.
25	MS. LARSEN: But then keep in mind,

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2	this project was supposed to be done by
3	this Memorial Day.
4	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, it's
5	obviously
6	MR. BAGG: But that was
7	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: not
8	happening.
9	MR. BAGG: according to the
10	village. That was according to the
11	village, not the county.
12	MR. GULBRANSEN: Mr. Chairman,
13	could I just ask what the baseline
14	condition is?
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: (Indicating)
16	MR. GULBRANSEN: I think I
17	understand that there was a booth and
18	then another booth was added.
19	MS. LARSEN: Uh-huh.
20	MR. GULBRANSEN: How many people
21	work in the booth?
22	MR. LARSEN: Okay. There's one
23	person in each booth
24	MR. GULBRANSEN: Right. So we had
25	one person in a booth

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 39 2 MS. LARSEN: And then we --3 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- and it was a --4 MS. LARSEN: -- extended to two. 5 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- bad condition. 6 Then a second booth came into place, and 7 there was a -- there was a noticeable 8 improvement; correct? You said there 9 was a noticeable improvement when a 10 second booth was put into practice? 11 MS. LARSEN: According to the 12 people I spoke to, the sign at the end 13 of Jessup, as well as the second booth, 14 seems to have helped the traffic. 15 MR. GULBRANSEN: So --16 MS. LARSEN: One of the residents 17 that's a year-round resident said that 18 the traffic backed up possibly six times 19 last year. It was only for an hour or 20 two, and I think that's your rush-hour effect. 21 22 MR. GULBRANSEN: I quess my 23 questions is, what is the baseline that 24 this project starts to get engineered 25 and built and planned for? Is the

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 40 2 baseline two booths working all the 3 time, or might the baseline be two 4 booths working all the time and one more 5 person? At \$40 an hour for two hours 6 for a whole season, that's \$8,000. You 7 could pay that person for ten years and 8 it would cost less than --9 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm not sure 10 it's a question of adding another 11 person. 12 MR. GULBRANSEN: But my question --13 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: If the window's 14 on one side of the booth, a car pulls 15 up, what's that other person going to 16 do? 17 MR. GULBRANSEN: Like you do at 18 many queues, you work the queue itself 19 and process them before they even get to 20 the booth. 21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Oh, so get out 22 of --23 MR. GULBRANSEN: So my question 24 is --25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- the booth and

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2	collect the money.
3	MR. GULBRANSEN: what the
4	baseline condition is that the park has
5	committed to that this plan then starts
6	to try to work around. That's a simple
7	question.
8	MS. LARSEN: I don't I don't
9	know.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: They should do
11	easy pass.
12	MR. BAGG: I mean, one of the
13	problems here is is the village hired
14	the engineering firm that planned the
15	project, the county did not have the
16	input. The plans were then prepared,
17	and the village sent them to the county
18	and said, We want this constructed
19	before Memorial Day.
20	MR. GULBRANSEN: With the
21	assumption that they have one booth or
22	maybe two booths and there's nothing
23	else that's changeable.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Is this your
25	district?

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2	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's my
3	district. And, you know, normally, for
4	the extra booth, they came to me first
5	on this. This one, they didn't you
6	know, they haven't consulted with me on
7	the design here. So it's really the
8	first I'm hearing of it.
9	MR. BAGG: So, basically, the
10	county just received this, and it has to
11	be reviewed at the county level.
12	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Richard, do you
13	have any comments?
14	MR. MARTIN: Relating to this
15	project, no.
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
17	MR. MARTIN: Nick Gibbons,
18	obviously, would. But I'm I'm just
19	listening, so I really don't have any
20	info on this.
21	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
22	So at least we can be assured, from
23	what you said, Jim, that the county is
24	now very actively involved, that they
25	Parks and DPW are both going to get

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2	involved in the review of the existing
3	proposal and perhaps have some comments
4	on on it, or modifying it, or whether
5	it should be done at all; is that
6	correct?
7	MR. BAGG: That's correct. Or how
8	it should be done. You know, I mean, if
9	they can put in signs and they can try
10	to head the traffic off before it gets
11	to the beach, and put in an additional
12	booth, or you know, without the
13	additional travel lane. I mean, it's
14	going to have to be looked at.
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
16	And it seems to me that Jay should
17	be
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: brought into
20	the loop a little bit.
21	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm wanting
22	to talk to the village board there and
23	the mayor.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
25	MR. BAGG: Also, would you request

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2	plans from them, since they're the
3	people that have them?
4	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
6	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
8	MR. PICHNEY: I just wanted to say
9	one more I just wanted to support Tom
10	here.
11	I think the village interest is
12	looking for an engineering/construction
13	solution. And they hire an engineering
14	firm you know, what are they going to
15	come up with? An engineering solution
16	rather than a personnel management or
17	sort of solution in terms of, you know,
18	more booths that might, in fact, be
19	be cheaper
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
21	MR. PICHNEY: and handle the
22	issue. And then, the same things Jim
23	mentioned, they could if the village
24	has its own police force, they could
25	certainly post a policeman, you know, a

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 45 few times a summer, way up the road and 2 3 make -- just be -- make people turn There are -- there are a number 4 around. 5 of ways to attack this problem. CHAIRMAN SWANSON: 6 Okay. 7 And if I could just --MS. LARSEN: CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Very good point. 8 9 MS. LARSEN: -- just reiterate, and 10 I totally agree with both those 11 statements. I think part of your solution could 12 be taking your existing hard road 13 14 surface, moving the booths a little bit 15 farther back into your parking space to allow little separation with your 16 17 turn- -- existing turnaround. And then 18 you should allow a certain number of cars to queue up, you're not denying 19 20 everybody, but you're going to sit there and say, you know, you have six or seven 21 22 cars currently queued, and at this point 23 in time, there are no additional cars 24 that can be queued because it's going to 25 take the better part of the hour for

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2	those people to get in.
3	So I think there are other
4	solutions and alternatives, but I think
5	you need to understand the dynamics and
6	do the analysis of the traffic to
7	understand how the traffic's behaving to
8	understand how you need to resolve your
9	problem.
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
11	Any other comments?
12	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.
14	Kathy, thank you for coming and
15	making us aware of the issue. And it
16	sounds to me like, at some point, it
17	will be coming to CEQ for review.
18	MS. LARSEN: Okay. Well, thank you
19	very much. And I'm sure the CEQ review
20	will also include the coastal erosion
21	issue?
22	MR. BAGG: Yes, that's being looked
23	at.
24	MS. LARSEN: Is that a separate
25	permit? Does it have to be

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 47 2 MR. BAGG: It depends if they're in 3 the zone. I know that the Parks 4 Commissioner John Pavacic, who used to 5 work for DEC, has touched base with DEC 6 as well as the coastal erosion people 7 and the Town of Brookhaven to find out 8 if the proposed project is actually 9 within that zone or not. 10 MS. LARSEN: Given the history with 11 the U.S. Army Core of Engineers and the 12 30-year contract that they have with the state, Suffolk County, and the -- the 13 14 town, as well as the village, hopefully 15 they'll be consulted also with regard to 16 this project. 17 So thank you very much for your 18 time. 19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you. 20 Jim, does a project MR. PICHNEY: 21 like this also go before the Suffolk 22 County Planning Commission, since it's 23 within 500 feet of a county road and a 24 county park? 25 Basically, the Suffolk MR. BAGG:

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2	County Planning Commission has notified
3	the Department of Public Works that
4	county road projects, pursuant to State
5	Law, are supposed to be submitted to the
6	planning commission.
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So it should go.
8	MR. PICHNEY: It should go.
9	MR. BAGG: I believe so.
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
11	All right. Historic Trust. We
12	have a report from the director.
13	MR. MARTIN: Okay. The housing
14	program, we have not scheduled the next
15	meeting
16	MS. SPENCER: Yes.
17	MR. MARTIN: which we need to do
18	soon.
19	We have asked the Parks
20	Department has asked the Division of
21	Real Estate for an additional appraisal
22	at the Isaac Mills house in St. James,
23	which would include the dining room on
24	the first floor and, essentially, create
25	an apartment on the the west wing of

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 49 2 the building, and then the -- the main 3 block of the building would be reserved 4 for public use. And so this -- they 5 have prepared a couple of scenarios of 6 we could fit an apartment in the house, 7 but we asked for a third apartment 8 design which we thought would work out 9 better. And then we will decide which 10 configuration works best for the building and get the appraisal for that, 11 12 then that will go forward to the Housing 13 Committee for review. And that's the 14 building we're most concerned with right 15 now to get tenants at that site. 16 We're working with the Town of 17 Huntington for two agreements over at 18 Coindre Hall. We're looking to renew 19 the existing agreement for the use of 20 the gym for the town's recreation 21 program, and a separate agreement, which 22 we've been working on for a while, for 23 the use of the boathouse. 24 The town is looking for some 25 designated space for their kayak program

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 50 2 in that building in order to give the 3 county \$600,000 towards the restoration 4 of that building. They're also 5 interested in the use of what can be the 6 classroom space on the second floor. 7 That would not be available for a while, 8 so we are now offering the town space 9 possibly in the main house, which might 10 include the -- the vacant apartment which we have not been able to rent in 11 12 that building. And that would be for 13 both office and classroom space for that 14 program. 15 So these are -- we just met 16 yesterday on site. These are new 17 developments, but we're trying to see what would satisfy the town space at 18 19 that park so they can go ahead and bond 20 the \$600,000 towards the restoration of 21 the boathouse. 22 And we're looking to go ahead with 23 that project this year. The county has 24 already appropriated 1.2 million towards 25 the restoration of the boathouse, but

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2	that will not complete the job, so we
3	are hopeful we could get the 600,000
4	which would allow us to to
5	essentially complete that project.
6	Next, I think we're going to review
7	the historic trust motion.
8	Jim, did you want to
9	MR. GULBRANSEN: If I may
10	MR. MARTIN: speak to that?
11	MR. GULBRANSEN: If I may just
12	MR. MARTIN: Okay.
13	MR. GULBRANSEN: ask a question,
14	following up to those progress notes.
15	In the past there were some
16	discussions about the timeliness of the
17	support for our legal agreements. It
18	sounded like a few of these had legal
19	agreements in the mix. Has that been
20	happening at a better pace, at an
21	MR. MARTIN: Well, this
22	MR. GULBRANSEN: effective pace?
23	MR. MARTIN: At this point, with
24	the Huntington the Coindre Hall
25	project, it's really the town's fault

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 52 2 that has dragged their feet, in a sense, 3 on telling us what they need to -- to go 4 into agreement. There's been different 5 opinions over the past couple of years, actually, on this. 6 7 MR. GULBRANSEN: So the support 8 that we asked for from the planning and 9 the county's counsel has been --10 MR. MARTIN: Yes. 11 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- on the mark. 12 MR. MARTIN: On that agreement, 13 yes. 14 MR. GULBRANSEN: I hear what you're 15 saying. 16 So the next would be to the motion 17 that you have before us? 18 MR. MARTIN: Yes. And, Jim, did 19 you want to speak to the motion? 20 MR. BAGG: We sent the motion out 21 for people's review and comments, and 22 Mr. Machtay commented back to us, so we 23 revised the motion that was sent out. A 24 copy is in your folders with what 25 Mr. Machtay suggested it be revised to,

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2	so the final motion is this revised
3	draft before you at this point in time.
4	If you have any changes, we would
5	be glad to make those changes. And
6	then, hopefully, the CEQ will approve
7	the motion and it will be sent to the
8	legislature and the county executive.
9	MR. GULBRANSEN: Can I ask for a
10	clarification on it?
11	MR. BAGG: Sure.
12	(Laughter)
13	MR. GULBRANSEN: This calls for
14	further detail about the costs. Is
15	pursuant to the discussions that we had
16	before.
17	Does the motion need to specify how
18	those costs will be prepared?
19	It says that they should be
20	evaluated.
21	MR. BAGG: I
22	MR. GULBRANSEN: I imagine it's
23	conceivable that the seller could
24	provide some kind of input into those
25	cost estimates, or the buyer could incur

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2	expenses to find out what those cost
3	forecasts are.
4	Do we have to be explicit about
5	where that those numbers come from?
6	MR. BAGG: Well, basically, during
7	the planning steps process in the
8	county's procedure to acquire property,
9	there's a planning steps process in
10	which the legislature directs that the
11	Division of Real Estate in the
12	Department of Environment and Energy,
13	you know, approach the property owner,
14	see if they can come to an agreed upon,
15	you know, price, and then do the
16	necessary surveys and and work for
17	acquisitional property before it goes
18	back to the legislature for acquisition,
19	which is before the Environment Planning
20	and Agriculture Committee, which is
21	Mr. Schneiderman is is the chair of.
22	What the CEQ would like to have in
23	that review in planning steps process
24	is for the county to look at the any
25	structures on the property, number one,

1 Council on Environmental Ouality 6/17/09 55 2 and -- and find out what state are they 3 in. Can they actually be used for 4 public purposes? Because a lot of the 5 times the legislature -- we're going to 6 acquire this and use it for a museum, 7 and use it for this. And the Department 8 of Public Works, after the fact, goes in 9 there and says, This building cannot be 10 used for public purposes because it does 11 not conform to the New York State 12 Building Code, or -- or you can only use 13 it as a rental, or you can't use it at 14 all. 15 And that -- some of these 16 buildings, when the county acquires 17 them, I think it's the -- the Historic 18 Trust Committee feels that they should be reviewed as part of the planning 19 20 steps and, really, the expenses that it 21 will cost to bring that structure up to 22 building code and allow the county to 23 use it should be added to the 24 property -- or the legislature should be 25 aware that those costs are probably

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 56 2 going to need to be incurred over the 3 next ten years in order to do what they 4 say, you know, the acquisition or 5 preservation of property will do. So, 6 really, those costs are not identified 7 at this point in time. 8 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, my --9 MR. PICHNEY: And it -- excuse me. 10 It doesn't seem to be identified in 11 this draft, too. The way it's written, 12 it seems to me that, you know -- you're 13 saying that the cost of demolition and 14 removal of debris, but for the other 15 things, for security and stabilization, 16 it -- it -- it says it should be 17 evaluated. The word "cost" is not 18 included in there anywhere. 19 MR. MARTIN: Well, the last line 20 says, "This evaluation should include 21 attendant costs" --22 MR. PICHNEY: Oh, I'm sorry. 23 Right. Okay. 24 MR. MARTIN: -- of the first 25 paragraph.

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2	MR. PICHNEY: Okay. So it refers
3	back. Okay.
4	MR. GULBRANSEN: So to my
5	question I understand and agree with
6	what you said about the on the use of
7	those numbers, the value of
8	understanding that's going into the
9	acquisition decision. But my question
10	was simpler.
11	Where should those cost estimates
12	come from?
13	MR. BAGG: It's the Department of
14	Public Works that has to go in and
15	review the structure in terms of whether
16	it confirms to New York State Building
17	Code, and if not, what it's going to
18	require and what are the potential costs
19	to bring it up. Or or they can go
20	out and hire a consultant to determine
21	those costs, like we did.
22	MR. MARTIN: Public Works could
23	hire a consultant.
24	MR. GULBRANSEN: At county expense.
25	MR. MARTIN: Yes.

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2	MR. GULBRANSEN: Thank you.
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other
4	comments?
5	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
7	MR. PICHNEY: Yeah. I since I
8	did make that you know, make that
9	mistake in reading it, there was a
10	little confusion, I really think then
11	that that last sentence should be
12	brought back to the the top, after
13	public use, and then I'm sorry, no.
14	The sentence that begins,
15	"Structure on the site deemed not to be
16	fit for historic" "should not be
17	historically fit for demolition," that
18	should be the last sentence. And the
19	sentence that says, "This evaluation
20	should include attendant costs, " should
21	be moved up and preceded.
22	So so then consequently, the
23	evaluation and the sentence
24	discussing evaluation and the sentence
25	that says, "The evaluation should

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2	include a Herdant costs, " will follow
3	each other.
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Can
5	you
6	MS. SPENCER: I'm I'm sorry
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: give us a
8	marked up copy?
9	MR. PICHNEY: Do you know what I'm
10	saying?
11	MS. SPENCER: I agree. I think
12	that does clarify it so that it it
13	would read, coming down all right.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Could
15	MS. SPENCER: The sentence he's
16	really transposing the last sentence
17	MR. PICHNEY: With the
18	italicized
19	MS. SPENCER: of the first
20	paragraph
21	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
22	MS. SPENCER: will will go
23	back where where it was, and there
24	will be a new sentence.
25	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

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2	MS. SPENCER: In other words, take
3	the last sentence
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
5	MS. SPENCER: move it up so that
6	it's it's an ultimate sentence, and
7	then the last sentence will be, "Should
8	a structure on a site be deemed to be
9	not historic and fit for demolition."
10	So that
11	MR. BAGG: That's the last
12	sentence.
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
14	MS. SPENCER: It is that does
15	clarify the motion.
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
17	MR. PICHNEY: Thank you for being
18	my interpreter.
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any other
20	comments?
21	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
22	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I just have some
23	minor things (handing).
24	Do we have a motion?
25	MS. SPENCER: So moved.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
3	second?
4	MR. GULBRANSEN: (Indicating)
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a second
6	per Mr. Gulbransen.
7	And any other discussion?
8	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
9	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?
10	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
12	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
14	Okay.
15	MR. MARTIN: And
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So
17	MR. MARTIN: that's all I have
18	for the report.
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Very
20	good.
21	Project review, Type II Actions.
22	Ratification of Recommendations of
23	Legislative Resolutions Laid on the
24	Table.
25	Jim, you want to call any out for

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 62
2	our attention?
3	MR. BAGG: No, I think nothing's
4	in the packet. I gave something in
5	putting your folder Larry, about
6	Legislator Viloria-Fisher has
7	legislation in there to encourage the
8	use of recyclable, you know, grocery
9	bags, which is kind of a solid waste
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
11	MR. BAGG: issue. But other
12	than that, everything's fairly
13	straightforward.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. I went to
15	the hearing, which was a week or so ago.
16	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And it's on that
17	nickel tax
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah. And I
19	think there were rough it was
20	roughly evenly split with regard to
21	who was in favor and who was opposed
22	to to what they said, yeah, it was
23	the plastic industry that opposed it
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: The grocery
25	stores.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: and the
3	grocery stores. Most other people that
4	were there supported it for lots of
5	reasons. So I it was I guess it's
6	being revised at this point, and then
7	it'll come back again.
8	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Come back again.
9	MR. PICHNEY: Larry, may I ask you
10	a question?
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
12	MR. PICHNEY: There was something
13	in the paper the other day, how the
14	shopping bags that you could purchase
15	and and reuse that are made out of
. 16	cloth can become contaminated and so
17	forth with germs and so forth.
18	Was there any discussion of of,
19	you know, producing those
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Did that come
21	out of the grocery industry, too, or
22	MR. PICHNEY: Pardon me?
23	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Who came up with
24	that?
25	MS. SQUIRES: It was it was

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 64 2 interesting, because I took my bags, 3 which I use all the time, and stuck them 4 in the washing machine. Because --5 MR. PICHNEY: Right. 6 MS. SQUIRES: -- I had never 7 thought of that, and they were kind of 8 disgusting --9 MR. PICHNEY: Right. 10 MS. SQUIRES: -- in the bottom. 11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Oh, really? 12 MR. PICHNEY: And the other thing, 13 you know -- you know, we were in France 14 this past summer, and -- and in their 15 supermarkets, the bags that they sell 16 are made out of plastic. So they're --17 they're easily -- more easily rinsed 18 out, rather than have them be thrown in 19 the washer. And that would make the 20 plastic industry happy. 21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: There wasn't 22 any --23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Probably not. 24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- discussion of 25 public health, but I'm sure if it comes

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2	back again, they'll get out all their
3	guns.
4	I don't know if you recall, but
5	when the original plastics law came into
6	effect, the food industry, the plastics
7	industry came here and made a really big
8	scene out of it. Suffolk County was in
9	the papers all over the the country
10	at the time, and they might well do that
11	again.
12	Anyway, it'll be interesting.
13	Do you have any idea whether
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's just not
15	a you know, I I don't know, it's
16	not a very good time to be introducing
17	more taxes. And they won't call it a
18	"tax," it'll be called a "fee," a
19	surcharge, or whatever it is. You can
20	get around it by bringing your own bags.
21	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
22	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But I'm not sure
23	it's going to get the votes it it
24	needs, at least, not in this climate.
25	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So we'll

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2	see.	
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It might get	
4	close. It might get close.	
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.	
6	Moving on to sludge.	
7	MR. BAGG: Can we have a motion?	
8	MS. SPENCER: Do you want a	
9	motion?	
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh. Do we have	
11	a motion to approve the recommendations	
12	of staff?	
13	MS. SPENCER: So moved.	
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a	
15	motion.	
16	Second.	
17	MR. MACHTAY: Second.	
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second by	
19	Mr. Machtay.	
20	Any further discussion?	
21	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)	
22	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?	
23	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)	
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?	
25	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)	
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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
3	Proposed Sludge Thickening
4	Enhancement at Sewer District Number 7
5	in Medford.
6	Anybody here to speak on that?
7	MR. WARREN: (Indicating)
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Please.
9	MR. WARREN: Yes. Ron Warren from
10	the Department of Public Works, Director
11	of Operations and Maintenance.
12	The project is to install
13	equipment to reduce our sludge hauling
14	that we bring to Bergen Point. We take
15	about 10 to 15 loads of sludge,
16	7,000 gallons, in a tractor trailer a
17	week. And we're hoping that this
18	project will reduce our hauling by
19	50 percent or greater.
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Sludge you're
21	taking from there?
22	MR. WARREN: Yes, from the from
23	that from the
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: From
25	MR. WARREN: Sewer District 7

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2	plant to Bergen Point.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Oh, I see.
4	Okay.
5	MR. WARREN: Yeah. And right now
6	we use we haul one percent sludge as
7	a waste product from the plant, and
8	we're hoping that we can get to three or
9	five percent depending on the process
10	that we're that can be purchased and
11	capital funds that are available.
12	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And what's
13	give me some more details on what the
14	project is specifically.
15	MR. WARREN: We're hoping to
16	install membranes into this the
17	the sludge tanks that will the water
18	will be processed from the sludge out of
19	the out in the tanks, and the
20	water then will be treated at the head
21	works again through the plant. We're
22	utilizing this process at a smaller
23	plant in Woodside. It's the same
24	district, Sewer District 7, and we have
25	seen, again, you know, at least

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 69 2 50 percent to 75 percent reduction in 3 hauling at that facility. 4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Okav. 5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So --6 MR. WARREN: So the process is --7 you know, they -- there's different 8 vendors and make and manufacturers. But 9 it's a -- you know, a very fine four 10 that is -- you know, that the water can 11 pass through and the sludge stays behind 12 and, you know, it just -- it thickens by 13 that process. 14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So it's 15 expensive to haul water, basically. 16 It is, and it's -- and MR. WARREN: 17 the CO2 -- Ben Wright told me to let you 18 know that there's like five pounds 19 per -- five pounds of CO2, I think, per 20 mile with a tractor trailer. So there's 21 significant reduction of CO2 by --22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And we come out 23 ahead? 24 MR. WARREN: -- reducing our haul. 25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Do we come out

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2	ahead cost-wise? I mean, are we
3	save we're saving on, I guess, the
4	hauling to Bergen Point and the hauling
5	from Bergen Point
6	MR. WARREN: Right. But there's
7	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: by
8	reducing
9	MR. WARREN: tremendous
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: the
11	MR. WARREN: tremendous
12	there's you know, there's the
13	costs are, you know, personnel. You
14	know, we have we have 23 sewer
15	districts that we have to haul sludge
16	from. And all these plants all have to
17	have sludge done regularly. And and,
18	you know, it with the more we
19	do the more sludge we haul, the more
20	breakdowns we get with our equipment,
21	the more manpower we need. So we're
22	hoping to reduce our manpower. It's
23	it's an overall reduction, and we're
24	we're trying to, you know, at all our
25	facilities, reduce our sludge hauling.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Have any
3	other questions?
4	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Have a motion?
6	This is Type II.
7	MR. BAGG: (Indicating)
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah, Jim.
9	MR. BAGG: I would also now,
10	this deals with the installation of
11	equipment?
12	MR. WARREN: Yeah. There's
13	there shouldn't be any structure
14	necessary, depending on the manufacturer
15	that we're going to utilize at this
16	point.
17	MR. BAGG: But you're going to
18	this is a piece of equipment that you
19	would be
20	MR. WARREN: It can be installed
21	MR. BAGG: installing.
22	MR. WARREN: in the tanks.
23	MR. BAGG: So it's recommended that
24	we add 25 to that Type II, because
25	that's for the purchase of equipment.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Have a
3	motion?
4	MR. MACHTAY: Type II.
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Type II.
6	Okay. Second?
7	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Have a second?
9	MR. GULBRANSEN: (Indicating)
10	MS. SPENCER: (Indicating)
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And all in
12	favor?
13	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
15	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Abstentions?
17	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
19	MR. PICHNEY: Larry.
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
21	MR. PICHNEY: I have a question for
22	the gentleman that's that's related
23	but off topic.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
25	MR. PICHNEY: As you're probably

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2	aware, the City of Milwaukee processes
3	their sludge and sells it as a as a
4	fertilizer called "Milorganite."
5	Did the county ever look into
6	anything like that in terms of, you
7	know, making money from sludge or at
8	least a portion of it?
9	MR. WARREN: Well, the sludge is
10	all processed at Bergen Point, and I
11	think there has been studies done in,
12	you know
13	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: What's going on
14	right now, actually. Yeah, we hired a
15	consultant and we're looking at various
16	technologies as to how to process it. I
17	mean, years ago, maybe 20 years ago, we
18	actually incinerated it there at Bergen
19	Point
20	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
21	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: you know, in
22	a waste energy facility
23	MR. PICHNEY: Right. Uh-huh.
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: they used to
25	produce

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2	MR. PICHNEY: Yeah, we were able
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm not even
4	sure that that was actually was
5	producing electricity, but there was
6	some talk about having that be used
7	incinerated and converted to
8	electricity.
9	Right now we pay about \$80 a ton to
10	have it, basically, trucked out of
11	Bergen Point, and then it gets loaded
12	onto a train in New Jersey, and ends up
13	in Georgia
14	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
15	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: at a
16	landfill.
17	MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: There has been,
19	you know, lots of people who come around
20	saying, Hey, we could do something with
21	that; we could turn it into Biodiesel,
22	you know, we could turn it into compost.
23	They looked at for a while there was
24	a the idea of turning it into
25	fertilizer, these little pellets

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2	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: but I I
4	think the smells associated with the
5	drying beds killed that idea.
6	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
7	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So you know.
8	Now we're looking at all the
9	various technologies, and a
10	recommendation is going to be made in
11	terms of what to do with it.
12	MR. PICHNEY: Yeah, I would be
13	curious to know, you know you know,
14	since Milwaukee is is a major midwest
15	city where where they handle the
16	actual processing
17	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.
18	MR. PICHNEY: drying and so
19	forth. And supposedly they you know,
20	there are no heavy metals in the product
21	other than iron. I mean, there are no
22	toxic heavy metals in it.
23	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, they have
24	a lot of beer waste in theirs.
25	(Laughter)

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2	MR. PICHNEY: No, beer
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Seriously.
4	MR. PICHNEY: Seriously.
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And it's brought
6	into New York State as a product
7	MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: and when I
9	was involved in looking at it probably
10	ten or so years ago
11	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I have a
12	feeling
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: it would not
14	pass DEC's criteria for using it in a
15	matter that it is actually used. But
16	because it's a a bagged product, it
17	can come into New York State and be
18	used.
19	MR. PICHNEY: I see.
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, I think
21	Suffolk County's waste probably has a
22	lot of beer waste in it, too.
23	(Laughter)
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: My my
25	suspicions.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The other thing
3	is that, you know, these things
4	creating products out of a sludge, you
5	have to be very careful. And it depends
6	on where the stuff comes from.
7	Obviously, if it comes from an
8	industrial area, it's going to be far
9	more contaminated and so forth.
10	So you're going to have to we
11	would probably have do set up several
12	separate forums of dealing with sludge
13	instead of one, I would presume. If you
14	were going to say this is going to be
15	okay for farming, and this we'll have to
16	landfill.
17	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And it's also
19	interesting that the F Food and Drug
20	Administration oh, no, the Centers
21	for Disease Control, I think it is, has
22	opposed using sludge on crops in many
23	instances, and
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That's human
25	waste.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: they will not
3	allow it to be labeled as organic.
4	MR. PICHNEY: Oh, that's really
5	interesting.
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And EPA
7	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: You could use it
8	on flowers and things, just
9	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: not edibles.
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
12	EPA and and Food and Drug or
13	Centers For Disease Control, I forget
14	which, have had a number of heated
15	arguments over that, because EPA has the
16	problem of getting rid of this stuff.
17	MR. PICHNEY: Right.
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And, of course,
19	the other has more to do with protecting
20	health.
21	MR. PICHNEY: I see.
22	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That's a good
23	question, though. And I you know,
24	the way we do it now is not
25	environmentally responsible or

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economically responsible. It's a
fortune. There's a lot of greenhouse
gas, there's a lot of waste of diesel
fuel, you know, non-renewable resources.
So, you know, we we really do have to
find a better way.
MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.
MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So
MR. PICHNEY: Okay. Thank you,
gentlemen.
CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have
another
MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Not to mention
the traffic.
CHAIRMAN SWANSON: sewage. This
is Sewer District Number 5, Strathmore
Huntington improvements. And there is a
letter in your packet concerning that
from the Department of Planning
Environment in the Town of Huntington.
MR. WARREN: (Indicating)
CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Please.
MR. WARREN: Yes. The project is
for the installation of, basically, odor

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 80 2 control, and if there's funds available 3 afterwards, on infrastructure 4 improvement. The plant is 40 -- over 5 40 years old, and the concrete is in 6 serious -- had some serious problems, 7 and we're hoping we can have -- do some 8 repairs on that after -- after we do the 9 odor control. 10 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: What the odor 11 control --12 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, I didn't 13 hear your question. 14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm just curious 15 as to how they're approaching the odor 16 problem. Is it through like a Biofilter 17 or through perfumes or what are --18 MR. WARREN: We're going to cover 19 the tanks that we feel are producing the 20 odors, and then we're going to use --21 you know, again, we -- there's many 22 manufacturers who do scrubbing. We're 23 utilizing a few of these devices. 24 Port Jeff -- the new facility at Port 25 Jeff, we have -- that we're happy with,

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2	and we feel it does a very good job.
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's a cover?
4	MR. WARREN: No, it's a scrubber
5	system.
6	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I know I you
7	know
8	MR. WARREN: There's covers and
9	scrubbers.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I've seen the
11	misters, I don't like those.
12	MR. WARREN: No, we're
13	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: The ones that
14	MR. WARREN: I think they're
15	illegal.
16	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: the odor
17	neutralizers. Yeah.
18	MR. WARREN: I think they're
19	illegal. I think they're not
20	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Are they now?
21	MR. WARREN: at facil at our
22	facilities. Depending on I know many
23	years ago was they were illegal
24	because they were utilizing numbing
25	of your

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 82
2	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Odor
3	neutralizers. Yeah, they
4	MR. WARREN: Right. And now but
5	now they have organic ones, they say,
6	that you know, that that can be
7	considered legal, but we haven't even
8	considered them.
9	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.
10	MR. WARREN: Because, you know, we
11	have you know, you have such a great
12	area that you have to try to mask the
13	odor.
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah, the
15	Biofilters actually work pretty well
16	to where they percolate the gas
17	MR. WARREN: Uh-huh.
18	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: through a bed
19	of organic matter.
20	MR. WARREN: Yeah, we have we've
21	utilized small small manhole we
22	put them over manholes where in
23	areas collection systems where people
24	are complaining that the odors are being
25	admitted by at the manholes. So we

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 83
2	take those it's bark, cedar bark and
3	some other
4	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.
5	MR. WARREN: type of bark, and
6	you put it in in this package that
7	sits inside the manhole, and that
8	reduces the odors, too.
9	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. The Town
11	of Huntington asks that the county take
12	into consideration Tuscany Estates with
13	its proposed 30 residential lots,
14	parkland, conservation, and recreation
15	areas
16	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: and recharge
18	basin in the developing plans for Sewer
19	District Number 5.
20	Yes.
21	MR. MACHTAY: Is Tuscany Estates
22	within that sewer district, or are they
23	asking that it be included in that sewer
24	district?
25	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It says it's

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 84
2	adjacent to, apparently
3	MR. BAGG: It's not in the sewer
4	MR. MACHTAY: It's adjacent to, but
5	it's not within.
6	MR. WARREN: There there's a
7	golf you know, it's right next to our
8	facility. They're going to turn it into
9	homes.
10	MR. MACHTAY: It was a golf course.
11	MR. WARREN: Yes.
12	MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Joy.
14	MS. SQUIRES: Just a couple of
15	comments of corrections to this. And
16	and Rich is really better at this than I
17	am, but I think it's Dix Hills Water
18	District, not on Number 5, I don't
19	think it's Suffolk County Water
20	Authority; I think it's Dix Hills Water
21	District. Just to correct.
22	MR. WARREN: Okay.
23	MS. SQUIRES: And Number 19 on the
24	zoning category, it says "single family
25	residential is" "is R-40," and then

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 85
2	it says "R-2."
3	Is there R-2?
4	MR. MACHTAY: No, not in the Town
5	of Huntington.
6	MS. SQUIRES: No, not in the Town
7	of Huntington.
8	MR. WARREN: Okay.
9	MS. SQUIRES: It's it's just
10	it's just inaccurate.
11	MR. MACHTAY: But all all of
12	that is irrelevant if this is a Type II
13	Action, Mr. Bagg.
14	MR. BAGG: Yes, you're correct.
15	MS. SQUIRES: Okay. It may be
16	irrelevant, but
17	MR. WARREN: No, I appreciate the
18	information.
19	MS. SQUIRES: you would want
20	to
21	MR. WARREN: I'm sorry.
22	MS. SQUIRES: need to be
23	MR. WARREN: It's not correct.
24	MS. SQUIRES: you would want it
25	to be correct, just just say.

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2	MR. WARREN: Uh-huh.
3	MS. SQUIRES: And and Strathmore
4	Park is right adjacent to
5	MR. WARREN: Right.
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So you're going
7	to have a it says here, a 200-foot
8	square-foot building in order to house
9	this
10	MR. WARREN: If it's necessary,
11	yeah. It depends on, you know, the
12	again, we're limited funding. We have
13	to evaluate whether we can you know,
14	we can purchase it with fully winterized
15	and insulated, so we can just have it
16	it's just a piece of equipment
17	outside. If it's ne g if it's if
18	we can't do that, then we're going to
19	have to build this building and and
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21	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So this is a
22	planning study.
23	MR. WARREN: Right.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
25	Any other comments?

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2	MR. BAGG: (Indicating)
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim.
4	MR. BAGG: In the proposed
5	recommendation for Type II, it's
6	suggested you add 25 to that, because
7	they will be purchasing equipment as
8	part of this.
9	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So it's 617¢7
10	and 25?
11	MR. BAGG: (Head gesture)
12	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
14	MR. MACHTAY: If they do want to
15	include this in the sewer district, I
16	guess it's the applicant that has to
17	apply to the district; is that correct?
18	MR. BAGG: That is correct.
19	MR. MACHTAY: At the town?
20	MR. WARREN: Yes, Ben Wright asked
21	me to respond that we we would have
22	to have a a separate study. This
23	the funding that we have is for what
24	we what we're planning, not any
25	other and we would definitely

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 88
2	prob almost definitely, we would
3	have to expand the facility in some way
4	for additional flow.
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: That's to
6	include this Tuscany Estates that you're
7	talking about?
8	MR. BAGG: You know, usually the
9	county procedure is and correct me if
10	I'm incorrect, but if the town requires
11	that the proposed subdivision has to
12	hook up to a sewage treatment facility,
13	then the applicant has to apply to the
14	sewer district, and the county would
15	work out an agreement. And if they have
16	to expand the sewage treatment plant,
17	the developer will pay for the expansion
18	of the sewage treatment facility as well
19	before they can be hooked up.
20	MR. MACHTAY: Well, there's key
21	money at the at the beginning to get
22	in; right? To pay for that
23	MR. BAGG: Yeah, I mean
24	MR. MACHTAY: to pay for the
25	expansion if it's necessary?

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2	MR. WARREN: If if	
3	MR. BAGG: Right.	
4	MR. WARREN: If yes. If if	
5	we can if we feel that we can handle	
6	the flow before the expansion. I mean,	
7	you know	
8	MR. MACHTAY: The thing is it's	
9	one-acre lots. So you're well within	
10	the Suffolk County Health Department's	
11	guidelines for cesspools.	
12	MR. BAGG: Well, that would be up	
13	to the town to determine whether or not	
14	they felt it should be hooked up to a	
15	sewage treatment facility. You're	
16	right. I mean, it's not it doesn't	
17	supercede any of the two weight	
18	requirements for a sewage treatment	
19	facility.	
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: But in my	
21	reading of the letter, this is not a	
22	request to become part of the sewer	
23	district. It's simply to take into	
24	account that they won't be affected by	
25	odors or whatever else. Maybe I'm	
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2	interpreting the letter wrong, but
3	that's my interpretation.
4	MR. WARREN: Well, you know, that's
5	what the project is to do, to handle
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
7	MR. WARREN: the odors, so
8	hopefully there will be no problem.
9	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
10	MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes, Joy.
12	MS. SQUIRES: This is irrelevant,
13	but I just have to tell you that Tuscany
14	is faced on Ryder Avenue Golf Course.
15	It's so sad that it's going there. It's
16	a piece Ryder Avenue Golf Course is
17	one of the most beautiful places you can
18	possibly see. You can see all the way
19	to Robert Moses. And the people wanted
20	a subdivision, they didn't want the golf
21	course preserved.
22	We talked about the county and the
23	town, you know, purchasing so it's
24	very interesting because you all know
25	how much it costs to create a new golf

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2	course. And this was one beautiful
3	rolling terrain, sitting there very
4	happily. And that, of course, has
5	nothing to do with what we're talking
6	about, but an unfortunate change in land
7	use.
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.
9	Okay. Can we have a motion,
10	Type II, with the correction by Jim of
11	adding 25?
12	MR. GULBRANSEN: So moved.
13	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mr. Gulbransen,
15	Mr. Machtay.
16	Any other discussion?
17	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?
19	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
21	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
22	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Abstentions?
23	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
25	MR. WARREN: Thank you.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.
3	Lauretta.
4	Nice to see you.
5	MS. FISCHER: Good morning.
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So the first one
7	is Proposed Acquisition for Open Space
8	Preservation known as the Overton
9	Preserve, Belonzi.
10	MS. FISCHER: Yes, this is one of
11	the two proposed acquisitions I'm
12	bringing before you this morning in the
13	same area.
14	This is the smaller acquisition of
15	3.76 acres in the Overton Preserve
16	area, which consisted of approximately
17	400 acres when it was first proposed for
18	acquisition.
19	This is these two parcels in
20	total will now provide for you majority
21	of the properties that we proposed for
22	acquisition. We only have one or two
23	smaller pieces left in the puzzle to
24	acquire. So after we acquire these two
25	acquisitions, we've pretty well sown up

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1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 93
2	our acquisition in this area.
3	This is a a smaller lot on
4	Mill Road south of Mill Road. It
5	actually connects county-owned property,
6	parkland on the northern side of
7	Mill Road, so it makes a nice connection
8	between our properties to the north, and
9	then connects down in to the properties
10	that we're acquiring. As well in the
11	second acquisition before you today and
12	those others that we've acquired
13	previously.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Any
15	questions?
16	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Have a motion?
18	MR. PICHNEY: I'm sorry, just a
19	quick questions.
20	Lauretta, this is for groundwater
21	protection?
22	MS. FISCHER: Yes, this is in the
23	Central Suffolk SDPA area, and that's
24	one of the criteria that this program
25	one of the criteria that can be met to

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 94
2	acquire properties within this program.
3	MR. PICHNEY: Okay.
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Have a motion to
5	accept?
6	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)
7	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have a
8	motion by Dan.
9	Second?
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Second.
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?
12	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
14	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
16	MS. FISCHER: Thank you.
17	And the second one before you is
18	the Overton Preserve, Stanton Avenue
19	properties. This includes over
20	162 acres, including a large old file
21	map area delineated on your map before
22	you in red, and a another larger lot,
23	almost at the same size to the east,
24	also outlined in red.
25	Again, same environmental issues

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2	and descriptions as the previous one.
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Any comments?
4	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
5	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right. I
6	just had a question.
7	On the photograph to the right and
8	south is
9	MS. FISCHER: That's a a
10	subdivision that's already
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, it is?
12	MS. FISCHER: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So it
14	MS. FISCHER: It's already
15	developed and we will not be acquiring
16	that.
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
18	Do we have a motion to accept?
19	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a motion
21	from Dan again.
22	A second?
23	MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mr. Machtay is
25	second.

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 96
2	All in favor?
3	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
5	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
6	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
7	MS. FISCHER: Thank you.
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You have one
9	more; right?
10	MS. FISCHER: No, not from me.
11	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Who's doing the
12	schoolhouse?
13	MR. MARTIN: (Indicating)
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, you are.
15	Martin.
16	Okay.
17	MR. MARTIN: You ready?
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
19	MR. MARTIN: Okay. This is to
20	start the capital program to restore the
21	Elwood Schoolhouse, and it's also known
22	as our "Little Red Schoolhouse."
23	This site was purchased by the
24	county in 1987 and was planned to be
25	restored. It was in our rental program

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1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 97
2	for a number of years. It is now
3	vacant.
4	If you look at the pictures, the
5	last two pages of your handout, you'll
6	see the interior space. The Parks
7	Department has already gutted the first
8	floor, taking out all the partition
9	walls that the school district had put
10	up for office use when they owned the
11	building. And on the next page, you'll
12	see also a couple of interior shots
13	that you can see the original metal
14	ceilings, and we took out all the drop
15	ceilings. And we're planning, just
16	basically, to restore it to a
17	schoolhouse use. We are going to be
18	retaining any school improvements that
19	were both done in the 1930s and the
20	1950s.
21	This has been reviewed by the
22	New York State Office of Historic
23	Preservation and to be declared eligible
24	to the National Register. We're
25	currently working on the nomination.

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 98 2 And the state did see what we exposed 3 here, that's why they could see there 4 was enough of the original fabric in the 5 interior and agreed with our assessment 6 to go ahead with the restoration of this 7 building. 8 If you look at the exterior view, 9 you can see what's painted white or like

10 plywood coverings over the existing 11 original windows. Those will get 12 removed as we restore the full ceiling 13 height on both the first and second 14 floor. So we do have the original 15 windows, but they need restoration work, 16 and we'll be adding storm windows to the 17 whole building as part of this project.

18 The rear addition, you see the 19 little bump out there is the rear 20 entrance. That -- I think we -- we've 21 already taken that down. That was a 22 later addition to restore the -- the 23 entrance at that point. That will 24 become our handicap access entrance. 25 The front door has a stoop and steps in

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 99
2	that location.
3	So we are looking to have public
4	assembly on the first floor, and a
5	combination of office and classroom
6	space on the second floor.
7	Legislator Stern started this
8	project off by appropriating \$20,000 in
9	planning funds in last year's capitol
10	funds, and he has requested that we
11	continue with the restoration project.
12	And there are three local community
13	groups that have approached him for
14	possible use of the building, and also
15	approached the parks commissioner for
16	that use of the building.
17	At this point, it's really not
18	usable. We need to upgrade upgrade
19	heating and air conditioning, the
20	bathroom facilities, the plumbing, the
21	electric, and restore the interior.
22	What we're looking to do now is to
23	kick off the restoration by
24	appropriating \$170,000 in capital funds,
25	which will be used towards what we're

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1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 100
2	estimating from Public Works to be about
3	a million dollar project.
4	Excuse me?
5	MS. SQUIRES: I just wanted to
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7	MR. MARTIN: 170- is what we're
8	looking to appropriate in this year's
9	capital funds from our Historic Services
10	75/10 account to start the restoration.
11	We usually do not have the luxury of
12	appropriating the full restoration costs
13	upfront, so we do it in phases working
14	with Public Works on the design. And
15	we're also looking to appropriate an
16	additional \$80,000 to the planning, to
17	add to the Legislator Stern's
18	appropriation of 20,000 from last year's
19	capitol fund.
20	We'll be working with Public Works
21	on the design and planning of this.
22	We'll see what we can do with county
23	contracts inhouse for the first phase,
24	but eventually we'll have a complete set
25	of plans that will go out to bid as we

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 101
2	appropriate more funds to restore the
3	interior of the building.
4	The county has already put on a new
5	wood roof and reshingled the exterior.
6	And so the exterior of the building is
7	intact at this point, but we still can't
8	use the building yet.
9	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Richard, correct
10	me if I'm wrong, but this is one of our
11	properties that was severely vandalized.
12	I think somebody turned water on and
13	flooded it.
14	MR. MARTIN: Well, God did.
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Huh?
16	(Laughter)
17	MR. MARTIN: The building ran
18	out
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: The pipes froze.
20	MR. MARTIN: Well, with a little, I
21	guess, park staff help. The building
22	ran out of heating oil and the pipes
23	froze. The sprinkler system and the
24	interior plumbing, the pipes froze and
25	then they burst, and when the water,

1 Council on Environmental Ouality 6/17/09 102 2 you know, flooded the building. And 3 that was kind of the motivation at that 4 point to remove the partition walls to 5 restore the flooring that had buckled. 6 But we -- we only got to the demolition 7 point, now we really need funds to do 8 the restoration. 9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I quess my 10 concern is that, what's going to prevent 11 this from happening again? 12 MR. MARTIN: Better supervision by 13 park staff, until we can get occupants 14 in the building, of course. Our 15 Historic Preservation program is 16 reduced. It's based on community use. 17 So we need to get an occupant into the building to really take care of any 18 19 vandalism or maintenance issues that 20 might come up in the future. We do not 21 have any staff that we can put at this 22 location. So we will need to, you know, 23 get the building into a certain point 24 that we can bring a group into the 25 building.

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 103 2 MR. BAGG: (Indicating) 3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes. MR. BAGG: 4 Is this dedicated to the 5 Suffolk County Historic Trust? 6 MR. MARTIN: It's -- I think it is. 7 They -- the initial resolution put it 8 into the historic preservation program. 9 And, Jim, we could take a -- a look at 10 that to see if we need to do any 11 further dedicating resolutions from --12 that was the resolution for a county 13 acquisition that directed it to be 14 restored. And so I have -- I have used 15 that for direction of the property, but 16 we can review it to see if it needs a 17 more formal dedication from the CEO. 18 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating) 19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan. 20 MR. PICHNEY: Richie, going back to 21 Larry's question. 22 Are there going to be security 23 alarms and low temperature alarms in the 24 building, too, so at least somebody's 25 notified --

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 104
2	MR. MARTIN: There's definitely
3	MR. PICHNEY: if they run out of
4	oil again?
5	MR. MARTIN: There's definitely a
6	security alarm. I'm not sure if we'll
7	be switching out to the gas system a
8	high efficiency system at this point.
9	MR. PICHNEY: Even even gas
10	systems, a part goes and then it goes
11	out. So I would certainly recommend
12	having low temperature alarms, too.
13	MR. MARTIN: Okay.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You mentioned, I
15	think, three groups that you're working
16	with?
17	MR. MARTIN: (Head gesture)
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Are they
19	involved in helping to actually design
20	the floor plans?
21	MR. MARTIN: Not at this point.
22	They've just expressed interest.
23	MS. SQUIRES: Who are they?
24	MR. MARTIN: They're the Elwood
25	Taxpayers Association, Elwood Veterans,

Council on Environmental Ouality 6/17/09 105 1 2 and the Elwood Civic Association. And 3 they've all sent letters to the commissioner expressing interest, but 4 5 we're not sure how this will play out, 6 to be honest, with -- you know, we'll 7 have one group in there or all three. But we're really not at that point, you 8 9 know, to provide the space for them, but 10 we're just discussing it with them. 11 MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating) 12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Richard. 13 MR. MACHTAY: The local library has 14 been looking for space for ages. 15 They're now situated in the old 16 Blockbuster store in the shopping 17 center. 18 MR. MARTIN: They had --19 MR. MACHTAY: Have you considered 20 them or --21 MR. MARTIN: Yes. They approached 22 us first --23 MR. MACHTAY: Okay. 24 MR. MARTIN: -- and they were 25 looking to move into the building. When

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 106
2	the engineers looked at the structure
3	and the weight of the books and the
4	files and everything they would need to
5	move into it
6	MR. MACHTAY: Can't do it.
7	MR. MARTIN: the cost would
8	they the the library just simply
9	would have would have paid for those
10	improvements, and they
11	MR. MACHTAY: I guess the only
12	thing that I'm really concerned about
13	is, you know, these civic groups
14	generally don't have any money, so
15	they're going to want the space for
16	free. They're going to want the
17	maintenance for free who's going to
18	clean the bathrooms, who's going to
19	sweep the floors, who's going to empty
20	the trash and they're going to want
21	free run of the building. Okay.
22	Whether it's one civic group or multiple
23	civic groups. And not that I have
24	anything against civic groups, I've
25	worked with them for over 30 years. And

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1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 107 those ones you mentioned are some of 2 3 them that I worked with. I don't know how this works in the 4 5 favor of the county in that it seems to 6 me that it's going to cost the county a 7 lot of time and expense and management, aside from what it costs to renovate the 8 9 building. 10 MR. MARTIN: Well, two points. 11 This is a county building that the 12 county acquired and directed Parks to 13 restore it until we have that 14 obligation. At this point we have been 15 declared eligible to the national 16 register. So it -- you know, it -- it 17 has that historic status at this point. 18 So it's really Parks' responsibility to 19 restore the buildings that are under its 20 care. 21 Second, we do have -- the only way 22 we can occupy these buildings --23 historic buildings is with community 24 groups involved. And the contracts that 25 we do provide -- yes, we do take care of

Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 108 1 2 a lot of the maintenance, but we do not 3 provide the daily maintenance that you suggested in the sense of cleaning the 4 5 bathrooms or the interior. That is 6 definitely put on the local group. 7 There is no daily maintenance provided from Parks at any of these sites. 8 9 So if they cannot abide by that 10 stipulation or that requirement, then they really can't go in a contract with 11 12 us. 13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So you don't 14 require a civic group to pay rent? 15 MR. MARTIN: No. 16 All right. Well, this is a 17 different situation. All of our historic sites right 18 19 now, they're not required to pay rent. 20 What they are required to do is through 21 an interpretation program at the 22 historic site to open it up to the 23 public and provide all that access. The 24 County Parks Department does not provide 25 that access.

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2	Deepwealth, Sagtikos Manor,
3	Meadowcroft, the Van Morgandean house,
4	all these contracts are similar, and
5	those groups in the contract are
6	required to open the building a certain
7	amount of time and to provide the public
8	programming.
9	As we go forward with the program,
10	yes, people are looking at the costs,
11	the heating costs and things to get
12	revised from that face point that we're
13	at now. But at this point, we do
14	provide the building with that
15	programming and staffing
16	MR. MACHTAY: Did you say the
17	Elwood Veterans?
18	MR. MARTIN: Yes.
19	MR. MACHTAY: Because the VFW took
20	the building right across the street,
21	B&D.
22	It's not the VFW, is it?
23	MR. MARTIN: I I don't have the
24	exact name with me.
25	MS. SQUIRES: The

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I don't
3	understand. If a Suffolk County
4	policeman wanted to move in here, you
5	would charge him rent. But if a group
6	goes in, you'll give it to them?
7	MR. MARTIN: We give it to them if
8	they provide the programming that I
9	explained. Like Deepwealth, I would not
10	be charging the historical society to
11	rent the building and then ask them to
12	staff it and then provide all the
13	programming without any compensation.
14	And all of our historic sites are the
15	same way. So that would be a hardship.
16	They do have to pay for their own
17	insurance to cover them there, and they
18	are required to invest in the
19	restoration of the site, and especially
20	the interior. So all their fundraising
21	that they do on site if a civic group
22	went into the Elwood Schoolhouse and had
23	fundraising, it would have to go back
24	into the building.
25	Especially at the Scully Estate

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2	with having the environmental center,
3	that's you know, also, any
4	fundraising there has to go back into
5	the building. So that's a stipulation
6	that all these groups have, but they
7	they're necessarily required to pay rent
8	at this point. That could change.
9	MR. MACHTAY: Yeah, most of these
10	civic groups are not set up like that,
11	though. I mean, they're set up to be
12	very self-serving and very you know,
13	this is our goal and this is our
14	mission, and that's what we're going to
15	do.
16	MR. MARTIN: If they were not
17	willing to provide the public services
18	that we're asking for, then they would
19	have to pay rent. That's
20	MS. SPENCER: (Indicating)
21	MR. MARTIN: that's the
22	agreement.
23	MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I think Mary Ann
25	was first.

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 112 2 MS. SPENCER: Could we revisit the 3 library? It sounds like that would be a 4 wonderful use for the building. You 5 said they were -- the first people who 6 were approached, and -- and they just 7 didn't have the funding? 8 MR. MARTIN: They approached us and --9 10 MS. SPENCER: They approached you. 11 MR. MARTIN: -- what they would 12 have to do to upgrade the building, the 13 costs involved, they were not willing to 14 move forward on it and they decided to 15 go into the rental space that they went 16 into. 17 MS. SPENCER: Could they be 18 approached again? It seems like a --19 MS. SQUIRES: Could I --20 MR. MARTIN: Anything's possible. 21 MS. SPENCER: -- a very nice 22 marriage. 23 MS. SQUIRES: -- answer that? 24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah. 25 MS. SQUIRES: They did an

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 113
2	evaluation and they were looking for
3	someplace to move from the storefront
4	they were in.
5	The structure would not handle the
6	weight of the books. There was, I
7	think, a careful evaluation of it.
8	They then, just recently, moved on
9	the Blockbuster corner. They just made
10	that move.
11	We and the we I'm talking about
12	now is the Open Space Committee. We had
13	another area that we thought would be
14	appropriate for them to look long range
15	into, rather than just renting.
16	They are now focused on staying
17	where they are.
18	I wanted to to point out, in
19	terms of security, what Rich said, the
20	VFW is across the street at the purchase
21	we called "B&D Farms." It is our Bright
22	Horizons Camp. It will be eventually a
23	handicapped camp. And then our we
24	have another park that's adjacent to it,
25	and it's just down from the school.

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2	But all three I would
3	investigate which veterans organization
4	this is, because if you have one across
5	the street, there's got to only be
6	that's the VFW. So the one across would
7	have to be American Legion.
8	I think that that I'd be careful
9	to get them to provide upfront, I'm
10	going to take care of this maintenance,
11	because as Rich said, they are
12	MR. MARTIN: Well, all I can say is
13	it's required by contract
14	MS. SQUIRES: Yes.
15	MR. MARTIN: and if they don't
16	provide the maintenance
17	MS. SQUIRES: Got it.
18	MR. MARTIN: either we do not go
19	into contract with them, or we would
20	have to establish a rental program and
21	set up a and then the county could
22	maybe provide maintenance.
23	Right now we do not have the staff
24	and
25	MS. SQUIRES: Exactly.

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2	MR. MARTIN: to provide any kind
3	of
4	MS. SQUIRES: I know that
5	MR. MARTIN: daily maintenance.
6	MS. SQUIRES: that Mr. Stern is
7	very involved in the community, and I
8	suspect he could help find a viable
9	tenant
10	MR. MARTIN: And these
11	MS. SQUIRES: somebody else.
12	MR. MARTIN: groups, just so you
13	know, they just sent letters of
14	interest. So that's as far as it's
15	gone, and it could be another group that
16	might come forward that might have,
17	you know, a different approach or more
18	of an interest in the public use that
19	we require. But this has just I
20	guess kicked off the interest in
21	Legislator Stern's office, and he
22	approached us to please move ahead with
23	the restoration and not to leave the
24	building vacant.
25	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.
3	MR. PICHNEY: You know, two points.
4	It seems to me that a building like
5	that would be good for specialized uses
6	for a library. Either for like a
7	every library has has a program
8	director with various programs that they
9	have practically every day of the week.
10	That would be good for that. A
11	periodicals room. A I don't know
12	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Historic
13	archives.
14	MR. PICHNEY: like a yeah,
15	historic collections.
16	What a lot of libraries are doing
17	are, you know, making it into little,
18	you know, Starbucks where people can
19	come and read and and have, you know,
20	coffee and so forth, or to have
21	computers in there and have it just be
22	for students, and for what do you
23	call it? the tutoring of students.
24	So I think there is a number of ways to
25	go for a library district to use a

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 117 2 building like that without having to, 3 you know, move lock, stock, and barrel 4 with all these heavy books and 5 everything. 6 And then secondly, because of the 7 accessibility of this building, as 8 opposed to a Meadowcroft or a Sagtikos 9 Manor, you know, it -- it seems that --

10 the building I'm familiar with is the 11 Harriet Acampora Center on Montauk 12 Highway in Blue Point where groups come 13 in, like our garden club, has to pay for 14 every time we have a meeting. So, you 15 know, you go in there and you -- you pay 16 for an entire year of meetings, and a 17 number of groups meet there.

18 So, you know, that covers a heck of a lot of -- of the costs for maintaining 19 20 and overhead of the building. And I 21 think, you know, you might want to look 22 in that direction. You know, periodical 23 use of the building by community 24 organizations that will, in fact, pay a 25 fee to use the building.

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2	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah, I think
3	MR. MARTIN: And that's a
4	possibility. In all of our planning and
5	discussions on this, the floor would
6	always be open for outside groups and
7	not be occupied by any one group. The
8	second floor we can possibly provide,
9	you know, the office space. But that
10	always that concept could always be
11	incorporated no matter what direction we
12	go into. It would be open to the
13	public.
14	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.
15	So I think there are two issues.
16	One we can vote on, Richard's request to
17	approve the funds to move forward. But
18	as Jim points out, this is not in the
19	historic trust, and we might want to, at
20	this time, move to put it in.
21	MR. BAGG: Or make a
22	recommendation. It would be the
23	legislature
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
25	MR. BAGG: that choses to put in

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 119
2	place the historic trust, but it's not
3	dedicated for any further uses.
4	MS. SPENCER: Wow, wow, wow, slow
5	down. If you want it dedicated, you
6	need to take it back. It has to be
7	looked at a little more.
8	MR. BAGG: It should be. The first
9	today starts
10	MS. SPENCER: Yes, it should be.
11	MR. BAGG: A dedicating resolution
12	has to specify the purpose or purposes
13	for which the property may be used, and
14	that's the category we're using.
15	MS. SPENCER: Right.
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So you're
17	willing to do that?
18	MS. SPENCER: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So we'll throw
20	it back to the committee, and then we
21	have a motion to accept this Type II.
22	MS. SQUIRES: I'll make that
23	motion.
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a motion
25	from Joy.

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2	Second?
3	MS. SPENCER: Second.
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second from Mary
5	Ann.
6	Any further discussion?
7	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?
9	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
11	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
12	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Nobody.
13	We'll do it, Richard, but this time
14	make sure that it doesn't get flooded
15	out.
16	MR. MARTIN: Okay.
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We can only do
18	this so many times.
19	(Laughter)
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right. I
21	think that completes the agenda.
22	Any other business?
23	MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)
24	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Joy.
25	MS. SQUIRES: I had something

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briefly that I went to the New York
State DEC update, which all of our on
CEQ are invited to, as our CACs
throughout the state. There were a
couple there were many expert
presentations, because what they do is
they give department heads to all of us.
But I just want to call your attention
to two things.
There is a large push on the
climate smart communities pledge. There
are several communities 35 throughout
the state that have taken this pledge,
including some from Suffolk County. And
I'll give you this is is the
pledge. I won't read it all to you, but
it's very interesting.
And the goal is to decrease keep
to global temperature increased to less
than 2 degrees and from the 1990 level
by 2050.
So what they're saying is 80 by
50 is the logo, with the by you know,
the multiplication (indicating). And

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2	so there is this there is a strong
3	push throughout New York State.
4	Some communities belong to Icli,
5	which has a similar pledge it's
6	I-C-L Icli L, I guess I-C-L-I.
7	And there are 40 communities that belong
8	to this. But there's going to be a big
9	push for this. But in conjunction,
10	seeker updates, which are coming out
11	this summer, are going to focus on this
12	(indicating). And I'm going to hand
13	this to you, Jim, because there are
14	three things that they're doing in the
15	SEQR update.
16	They're making part one more
17	imposing a better structure in part one.
18	Part two will be brought up to date, and
19	part three will become negative
20	declaration.
21	And in addition to the standard
22	forum, there is going to be a companion
23	workbook online. It's first coming out
24	online this summer. The workbook will
25	not be part of the rules, so that it can

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 123
2	be constantly corrected and upgraded.
3	And they're trying to collect as they
4	rewrite in this, that the information in
5	this that's collected will be repeated
6	once and not repeated over and over
7	again. And supposedly in the next
8	couple of weeks, there'll be a first
9	draft update in PDF form online. And
10	I'll just hand you, Jim, this
11	MR. BAGG: Thank you.
12	MS. SQUIRES: this thing. It's
13	just an outline.
14	MR. BAGG: I have a question for
15	you.
16	How does this (inaudible).
17	MS. SQUIRES: I think that they are
18	trying from what I've gathered,
19	because when when Betty Ann Hughes,
20	which is, I think, the one that everyone
21	talks to when they're looking for
22	when she came up and started talking,
23	she said, Things are going to be tied to
24	the climate change initiative, to the
25	best of their ability. And I don't know

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 124
2	the answer to that.
3	MR. BAGG: I mean, because the
4	county
5	MS. SQUIRES: Right.
6	MR. BAGG: requires lead
7	certification
8	MS. SQUIRES: Yes.
9	MR. BAGG: on major structures,
10	as they did across the street
11	MS. SQUIRES: Yes.
12	MR. BAGG: you know, use our
13	values and I mean, if if
14	technically they're going to have
15	someone become involved in a le ${m c}$ d
16	program, then technically I think the
17	county should be involved.
18	MS. SQUIRES: I I think I
19	think there are going to be changes
20	there. One of the things they said was
21	what we all know, there is no money.
22	You know, DEC has no money; New York
23	State nobody has any money.
24	So a lot of these enforcement
25	things, like the requirement, for

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 125
2	instance, everyone will need a marine
3	license now. That's happening right
4	now, it's been covered in the newspaper.
5	But you drop a fishing line of anything
6	that involves salt water, you need a
7	marine license, as well as a ready
8	reel you know, a regular fishing
9	license.
10	So that's a big change in terms of
11	what people are expecting, you know,
12	people don't think of a license. For
13	kids you know, under 16, you're
14	excluded, but everybody over 16 years
15	old will need a marine license to go
16	fishing.
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jay, before you
18	walk out, can I ask you to give us an
19	update of what you think the status of
20	taking the money out of the Open Space
21	program.
22	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: In East Hampton
23	you mean?
24	MS. SQUIRES: No.
25	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: As far as

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2	county-wide, I think.
3	MR. BAGG: The tax
4	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Taxes, yeah.
5	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: All right.
6	First, it would have to get out of the
7	committee. I mean, the bill was
8	basically to put a referendum on in
9	November that would redistribute the
10	quarter penny program for basically
11	suspending for three years the money
12	that would go to open space and putting
13	it into the general fund to offset tax
14	increases.
15	It sounds like it might be popular
16	on its face, but there's a lot of us,
17	including myself, who have strong
18	objections to it.
19	It was not assigned to my
20	committee, which I'm a little upset
21	about. It went to Budget and Finance,
22	even though it seems like it should go
23	to Environment.
24	There might be some more
25	sympathetic ears in Budget and Finance,

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2	but I still don't see it getting out of
3	committee. If it does get out of
4	committee, I don't see it passing on the
5	floor. I'm fairly confident the county
6	executive is opposed to it at this
7	point, and enough legislators are
8	opposed to it that it it doesn't have
9	a shot, I don't believe.
10	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Thank
11	you.
12	Joy, I didn't mean to interrupt
13	you, but I wanted to get
14	MS. SQUIRES: Oh, no.
15	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Don't pull back
16	the lobbying pressure, because I think
17	it's helping out.
18	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
19	MR. GULBRANSEN: In a related
20	matter, with regard to the climate smart
21	initiative that DEC is Joy has
22	reminded us about.
23	As I understand that program, it's
24	about reductions and and that's fine,
25	but you also commented that there's no

1 Council on Environmental Ouality 6/17/09 128 2 money. And while that's true in some 3 pots, internationally, climate change is 4 all about exchanges and offsets and 5 credits and trading and sources of money 6 for good ideas and good actions, 7 incentives. So that should be a large 8 part of becoming climate ready or 9 climate smart --10 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Oh, sure. 11 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- and I think the 12 council should support whatever we can 13 with regard to a regular committee on 14consideration of what we can do, whether 15 it be --16 THE REPORTER: Please speak up, I 17 can't hear you. 18 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, I don't --19 I don't know about doing anything local. 20 I mean, it's a federal program, the 21 capital trade and --22 (Overlapping conversations) 23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: There are some 24 states that have tried to do their own, 25 and I don't know how much success

1 Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 129 2 they've had. But if it's going to work, 3 it's got to be a federal program, but that will create enormous amounts of 4 5 funds to spur renewable technologies; 6 energy. You know, suddenly the numbers 7 will be in favor of renewables. 8 MR. GULBRANSEN: I think that our 9 SEQRA process will consider mitigation and these offsets more in the future if 10 11 we, at county level, can recognize the 12 value --13 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah. 14 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- of doing it. 15 MS. SQUIRES: And I think that is 16 exactly why, because, as I said, 17 SFAL is going to look -- it --18 there -- there are going to be links 19 that are coming. And, in addition, I 20 think there will be avenues of revenue. 21 certainly, for all of this. 22 Just -- just -- if I can tell you 23 one thing, my organization, NYSACC, the 24 New York State Association of 25 Conservation Commission, that I am

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2	president of, we have a Web site that I
3	like very much, and all the proceedings
4	and all the technical data, the
5	PowerPoint presentations from this full
6	day, you know, 9 o'clock to 4 o'clock
7	workshop from DEC, that will be online.
8	They'll send us the disk and we'll list
9	it under resources. And our Web site is
10	nysaccny.org. So that rather than me
11	going blah, blah with the rest of it,
12	it's all going to be it's all going
13	to be online.
14	MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)
15	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.
16	MR. PICHNEY: I have a comment of
17	general interest, and I'll make this
18	fast.
19	For 15 years I gave talks on
20	various gardening issues, horticultural
21	to gardening clubs, historical
22	societies, libraries, and so forth, and
23	one of the things was on on butterfly
24	gardening. And I took a lot of my
25	photographs, 15 years ago when I worked

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2	in this building, near the LILCO
3	
	high-tension lines, just down the road
4	here. There's an adjacent woodland,
5	there was the the area underneath the
6	high-tension lines. And when they let
7	it grow, there would be wildflowers and
8	butterflies good nectar on there, and
9	then there would be native trees where
10	they could lay their eggs and the
11	caterpillars would eat and so forth.
12	So I got to thinking about that,
13	and I approached the nature conservancy
14	and and said, this might be a good
15	idea if you can get LIPA not to mow
16	underneath the high-tension lines during
17	the summers. Just mow it, you know, in
18	the late fall to provide habitat for
19	both butterflies, other insects
20	beneficial insects, and birds.
21	And they liked the idea, and
22	supposedly they're approaching LIPA with
23	that. And they also talked to Gloria to
24	have the the railroad do the same
25	thing, not to mow around the railroad

1	Council on Environmental Quality 6/17/09 132
2	tracks.
3	When I first moved to Bayport, they
4	didn't mow, and there were there was
5	Butterfly Weed and Queen Anne's Legs and
6	other plants that are beneficial to
7	butterflies. And I think that this
8	might be a good thing.
9	We're talking about miles and
10	hundreds of miles of right of way that
11	could be potential habitat that, you
12	know, people have never really thought
13	of as as being potential habitat.
14	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That's
15	interesting.
16	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
17	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I know in the
18	past LIPA and I think the road could
19	use the foliage along there, just like
20	not knock those things down. But I
21	think with the railroad, one of their
22	concerns is sparks
23	MR. GULBRANSEN: Right.
24	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: you know,
25	from the locomotives starting fires

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2	MR. GULBRANSEN: Well
3	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: which has
4	MR. GULBRANSEN: yeah.
5	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: happened in
6	the past.
7	MR. GULBRANSEN: Right.
8	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.
9	MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah.
10	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And visibility
11	issues, you know
12	MR. GULBRANSEN: Right. Yeah. But
13	we're talking about things that don't
14	get any more than than two feet high,
15	really.
16	MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.
17	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
18	motion to adjourn?
19	MR. MACHTAY: Motion.
20	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second?
21	(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
22	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Nobody wants to
23	give a second?
24	MR. GULBRANSEN: Second.
25	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

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2	(WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
3	CHAIRMAN SWANSON: There's no
4	objection.
5	MR. MACHTAY: See you all next
6	month.
7	(WHEREUPON, the meeting of the
8	Suffolk County Council of Environmental
9	Quality was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.)
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7	Notary Public of the State of New York, do hereby
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9	That the foregoing is a true and accurate
10	transcription of the stenographic notes taken
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12	I further certify that I am not related to
13	any of the parties to this action by blood or
14	marriage; and that I am in no way interested in the
15	outcome of this matter.
16	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
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