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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, September 16th, 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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AGENDA

MEETING NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge

Call to Order:

Minutes - check the web at

<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/planning/minutes.aspx#ceq>

August 19th Minutes are available on-line for review

Correspondence:

2009 New York State Conference on the Environment

Public Portion:

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites

Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Suffolk County Parks:

Updates on County Parks

Project Review:

Recommended TYPE II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for August 27th, 2009 and September 17th, 2009.

Project Review:

Recommended TYPE II Actions:

- B. Proposed Francis S. Gabreski Airport, Love of Learning Nursery School, Relocation at Airport, Town of Southampton.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Sidewalks on CR 92 in the Town of Huntington . CP 5497.
- B. Proposed Sidewalks on CR 85 in the Town of Islip. CP 5497.
- C. Proposed Sidewalks on CR 79 in the Town of Southampton. CP 5497.

Other Business:

CAC Concerns:

*****CAC MEMBERS:** 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 – PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

*****ALSO FOLLOWING THE MEETING PLEASE LEAVE BEHIND ALL MATERIALS OF PROJECTS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED AS WE CAN RECYCLE THESE MATERIALS LATER ON.**

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H. Lee Dennison Building
4th Floor
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York

September 16, 2009
9:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairman
MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairman

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

3 HON. JAY H. SCHNEIDERMAN

4 THOMAS GULBRANSEN

5 RICHARD MACHTAY

6 GLORIA G. RUSSO

7 MARY ANN SPENCER

8 EVA GROWNEY

9 DANIEL PICHNEY

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11 HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERS:

12 RICHARD MARTIN

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14 CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

15 JOY SQUIRES

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17 ALSO PRESENT:

18 JAMES BAGG, Chief Environmental Analyst

19 NICK GIBBONS, Suffolk County
Department of Parks

20 RUSS MACKEY, PE, Civil Engineer
21 Department of Public Works

22 TIMOTHY D. QUINN, Project Manager
Nelson & Pope Engineers

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CHRISTINE DESALVO, CEQ Staff

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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: 9:50 a.m.)

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We'll
8 call the meeting to order.

9 Any comments on the minutes?
10 Minutes for the 19th -- August 19th are
11 available, and, actually, there was, I
12 think, the July minutes.

13 MR. MACHTAY: The July minutes are
14 read, and they're satisfactory, as far
15 as I'm concerned, and I'll move them.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have a
17 motion to accept the July minutes.

18 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
20 second?

21 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

23 (WHEREUPON, the member voted.)

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

25 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So the July
3 minutes are approved.

4 And I presume nobody read the
5 August minutes yet.

6 MR. MACHTAY: I read the August
7 minutes, I don't know if anybody else
8 did.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I didn't.

10 MR. MACHTAY: Leave it for next
11 month?

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

13 (Discussion held off the record)

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I'd like to
15 remind all of you that there -- in your
16 folder is the 2009 New York State
17 Conference on the Environment Agenda,
18 and we'd encourage anybody that can go
19 to go. That doesn't mean that we can
20 pay your way, but it would be nice if
21 somebody could go.

22 All right. Any other
23 correspondence, Jim, you want to --

24 MR. BAGG: No.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

2 Historic Trust. Do we have a
3 report from our director?

4 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Just a brief
5 report.

6 The Isaac Mills house in St. James,
7 we do have a perspective tenant, which
8 is -- was a Park Police person. And
9 we're looking to move him in, hopefully,
10 November 1st. We are restoring the
11 roof -- the new wood roof on it, and
12 we're hoping to get that job first --
13 done first, and some interior
14 improvements before he can move in. But
15 that'll be a great presence at that
16 site. That was a long-term employee
17 with the Parks Department.

18 And other housing issues, we're
19 still looking to fill our other
20 vacancies at this time, but we were very
21 concerned with getting someone into that
22 house.

23 The update on the custodial
24 agreements. We are still working with
25 the Town of Huntington on an agreement

2 for both the boathouse and the main
3 house, which would then allow the town
4 to trans- -- to provide for \$600,000
5 towards the restoration of the
6 boathouse. We're trying to have the
7 timing coincide with our -- putting this
8 project out to bid, which we plan to do
9 this October. So we're going forward
10 with those plans, and we're hoping that
11 the funds will be able to add to that.
12 But our plans have enough alternates
13 that we can add additional work to the
14 project and to get that done.

15 And we're also just getting up to
16 the point of allowing the Babylon Town
17 Historical Society to move into the
18 Van Bourgondien house. We had to do a
19 complete alarm system and upgrade the
20 electric in that building before they
21 can move in -- before we can get the CO
22 for the -- so they can move in.

23 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.

25 MR. PICHNEY: I just have --

2 Richard, that -- all that graffiti
3 that's on the boathouse --

4 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

5 MR. PICHNEY: -- is that a chronic
6 problem?

7 MR. MARTIN: Yes. We're hoping,
8 you know, with -- we're going to
9 actually have a whole construction fence
10 as part of this job. That will be taken
11 care of, and we'll just have to keep
12 monitoring it. We're going to be
13 putting a -- we're going to be
14 re-coating the building with new stucco
15 that should be resistant, so this will
16 be able to be cleaned off --

17 MR. PICHNEY: Cleaned easier.

18 MR. MARTIN: -- you know, easier.
19 And with additional lighting and
20 supervision --

21 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

22 MR. MARTIN: -- we're hoping that
23 will take care of the problem.

24 MR. PICHNEY: Do the kids come in
25 by boat or --

2 MR. MARTIN: No, they just walk in
3 on the --

4 MR. PICHNEY: They just walk in
5 from -- oh, right.

6 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Question on
8 the Isaac Mills house. You said it's a
9 wood roof.

10 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Wood shacks
12 or -- I'm unclear on that.

13 MR. MARTIN: Shingles.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I've
15 seen -- oh, wood shingles.

16 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: What type
18 of wood? I'm curious.

19 MR. MARTIN: Cedar.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I've seen
21 it from -- the reason I ask is, I've
22 seen it from a distance, I've never
23 been -- was not aware that it was wood.

24 MR. MARTIN: It actually has it's
25 original wood roof underneath, layers of

2 asphalt.

3 MS. GROWNEY: Wow.

4 MR. MARTIN: And we find that many
5 of our buildings -- so no matter what,
6 we have to strip it down to the framing.
7 And we try, with the museum-quality
8 buildings, to go back to the original
9 wood design when we can.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Do you
12 have more to your report, because I
13 was going to ask --

14 MR. MARTIN: No.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- you a
16 question about Third House and -- if
17 anything is going on to finish the
18 interior of the building.

19 MR. MARTIN: We actually have a
20 meeting today with public works. I
21 would -- would like -- I'm going to
22 bring that up as to the timing. We did
23 have to wait, though, until the Gator
24 site was completed, because we have to
25 move all the maintenance facilities and

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2 operations out of Third House before we
3 can really complete that interior,
4 because a lot of it has to do with work
5 down in the basement.

6 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Is Gator
7 almost done or --

8 MR. MARTIN: It's -- I won't say
9 almost done, but it's -- it's started.
10 You know, its on it's way.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: On its
12 way.

13 MR. MARTIN: Yes. I would say --
14 I'll say the beginning of the year to be
15 complete.

16 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: And is
17 there money -- any money in place --

18 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- to
20 finish Third House?

21 MR. MARTIN: Yes. We have 500,000
22 in the capital fund for that, from the
23 last go around, which we can use to
24 complete the interior.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

2 MR. MARTIN: So I can give an
3 update on that at the next meeting.

4 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

6 MS. GROWNEY: Since we're talking
7 about Third House, I have another
8 question that has to do with the Montauk
9 Observatory.

10 Are they going to another county
11 property, or they're looking for another
12 county property, or they're going
13 someplace else?

14 MR. MARTIN: They are taking a -- a
15 look at some other sites. I don't know
16 if Legislator Schneiderman could -- he
17 was at the last meeting. And there's, I
18 think, some new property the county's
19 looking to acquire that looked good to
20 them. And I think there was a six-month
21 kind of --

22 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah, I
23 mean --

24 MS. GROWNEY: To stay in Montauk?

25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- the

2 group is certainly very frustrated in
3 the amount of time it's been taking
4 to -- to get established. Third House
5 was the place they wanted to be, but we
6 can't seem to get past the -- whatever
7 issues are still remaining, you know.

8 MR. MARTIN: It was design issues,
9 really, at that site on literally
10 fitting in the observatory into the
11 historic district that we have there.

12 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

13 MS. GROWNEY: May I make --

14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: What
15 about if it went further up that hill,
16 away from the buildings?

17 MR. MARTIN: Well, all those ideas
18 would have to come back to the CEQ for
19 review, and the whole park has been
20 declared eligible to -- to the Suffolk
21 County Historic Trust and the National
22 Register. So there would just always be
23 concerns --

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It's a
25 really beautiful, though, old-looking

2 observatory building.

3 MR. MARTIN: Well, we were told
4 they -- there was no way, they could not
5 have the dome design. That was the
6 final --

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: No, they
8 could do without the dome. But I'm
9 won- -- thinking if you went further up
10 the hill, away from the cabins, and --
11 you know, maybe you could do a dome and
12 it wouldn't interfere with anything. It
13 would, you know, look really nice up
14 there on that pasture.

15 MR. MARTIN: It could be proposed,
16 you know, it -- but, essentially, it
17 would be a new project that would have
18 to come back to CEQ for review to the
19 Historic Trust. And I thought you'd
20 have to -- so that would have to mean
21 that they were comfortable looking at
22 alternate --

23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah,
24 they're looking. I think they're going
25 to look at the state -- at Camp Hero

2 facility --

3 MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- as a
5 possibility.

6 MR. MARTIN: Yes. What about the
7 parcel you looked at --

8 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: They
9 looked at Boys Harbor property as --

10 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm not
12 sure that that's going to work out
13 there.

14 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Because I think
15 the other issue, besides the observatory
16 tower itself with the classroom space
17 and what their needs were for that, and
18 then some of these other locations, they
19 could essentially build new without
20 these guidelines and restrictions of --

21 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

22 MR. MARTIN: -- a historic area.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, I
24 think -- yeah, one of the hurdles was
25 the Long House -- Bunkhouse I think they

2 call it.

3 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: And the
5 county's desire to have the Montauk
6 Observatory pay to refinish that
7 building, which the numbers --

8 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- we're
10 looking at several hundred thousand
11 dollars.

12 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I think
14 that is a volunteer organization, it
15 just can't do that. So, you know, one
16 possibility is to take out the
17 requirement in any kind of license
18 agreement that they would have to
19 refurbish that building.

20 MR. MARTIN: I guess that all could
21 be looked at.

22 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Just so you know that
25 the Web -- I -- I have to say that I did

2 do the study about going up the hill,
3 and the issues that came up about that
4 has to do with the trails, and that --
5 up that hill, there are some historic
6 trails. Because when -- I was trying to
7 separate it from that building.

8 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I'm sure
9 you could find a spot, though.

10 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It's just
12 an open field.

13 MS. GROWNEY: And -- well, there
14 was a -- then there was some other
15 issues about protecting -- you know,
16 because the horses -- the animals that
17 get -- get loose up in that area. So
18 there was -- and -- and also with
19 them -- with the astronomers, the
20 astrophysicists, they -- they didn't
21 like the -- what was happening with the
22 light that was coming from the harbor
23 region. There was -- there was spill
24 coming in that direction that became --

25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

2 MS. GROWNEY: -- that presented a
3 problem -- problem once you went over
4 that hill.

5 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: But
6 that's why you have a dome. That's what
7 the dome does.

8 MS. GROWNEY: I understand that. I
9 understand that.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It takes
11 away the ambient light.

12 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah. I understand
13 that.

14 So that was some of the other
15 things.

16 If I may suggest something to think
17 about, and this would take it out of
18 Montauk, but Hubbard County Park might
19 have a spot.

20 MR. MARTIN: It might, but you
21 also -- of course, run into historic
22 district --

23 MS. GROWNEY: But --

24 MR. MARTIN: -- issues there also.

25 MS. GROWNEY: -- there are those

2 buildings that are use- -- the garages,
3 there are several big garages which are
4 perfect to be transformed into community
5 space very easily. And you would not be
6 impinging upon any of the historic
7 buildings, because those are separated
8 away from, actually, the historic
9 buildings that are there. And since I
10 worked on the study of that for two
11 years, I know that could be a really
12 good site.

13 MS. SPENCER: Are they talking
14 about Smiths?

15 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

16 MS. SPENCER: That entire site has
17 been dedicated. So these structures
18 that you talk about are, in fact,
19 listed, and they are historic --

20 MS. GROWNEY: The garages are
21 listed?

22 MS. SPENCER: Yes.

23 MS. GROWNEY: The -- the --

24 MS. SPENCER: Yes.

25 MR. MARTIN: The contributing

2 buildings.

3 MS. SPENCER: They are listed --

4 MS. GROWNEY: The contributing

5 buildings.

6 MS. SPENCER: Yes. Yes. And I

7 find --

8 MS. GROWNEY: I didn't know that.

9 MS. SPENCER: -- Hubbard, in its
10 entirety, far more sensitive than
11 Montauk.

12 MS. GROWNEY: Well, I agree with
13 you about the sensitivity, it's just
14 that the buildings are concrete --

15 MS. SPENCER: The buildings are
16 listed.

17 MS. GROWNEY: -- the concrete
18 blocks --

19 MS. SPENCER: The buildings --

20 MS. GROWNEY: -- with metal.

21 I didn't know that.

22 MS. SPENCER: -- are listed.

23 MS. GROWNEY: I didn't know that.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

25 MS. GROWNEY: All right.

2 MR. MARTIN: Well, I can, you know,
3 see what went on at that meeting. I
4 don't know what the commissioner feels,
5 but I thought there was some agreement
6 that those -- that parkland was a
7 possibility, you know.

8 MS. GROWNEY: What about Sears
9 Bellows where the old horse buildings
10 are?

11 MR. MARTIN: Again, you know,
12 there's -- there's a lot of parkland,
13 you know, in the Flanders area that we
14 could, you know --

15 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. MARTIN: -- consider, I guess,
17 but what are the group's needs and the
18 sense of the area that they wanted to be
19 in.

20 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: What
21 about the Linley House? Is anything
22 going on there at the Linley House?

23 MR. MARTIN: I -- no. I think --

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: For those
25 of you who don't know, the Linley House

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2 is a --
3 MR. MARTIN: Right.
4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- house
5 within the Park System --
6 MS. GROWNEY: Right.
7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- way
8 set back. It's an old, I guess,
9 World War II structure. It's a --
10 MR. MARTIN: Yes.
11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN:
12 -- concrete type of barracks or whatever
13 you want to call it.
14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.
15 MR. MARTIN: Bunker.
16 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Bunker.
17 MS. GROWNEY: Bunker.
18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Concrete
19 bunker.
20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: That's the one
21 that's on top of a hill in Montauk?
22 MR. BAGG: Yeah.
23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: No. It's
24 kind of in the woods a little, you know.
25 MR. BAGG: Yeah, but it's on --

2 MR. MARTIN: It's on a --

3 MR. BAGG: -- like the --

4 MR. MARTIN: -- hill --

5 MR. BAGG: -- side of a bluff.

6 MR. MARTIN: A bluff, right, that
7 overlooks --

8 MS. GROWNEY: But it's south --
9 south of the highway; right?

10 MR. MARTIN: North.

11 MS. GROWNEY: It is north.

12 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Is that
14 empty now or --

15 MR. MARTIN: I think the tenant is
16 still there, and I know the commissioner
17 was looking into the legality of that
18 tenancy at this point.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: That
20 could be a possible conversion.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: That was one
22 with the lifetime tenancy?

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Oh, right.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

2 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

3 MS. SPENCER: Is someone looking
4 into Camp Hero? That seems like a --
5 the best --

6 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: That's
7 a --

8 MS. GROWNEY: Spot.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN:
10 -- possibility.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

12 MS. SPENCER: That's a large and
13 not particularly historically
14 sensitive --

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There's a
16 lot of old buildings there that --

17 MS. SPENCER: Right.

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- you
19 know, even that old satellite --

20 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

21 MR. MARTIN: The radar.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- right
23 on the top there. They're talking about
24 getting rid of the satellite dish, which
25 I hope they don't do, but it's

2 getting --

3 MR. MARTIN: Right.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN:

5 -- dangerous because it's rusting out.

6 But that could be an interesting spot to

7 put an observatory at the top of that

8 building.

9 MS. SPENCER: Or some of the other

10 abandoned buildings on that site. I

11 mean, that's a --

12 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

13 MS. SPENCER: -- an underutilized

14 site.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN:

16 Certainly.

17 So that's the next step, we're

18 going to talk to the state. It's hard

19 to believe that the state process might

20 go faster than the county's process,

21 but --

22 MS. SPENCER: Yeah, well, that's

23 true. That's true.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It's

25 unfortunate.

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

3 Anything else, Richard?

4 MR. MARTIN: I don't have anything.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What's the
6 status of having a meeting at one of
7 your park sites?

8 MR. MARTIN: Again, we've, I think,
9 agreed that we're going to meet at the
10 Isaac Mills House.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yup. When?

12 MR. MARTIN: So I guess that's
13 your decision. All I'll need to do is
14 move some tables and chairs, and, you
15 know, the heat is on.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

17 So, Jim, let's make arrangements to
18 do that.

19 MR. BAGG: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

21 Thank you.

22 Suffolk County Parks. We're going
23 to have an update.

24 MR. GIBBONS: Whatever you want,
25 Larry.

2 (Laughter)

3 MR. GIBBONS: Good morning.

4 MS. SPENCER: Good morning.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Good morning, Nick.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Before we begin,
7 has anybody told you what we wanted you
8 to do?

9 MR. GIBBONS: No. Let's start with
10 that --

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

12 MR. GIBBONS: -- and I'll work from
13 there.

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

15 Several months ago now, we got into
16 a discussion with Parks and sort of what
17 the status of various parks were with
18 regard to maintenance, use, all aspects
19 of it. And so we decided that
20 informally it would be helpful to us if
21 we could get an informal assessment of
22 what's going on at some of the parks
23 around the county. And just to bring us
24 up to date, because we're pretty much in
25 the dark. And, as a consequence, you

2 were volunteered --

3 MR. GIBBONS: Here I am.

4 (Laughter)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- to do that.

6 And, you know, we didn't want to make
7 this an onerous task of having a formal
8 written report or anything, but just --

9 MR. GIBBONS: Oh, no worries there.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

11 (Laughter)

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Pick a park for
13 a meeting, and tell us what's going on,
14 and what the problems are, what we need
15 to do, if anything.

16 MR. GIBBONS: Well, I'm not
17 necessarily in a position to say
18 everything I'd like to.

19 (Laughter)

20 MR. MACHTAY: Just as an aside,
21 having read the minutes --

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

23 MR. MACHTAY: -- okay -- you were
24 particularly interested in one park. To
25 get a report on that, and as well as a

2 general report on everything. And that
3 was Theodore Roosevelt --

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Yes. Third House.

6 MR. MACHTAY: -- and also what the
7 Nature Conservancy had done -- what John
8 Turner had done, or the Nature
9 Conservancy, whichever, where they were
10 supposed to be burning -- I -- I know so
11 little about these parks. Where they
12 are or --

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

14 MR. MACHTAY: -- you know, what
15 they are. And so I highlighted
16 everything in the minutes.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, thank you.

18 The burning, we haven't heard
19 anything about for several years, and,
20 of course, that was a very contentious
21 issue for --

22 MR. GIBBONS: Yes, it was.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- a decade.

24 So that's, in general, what we want
25 to do and --

2 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah. We can -- we
3 can certainly start in Montauk.

4 We haven't burned there, so there's
5 very little to report on that.

6 We have -- you may recall, we went
7 to the EIS process with this group.
8 There is a -- as part of that, we
9 identified a 290-acre grassland
10 management area. It's not strictly a
11 burn plan. We talked about a lot of
12 different tools that may be available
13 for the county's use as they see fit
14 with our partner out there, which is the
15 Nature Conservancy.

16 Among other things are mechanical
17 treatments of -- particularly to
18 preserve a graph on habitat areas. So
19 we're talking about trying to reverse
20 some of the natural plant succession
21 that goes on in that -- within that
22 290-acre area.

23 We have done some of the mechanical
24 treatments. They've been somewhat
25 successful. I think at the end of the

2 day, at some point in time, we're going
3 to have to get back to burning. A lot
4 of that biomass is simply just cut and
5 left in place, so it's impeding
6 grassland colonization of the property.

7 One of the other things we talked
8 about but what we -- which we have not
9 enlisted, is the use of herbicide. That
10 was a contentious item in that as well.

11 We have done it at -- in other
12 parks, and, in fact, we're doing a
13 project just this week. We can talk
14 about that, too, but that has not been
15 enlisted out at Montauk.

16 We did get a, roughly, 250- --
17 \$300,000 grant through the -- our own
18 water quality protection program, to not
19 only advance the mission of that plan at
20 Montauk but at three other sites within
21 county parks. And these are existing
22 grassland areas that we want to preserve
23 in that state, if possible. But doing
24 so is high maintenance and you're --
25 you're fighting natural processes, so

2 it's -- it's a tall task.

3 There are other sites, though, that
4 are -- I won't say similar to Montauk,
5 but similar in the sense that they are
6 grassland habitats, we have identified
7 them as significant, and we're trying to
8 keep them in that condition.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So why was the
10 burning stopped, because it was just
11 such a contentious issue?

12 MR. GIBBONS: No, not for that
13 reason. In fact, most of the contention
14 came here, from this group, which was
15 fine. But once we had that in place, we
16 had -- we were in a position to move
17 past that and actually implement the
18 plan.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

20 MR. GIBBONS: What happens, as is
21 often the case, is identifying the
22 resources to actually get fire, quote,
23 unquote, on the ground. And the real
24 sense is, it's a lot of work. There's
25 probably six or eight months of

2 paperwork and, you know, behind the
3 scenes, lining up those resources to
4 actually get a couple of days of burning
5 on the ground. So that -- that's tough.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

7 MR. GIBBONS: In the interim, the
8 Nature Conservancy saw fit to pursue
9 with County Parks an agreement that
10 would allow them and -- not indemnify
11 them, but a recognition that we were in
12 this together in a legal sense. So they
13 went forward with an effort to get
14 together a -- a management agreement, a
15 cooperative agreement between us and
16 them legally. So that involved not only
17 their attorneys but, of course, the
18 county attorney as well. And the
19 process took nearly 18 months.

20 During that time, all operations in
21 terms of burning were suspended at
22 Theodore Roosevelt pending that
23 document. That request came from the
24 Nature Conservancy.

25 Prior to that, my former

2 supervisor, Bill Sickles, he was the
3 senior superintendent of the Parks
4 Department, and his equivalent on the
5 Nature Conservancy side, they felt a
6 letter sufficed between the two
7 agencies, ourselves and Nature
8 Conservancy, to allow for this, because
9 we were really working hand in hand with
10 them at the site. But Nature
11 Conservancy got away from that. They
12 were not -- no longer comfortable with
13 that so they requested this management
14 agreement be put into effect. So that
15 process delayed us as well.

16 Without giving you too many more
17 details, the Nature Conservancy also cut
18 back staff. Locally here and nationally
19 as well, but locally they cut their
20 position with their -- what's called a
21 "burn boss," that's somebody who can run
22 these events -- these burns. So we
23 don't have one locally at Nature
24 Conservancy at this time. That happened
25 at the beginning of this year.

2 So, in the interim, we got that
3 management agreement finally in place
4 between us and Nature Conservancy, and
5 they're looking towards the spring of
6 2010 to finally get back to burning
7 within the county park.

8 I know you personally have issues
9 with that as well, but I think we've --
10 you know, inasmuch as they were
11 identified in the EIS, and those
12 comments were taken under -- under
13 consideration that we're ready to move
14 forward. Parks has -- we do have our
15 own staff that are qualified to
16 participate in these burns. We can't
17 run them. I don't foresee the day where
18 we -- we'll be in a position to run one
19 of these on our own. So it's critical
20 that we have these partnering agencies.
21 And besides CNC, I should have
22 acknowledged both the Montauk Fire
23 District and the New York State
24 Department of Environmental
25 Conservation. They also participated in

2 these events as well.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Couldn't
4 Chuck Hamilton run it?

5 MR. GIBBONS: No, he's not a
6 qualified burn boss, actually.

7 DEC does have one in their forest
8 ranger division.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You mentioned
10 herbicides.

11 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I'm surprised
13 that we're still doing that in county
14 parks.

15 MR. BAGG: Didn't we have a law
16 against it?

17 MR. GIBBONS: Well, we have a
18 local law, there's a pesticide phaseout
19 law that was implemented fully. It
20 requires -- you get an exemption if you
21 want to do that. We get -- just as a
22 point of information, annually, you have
23 to get these exemptions to use any
24 pesticide of any kind within county
25 parks and, in fact, any county

2 properties. But I'll just speak to
3 county parks. We get one every year
4 for -- to treat poison ivy. That's a
5 public safety issue, it's recognized as
6 such. The quantities are identified and
7 approved by this independent citizens --
8 Pesticide Phaseout Committee, which is a
9 mix of both county agency personnel, I'm
10 on that as well --

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: So am I.

12 MR. GIBBONS: -- and also --

13 That's right, Legislator
14 Schneiderman is on it as well, as is --
15 Citizens Campaign for the Environment, a
16 local --

17 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Cornell.

18 MR. GIBBONS: -- breast cancer
19 organization.

20 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Cornell
21 Cooperative.

22 MR. GIBBONS: Cornell Cooperative
23 Extension. They're actually -- they --

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Chair.

25 MR. GIBBONS: -- run the program to

2 some extent for the county.

3 So, yeah, you're surprised, but
4 I'll -- the way I'll explain that
5 briefly is that we've -- we've sought
6 the expertise of the Nature Conservancy,
7 Cornell Cooperative Extension, and
8 others, in terms of some of these
9 invasive species that we're tackling. A
10 project that I -- I mentioned
11 previously.

12 The most environmentally
13 appropriate way, and it seems kind of
14 counter-intuitive, is to implement
15 herbicide. And that was --
16 specifically, this is at Cedar Point
17 County Park. It's in -- it's a
18 population of Ailanthus, the tree of
19 heaven. "The tree" that grew in
20 Brooklyn. This is a very
21 pervasive-invasive -- from Asia, and it
22 colonizes disturbed areas.

23 And Cedar Point County Park has
24 been identified as a "weed prevention
25 zone," which means it's a -- a very

2 intact community of otherwise native
3 vegetation. And it's been recognized
4 regionally as such. And this is a -- an
5 opportunity for us to sort of draw a
6 line in the sand and combat any of these
7 small, invasive populations within that
8 weed prevention zone.

9 So Cedar Point has a plan, and
10 maybe that's something you guys would be
11 interested in seeing, that identifies
12 invasives within the park, and then
13 proposes management activities to tackle
14 those issues.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

16 (Indicating)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Michael.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: In the EIS
19 for the burning, didn't we put in a
20 provision that herbicides could be used
21 as an alternative control measure if the
22 burnings were either ineffective or in
23 place of the burnings; was that part of
24 the EIS?

25 MR. GIBBONS: At least subject to

2 the comments we received here, the --
3 specifically within that area, herbicide
4 use is prohibited. I'd have to check.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I know we wanted
7 to try physical --

8 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- removal, and
10 you say that's causing problems because
11 you just -- you can't get rid of the
12 brush?

13 MR. GIBBONS: That's right, and
14 that -- that grant that we got from the
15 county, we're considering purchasing our
16 own equipment so that we can maintain
17 that on a routine basis as opposed to
18 bringing in a private contractor and
19 paying on a per-acreage basis. So it's
20 something we could tackle as time
21 permitted.

22 There's a lot of off-season at
23 Montauk. And while there's a lot of
24 other priorities within the park, if we
25 had a standing piece of equipment within

2 the Park System, as time permitted, they
3 could sort of chip away at that.

4 MR. BAGG: (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim.

6 MR. BAGG: Yeah. In Montauk, when
7 the Nature Conservancy did a couple of
8 control burns to begin with, they ended
9 up with a lot of weeds coming in. They
10 didn't get Sanplain Girardi (phonetic)
11 coming in which they thought was going
12 to repopulate the area, they ended up
13 with a lot of weeds coming back up, and
14 they didn't understand or foresee that.

15 MR. GIBBONS: Well, they did
16 artificially propagate and reintroduce
17 Sanplain Girardi into the park. So we
18 do have a population.

19 MR. BAGG: But the burning didn't
20 accomplish what they thought it was
21 going to accomplish.

22 MR. GIBBONS: Well, I'll qualify
23 that by saying the burn accomplished --
24 structurally, you have a grassland
25 there. There are issues with the

2 composition of the species, that's true.

3 MR. BAGG: I mean, in addition,
4 some of these other mechanical means --
5 like we're now reviewing Robinson's duck
6 farm --

7 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

8 MR. BAGG: -- and you got a big
9 field full of mugwort, I understand,
10 that's been maintained mechanically.
11 And we're starting to do research to
12 say, You mow that stuff down, it causes
13 the rye zones to spread out, and that
14 entire field is now almost entirely
15 mugwort.

16 MR. GIBBONS: That's true.

17 MR. BAGG: So that means of -- of
18 keeping it afield may actually be
19 causing the mugwort to expand rather
20 than -- or even burning, because what
21 they recommended is to take the top
22 plant out and plow the field for a
23 couple years so it exposes the rye zones
24 when they dry out.

25 MR. GIBBONS: Right. Well, that

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2 site that you're talking about, that's
3 about a 40-acre grassland that's in
4 Brookhaven, just south of Southaven
5 County Park.
6 I -- it's -- it's under my
7 direction that that's mowed once a year,
8 and --
9 (WHEREUPON, Ms. Joy Squires joins
10 the proceeding in progress.)
11 (Time noted: 10:19 a.m.)
12 MR. GIBBONS: -- yes, ideally,
13 I'm -- there are -- there are better
14 ways to treat it, but I would rather
15 tackle sometime down the road 40 acres
16 of mugwort than 40 acres of Russian
17 olive or something else woodier that
18 would have colonized the site.
19 So I'm trying to buy us some time
20 at that particular site. But, yes,
21 I'm -- I'm open to suggestions. It's
22 just a matter of personnel and resources
23 to actually do things the right way as
24 opposed to deferring a decision to later
25 on, whereas -- if I were to leave that

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2 unchecked, I'm not sure we could ever
3 tackle it if it were colonized by
4 woodies.
5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Let's go back to
6 Third House area.
7 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.
8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What other
9 issues do we have with regard to just
10 general environment?
11 MR. GIBBONS: Within Montauk?
12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
13 MR. GIBBONS: We had -- we touched
14 on it earlier, we're -- we're doing an
15 adaptive reuse up at the Gator site.
16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
17 MR. GIBBONS: Another project that
18 was discussed at length at -- at this
19 body was the cellphone emergency --
20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.
21 MR. GIBBONS: -- communications
22 tower at Gator as well.
23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.
24 MR. GIBBONS: Those two projects
25 are somewhat running in parallel, but

2 I -- I sincerely hope that the -- and
3 expect that the maintenance facility for
4 our own park staff will be completed
5 long before we ever get the emergency
6 communications up.

7 There have been many fits and
8 starts with that project. And I
9 won't -- I won't take up your time with
10 that today, but --

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well,
12 just give us a sense of how long it's
13 going to be before anything happens with
14 that.

15 MR. GIBBONS: With the
16 communications towers?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: You can
18 take the Fifth Amendment if you want to.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Nothing's
20 going to happen in the next few months.

21 MR. GIBBONS: No. No. No, there
22 won't be.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What is the
25 issue?

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2 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Do they
3 have a provider?
4 MR. GIBBONS: There isn't an issue,
5 there are many issues.
6 When we came to you, we were in --
7 we had an agreement with the Montauk
8 Fire District -- Parks and the Montauk
9 Fire District. Everything after that
10 was the fire district's problem.
11 Their cell provider and the Montauk
12 Fire District just -- they had a
13 parting of ways.
14 In the interim, the county has an
15 agreement with T-Mobile to develop
16 cellphone sites.
17 I believe the latest is now we're
18 in a position where we have to get a
19 separate agreement, again, through the
20 county attorney's office, between Parks
21 and T-Mobile that allows T-Mobile to
22 come up to that site. It's not covered
23 under their umbrella policy because that
24 doesn't consider Parks properties.
25 Actually, Jim could jump in at any

2 time. He -- he sits on the cell
3 committee. I -- I don't wish to, nor do
4 I pretend to.

5 MR. BAGG: Well, what the problem
6 is, is basically, CEQ said that it can
7 be two monopoles. Roughly, I think
8 they're 80 feet tall. On that side, to
9 replace phone poles, they have to be
10 brown. So that's --

11 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: So
12 they're going to look like the poles
13 that are up there.

14 MR. BAGG: Right. So they'll look
15 like.

16 So those are the parameters within
17 which they're discussing it with
18 T-Mobile. But now, because T-Mobile
19 puts up their own phone lines, now the
20 fire districts want their equipment in
21 there, they want to put their phone
22 lines up there, there's a question as to
23 who's going to pay for that. The police
24 department, you know, want their phone
25 equipment up there, and -- and their own

2 shelters and everything. So now we have
3 a whole group of players, of which
4 T-Mobile has to get together with, to
5 determine what they can and cannot do
6 and who's going to pay for what.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So it's really
8 out of the county's purview at this
9 point. It's between T-Mobile and all
10 these other users?

11 MR. BAGG: And the county
12 attorney's office and -- and the
13 cellphone staff over there. We've had
14 meetings, but -- there's going to be
15 another meeting out there with T-Mobile
16 to find out exactly what T-Mobile is
17 willing to construct and the monies
18 they're willing to spend, and where
19 monies will come from in terms of the
20 fire district and the police
21 department --

22 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, we
23 started out --

24 MR. BAGG: -- and everything else.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- as a

2 way so people could make 911 calls.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I mean,
5 there was a certain sense of urgency --

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yup.

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- to
8 getting this done because there was no
9 cell communication in this area.
10 Whatever can be done to expedite this
11 thing, because they've been waiting a
12 long time now.

13 Certainly, I just wanted to say, I
14 recall this project from really the
15 beginning of when I first came here. So
16 it's like six years --

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

18 MR. BAGG: Oh, yeah, it's been a
19 long time.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You know, it
21 seems to me that a lot of peripheral
22 issues are being tacked on to the basic
23 objective that we had, and that was to
24 get 911 calls.

25 MR. BAGG: Right, but it was

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2 supposed to be constructed by the fire

3 district and I believe monies from the

4 Town of East Hampton, and now that's --

5 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Dried up.

6 They have no money.

7 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

8 MR. BAGG: -- that's up in the

9 air --

10 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: They

11 can't find it.

12 MR. BAGG: -- so now the question

13 is -- is --

14 I mean --

15 MS. GROWNEY: But T-Mobile can find

16 it.

17 MR. BAGG: -- we're going to have

18 another meeting out there --

19 MR. GULBRANSEN: You're asking the

20 county to provide funds to build this

21 tower?

22 MR. BAGG: No, no, no, no.

23 T-Mobile would build it, but the

24 question here is, is they want to build

25 it for their own service and then

2 they'll lease out parts of the tower to
3 other service providers.

4 MR. GULBRANSEN: I hope you have
5 the right --

6 MR. BAGG: But now you got -- you
7 got a fire district that wants to put
8 their own equipment in there, you got a
9 police department. The tower's only
10 80 feet tall, so how many antennas can
11 you fit within the pole? I mean, it now
12 becomes a little bit more difficult.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

14 MR. GIBBONS: I'll just say,
15 though, that, Larry, my role is to make
16 sure that whatever design comes up, it
17 conforms to the conditions that were
18 agreed to and established here.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

20 MR. GIBBONS: So in that sense,
21 that project is -- it's moving, but
22 it -- it's -- like I said, it's had a
23 lot of mishaps.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There is
25 a tower now at Camp Hero, within Camp

2 Hero State Park. Not a huge one, but
3 it's got a lot hanging on it. So --

4 MR. GIBBONS: Yeah. I wasn't
5 aware.

6 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.
7 Well, I was in the camp the other day, I
8 noticed it. I didn't know it was there
9 until I went hiking, but --

10 MS. SQUIRES: Does it provide the
11 service that's needed?

12 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I guess
13 not, because I still --

14 MS. SQUIRES: Can you tell?

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- I
16 think it's still needed over there at
17 the Gator site.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What is the
19 situation with Rusty Lever (phonetic)
20 and the horse show -- horse farm?

21 MS. GROWNEY: Horse show.

22 (Laughter)

23 MR. GIBBONS: What situation?

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Is that still an
25 intact --

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2 MR. GIBBONS: Status quo.
3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- agreement?
4 MR. GIBBONS: Actually, his
5 agreement is either expired or --
6 Do you know?
7 MR. MARTIN: I'm not sure, but I
8 think it's either expired --
9 MR. GIBBONS: Or eminent.
10 MR. MARTIN: -- or extended to
11 early next year.
12 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.
13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Can we get an
14 update on that?
15 MR. GIBBONS: I can find that out,
16 yes.
17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And are you
18 happy with him as a tenant?
19 MR. GIBBONS: I'll look into that.
20 (Laughter)
21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Now, take
22 the Fifth.
23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I didn't mean
24 this to be a -- as a sensitive issue --
25 MR. GIBBONS: Would you like the

2 commissioner at the next meeting, is
3 that what we're getting to?

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, this
5 was --

6 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- a big issue
8 that was before us many, many times
9 on --

10 MR. GIBBONS: That's why these
11 contracts expire, so that we have an
12 opportunity to renegotiate the terms and
13 see whether or not the concessionaire is
14 still interested in -- that's an
15 opportunity for Parks and the
16 concessionaire to put everything on the
17 table and try and hammer out the next
18 term.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. I think
20 we would like to know what the status of
21 that agreement --

22 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- is --

24 MR. GIBBONS: I'll find out, yup.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- and whether

2 the county is happy, and what are the
3 issues.

4 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

6 MR. PICHNEY: Since I wasn't here
7 when -- a couple of years ago when all
8 this discussion about herbicides and so
9 forth, I don't know who can answer this
10 question.

11 One thing I -- I guess I just don't
12 understand is that, some of the
13 herbicides that can be used -- you know,
14 like the active ingredient in -- in
15 Roundup -- what is that, just a
16 phosphate?

17 MR. GIBBONS: Glyphosate?

18 MR. PICHNEY: Is that how you
19 pronounce it? Okay.

20 Still persist in the environment,
21 you know, all that long. So, you know,
22 we're not talking about, you know, a
23 silent spring sort of a situation. And
24 why can't something like that, you know,
25 be used just, you know, to be able to --

2 you know, to tackle the mass of effort
3 we have with invasives in all our parks?

4 I mean, in just what Jim was saying
5 with the mugwort, I read in Weeds of --
6 of the Northeastern United States, and I
7 think some people from -- from Cornell
8 wrote the book, were saying that mugwort
9 doesn't even reduce viable seeds.
10 And -- and so it doesn't -- doesn't
11 spread that way. It all -- it is all --
12 all rye zones. So when you cut it,
13 you're propagating it.

14 So I guess what I'm -- what I'm
15 getting at is, what was -- was the
16 decision to -- to ban herbicides -- I
17 don't want to use the term "knee jerk,"
18 but, you know, in -- in terms of, we're
19 going to ban all herbicides rather than
20 thinking about what a particular
21 herbicide does in terms of its -- how it
22 affects the environment, you know,
23 microorganisms and so forth, and how it
24 would affect -- and how long it lasts in
25 the soil, all these considerations that

2 would make it a very viable tool for the
3 battle against invasives.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We did not ban
5 herbicides. I think that the issue is
6 bigger than just --

7 MR. BAGG: It comes from the
8 legislature.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- this
10 committee. But we certainly did, you
11 know, raise concerns about its use, and,
12 you know, we -- we were -- in this case,
13 there was burning, there were
14 herbicides, there were physical
15 processes.

16 MR. BAGG: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And, at the
18 time, there was sort of this
19 overwhelming march to -- we're going to
20 burn down the East End, and --

21 (Laughter)

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- we tried to
23 put the brakes on that --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That was
25 the approach.

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- a little
3 bit, and encourage, in particular,
4 physical processes.

5 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And that's my
7 recollection of it.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Also, at
9 the time, there was a rather large
10 comprehension that the county was using
11 a lot of chemicals indiscriminantly.

12 MR. PICHNEY: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And this
14 also tied up with a county golf course
15 proposal.

16 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And,
18 basically, a lot of people became very,
19 very concerned that the indiscriminate
20 use of chemicals without further
21 analysis might start destroying parks.

22 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And so that
24 sort of snowballed. It got a little
25 bit, shall we say, holier-than-thou in

2 certain ways --

3 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- and it
5 went a little too far, in my opinion.
6 Basically, we would ban most chemicals
7 in county parklands to try and set an
8 example for the rest of the county, and
9 also start managing them more carefully
10 by setting up a committee to look at
11 this stuff, and basically authorize them
12 more as an exception rather than
13 anything else. So that's why you got
14 fertilizers being reduced on county
15 property, you had pesticides being
16 reduced on county property, herbicides
17 and things like that.

18 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And, again,
20 this happened seven, eight years ago,
21 something like that.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Certainly,
23 between yourself and Gloria, we have a
24 certain amount of expertise here. And,
25 you know, if you want to raise that as

2 sort of a project that we should look
3 into, we can -- we can do that.

4 MR. GIBBONS: Well, let me just
5 jump in here, Dan --

6 MR. PICHNEY: Okay.

7 MR. GIBBONS: -- and just explain
8 that.

9 I think there was an expectation
10 that at some point in time it was -- the
11 use of pesticides within county parks
12 would end. It would sunset and that
13 would be it, we would move on
14 pesticide-free.

15 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. GIBBONS: There was this
17 committee set up, but I think that there
18 was an expectation which proved to be
19 unrealistic that that group would
20 disband, too. There would be no need
21 for them.

22 Well, the reality is, there's more
23 of a need for them now than ever.

24 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

25 MR. GIBBONS: And with the science

2 that has now caught up to -- to the
3 county level, we're beginning to
4 understand that there's going to be more
5 of these, not less.

6 County golf courses, that's --
7 forget about that. That's a totally
8 different animal compared to what we're
9 talking about here in terms of
10 environmental restoration.

11 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

12 MR. GIBBONS: The focus of that was
13 really on the county golf courses, our
14 four golf courses and their use of
15 herbicide, and when.

16 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

17 MR. GIBBONS: And that'll continue
18 as well. But if you take a look at
19 their annual reports, you'll see that
20 the use has significantly diminished
21 from when we started this in -- I think
22 it's '99. So it's ten years now.

23 But now places like Cedar Point,
24 Montauk, places we never would have
25 thought of before to use herbicide are

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2 becoming the more appropriate ecological
3 means to tackle these things.
4 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.
5 MR. GIBBONS: So -- and it's a --
6 it's a very hands-on process. Because
7 it's only a year, you have to come back
8 to them every year, and that just forces
9 your hand to provide for them a report
10 and convince them that this is still the
11 appropriate way to go.
12 MR. PICHNEY: Right.
13 MR. GIBBONS: I won't say it's
14 particularly onerous, it's a good -- it
15 keeps us honest and it -- it just --
16 like I say, it forces that communication
17 between us and the group.
18 MR. PICHNEY: Right.
19 MR. GIBBONS: And that -- that is
20 helpful.
21 MR. PICHNEY: Right.
22 MR. GIBBONS: And I don't feel like
23 they've stood in the way, they've asked
24 good questions and they've made sure
25 that we -- we're in a good position.

2 You could imagine that coming into
3 Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton
4 and beginning to apply herbicide,
5 there's a public -- you know, we post it
6 there, there are signs that explain what
7 we're doing. But the public -- there's
8 a shock element there, and it's helpful
9 to be able to point to an independent
10 body that says, Well, this is just not
11 Parks going out on their own, this is
12 something that's been endorsed by this
13 group of ten individuals.

14 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

15 Well, you know -- you know, we
16 have -- we have -- you know, we have
17 discussed in -- you know, in the past,
18 like a -- you know, combining, you know,
19 mechanical means with the herbicide.
20 Like, you know, cutting the Ailanthus
21 trees and then applying something to
22 the -- the stump that'll kill the root.
23 So it's -- it's not aerosol --

24 MR. GIBBONS: Right.

25 MR. PICHNEY: -- it's concentrated

2 and they're systemic, and, you know,
3 the -- the chemical doesn't, you know,
4 last more than a few days in the soil.
5 And that's that, and you don't -- and
6 you don't have an issue.

7 And, again, with the -- the
8 mugwort, mostly, it -- it seems to come
9 into disturbed areas, and since -- as
10 I've mentioned, it doesn't produce any
11 viable seed. Once you get rid of it,
12 you know, there's a good chance -- a
13 very good chance that it doesn't come
14 back. And then you look at -- we were
15 talking about that before, native plants
16 can -- can colonize.

17 So -- and, you know, to make
18 decisions based on golf courses, when
19 we -- when we have parks and historic
20 sites being swallowed by Bittersweet,
21 literally, and -- and -- and other
22 plants, it's just -- you know, it's just
23 crazy to me.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Remember
25 what I said, though --

2 MR. PICHNEY: I know.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- it was a
4 holier-than-thou attitude --

5 MR. PICHNEY: Yeah.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- a while
7 back, in 1999, whatever --

8 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- it was.
10 And it was an entire movement to ban
11 everything where possible. And I don't
12 think it was a nuanced approach. I
13 don't think --

14 MR. PICHNEY: Yeah.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- it was
16 the best approach at the time.

17 MR. BAGG: Well --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I think we
19 went a little too far overboard.

20 MR. BAGG: But that's why they
21 formed a committee to grant exemptions.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That was a
23 safety valve on it.

24 MR. BAGG: I mean, the first thing
25 that came to mind with the county and

2 how they -- and the health department
3 was, is how do you get rid of bedbugs
4 and lice in the jails if you can't use
5 some type of pesticide? I mean, that
6 was the first thing that came to the
7 forefront.

8 I mean, since that time, we've had
9 some things with phragmites. I mean,
10 phragmites is also, you know, a plant
11 that propagates through rye zones. And
12 to get rid of it, I mean, you have to
13 dig up half the wetland.

14 So the idea is, is Nature
15 Conservancy, in some areas as well as
16 parks, wanted to go and, what they
17 call, take Roundup or Rodeo, and with
18 the plants -- in other words, you only
19 put it on the plants in order to kill
20 the plants in the rye zones, and then go
21 back in and replant with something else.

22 MR. GIBBONS: At Cedar Point, I
23 should just add, we're -- we're ignoring
24 phragmites. Just --

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Right.

2 MR. GIBBONS: The population is
3 stable, it's not expanding, and it's not
4 something we're looking to tackle at
5 this point in time.

6 So that -- that is one outlier,
7 we're just too -- not considering --

8 MR. BAGG: Because that was an
9 alternative on the Peconic River when
10 they did the restorations, how do you
11 get rid of the phrag- --

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So we
13 better move on.

14 MR. GIBBONS: Sounds good.

15 MS. SQUIRES: I --

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes, Joy.

17 MS. SQUIRES: I just had a couple
18 of good things to tell you, if I may,
19 regarding Parks.

20 First of all, when we look at land
21 at CEQ and we approve the purchase of
22 open space, sometimes you have questions
23 in regard to (inaudible). And Nick and
24 I want to tell you quickly about two
25 very positive uses. These were county

2 acquisitions with the Town of
3 Huntington, and then the Town of
4 Huntington was required to do the
5 infrastructure.

6 In one case, the first case, the
7 Prominock Wetlands (phonetic), which is
8 adjacent to Walt Whitman High School,
9 just south of Jericho Turnpike, we --
10 our requirement was that we provide
11 programming trails, et cetera,
12 et cetera, et cetera. So with the
13 committee that includes Nick and
14 Alex MaKay who's the Huntington Suffolk
15 County Park Trustee, the Town of
16 Huntington has a consultant, they're
17 working with Walt Whitman High School,
18 with the teachers there. I think it's
19 going to be a model of several
20 different -- the county, the town, the
21 school district all working together.
22 So that's happening, and the trails will
23 be cut.

24 The other is a very huge allocation
25 of money that went for Veterans Park.

2 That complex, which is a very large,
3 active, and passive recreational
4 complex, is getting rave reviews. For
5 use and people talking about it, it's a
6 model, and -- and it's being used all
7 over. There are two synthetic fields --

8 Now, Jim's going to ask, what's
9 going to happen? Who knows what the --
10 what -- you know, they researched it,
11 they did the best with the synthetic
12 fields. But that's also getting rave
13 notices.

14 So when the county and a town work
15 together, good things can happen.

16 So thank you, Nick, for your help.

17 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

19 MS. GROWNEY: I want to talk about
20 something, Dan, that you mentioned, the
21 application of how these chemicals are
22 used. I think the general public --
23 certainly I don't understand what you
24 just said. I mean, didn't know that
25 that's the way things are done. And so

2 I know my first knee-jerk reaction is no
3 pesticides, no chemicals.

4 So, perhaps, there is an
5 educational component here that needs to
6 be addressed. Because if things are
7 done in such a way that -- that -- as
8 you said, it's applied directly to the
9 plant, to, perhaps, the stem, or
10 whatever, and it's a -- it's a small
11 period of time that it exists, that
12 it -- if it dissipates, I don't know
13 how -- I mean, it goes into the
14 atmosphere I'm sure, I guess, and not
15 just the soil or whatever. I think that
16 is probably the biggest issue that
17 people don't understand. It's -- the
18 word just gets so -- it's scary. But
19 when you understand really what -- what
20 the whole piece -- all the pieces are,
21 and what the final results is, then I
22 think that makes a -- a more -- a
23 knowledgeable -- a base of knowledge
24 that may be is -- is a -- creates a
25 better understanding and acceptability.

2 MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich.

4 MR. MACHTAY: I think it was Dan at
5 the last meeting, and I think it's in
6 the minutes, who said we should get some
7 kind of a general overview of all the
8 parks. I know if you ask me to name all
9 the parks or tell you where all the
10 parks are, I couldn't do that. I can
11 barely do that within the Town of
12 Huntington. I doubt that very many
13 people know the parks outside their own
14 local vicinity.

15 Nick's job is probably daunting
16 enough without --

17 MS. SQUIRES: Yes.

18 MR. MACHTAY: -- having to do
19 anything else, all the meetings he goes
20 to and what have you, but is there such
21 a list with locations and a little
22 synopsis of what is available at a
23 particular park?

24 MR. GIBBONS: There is a list. The
25 county parks holdings are approaching

2 roughly 50,000 acres of property within
3 Suffolk County. In -- in your area,
4 those run the gamete from West Hills
5 County Park, several hundred acres, to a
6 property we have in Halesite that's
7 roughly the size of these tables, at the
8 intersection of Route 110 and Park
9 Avenue. Literally in the middle of a
10 traffic circle.

11 MR. MACHTAY: It's going to be a
12 traffic circle when --

13 MR. GIBBONS: It will be -- that's
14 right. That location. And I'm begging
15 DOT to take the whole thing instead of
16 leaving the piece that's roughly the
17 size of this table.

18 (Laughter)

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And Nick --
20 Nick, we're required EIS.

21 (Laughter)

22 MR. MACHTAY: But -- but I'm not
23 talking about --

24 (Laughter)

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: We're

2 Pos Decing it.

3 MR. MACHTAY: -- about -- about,
4 you know, the Town of Huntington, which
5 I --

6 MR. GIBBONS: Well, I just say -- I
7 use that example number -- be- --
8 primarily because you're from there, but
9 I could provide those examples to each
10 of the ten towns.

11 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah.

12 MR. GIBBONS: So I'm -- I'm not
13 sure what the value is to an exercise
14 like that, but there is a list. It's as
15 complete as I can make it. Which is to
16 say, it's outdated, the minute we pick
17 up a new piece of property, we add it to
18 that.

19 MR. MACHTAY: Well, I -- I can't
20 hike quite as much as I used to, my legs
21 are -- aren't quite as what they used to
22 be, but I know I go out to Sag Harbor --
23 Harbor on a -- on a regular basis,
24 East Hampton on a regular basis, out to
25 Montauk on a regular basis, and, you

2 know, if I knew there was a park where I
3 could do a little hiking or where I
4 could take my bicycle with me and -- and
5 perhaps ride my bike, that would be
6 wonderful, you know.

7 MR. GIBBONS: We have a park
8 guide --

9 MR. MACHTAY: But I don't know that
10 it's there.

11 MR. GIBBONS: We have a public --
12 we have publications that we provide to
13 the general public.

14 Oftentimes, this group is focused
15 on properties that, for the vast
16 majority of the residents of Suffolk
17 County, they will never use, see, or
18 know of. And for good reasons that the
19 county's purchasing these anyway. This
20 site in Halesite, notwithstanding, but
21 there are many of those as well.

22 But for a variety of reasons, we've
23 purchased properties for watershed
24 protection, what have you, those types
25 of programs.

2 So, yes, I can provide to each of
3 the members our Parks User Guide, and
4 that's kind of a jumping-off point.
5 And -- and then different activities are
6 allowed in some places and not in
7 others. So there's -- there's
8 definitely a learning curve there. But
9 it's -- I don't think that's something I
10 could pull together and do efficiently
11 for the group.

12 MR. MARTIN: Nick, do you want to
13 just mention what we're working on at
14 the Scully estate?

15 MR. GIBBONS: Sure.

16 The Scully estate, are you familiar
17 with that?

18 MR. MACHTAY: No, I'm not.

19 MR. GIBBONS: Okay.

20 That's a relatively recent county
21 acquisition. I'm sure it predates your
22 membership here, but that is -- has been
23 adopted as the -- officially, the
24 Suffolk County Environmental
25 Interpretive Center.

2 What we want to do there -- this
3 site is a -- is a historic estate
4 property. It's very limited in square
5 footage that can be dedicated to an
6 environmental interpretive center of
7 that scale, you know, I think of what
8 was originally envisioned.

9 So what we'd like to do is make
10 that more of a -- a general visitor
11 center for the universal park holdings.
12 So you would come to this site, you
13 would learn about the types of things
14 that you're asking me --

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

16 MR. GIBBONS: -- and learn about
17 the parks in a virtual way; see what
18 they had to offer in your area of
19 interest. And then you could use that
20 as a jumping-off point to explore the
21 rest of that.

22 MR. MACHTAY: Okay. That sounds
23 interesting enough to --

24 MR. GIBBONS: That's coming in
25 2014, give or take.

2 MR. MACHTAY: Well, if I live that
3 long.

4 MS. SPENCER: (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Quickly, because
6 I want to move on.

7 MS. SPENCER: I know you do.

8 One quick question came up,
9 Historic Trust, last week, and that
10 was -- the question is, are -- are the
11 kettle holes in Suffolk County
12 identified and/or listed in some way?

13 MR. GIBBONS: Wetlands are
14 identified and inventoried by New York
15 State DEC. So there are -- in a very
16 basic sense, there are two different
17 kinds of wetlands. There are those that
18 are regulated and those that are not.

19 Kettle holes are a particular type
20 of wetlands. If I had to guess, I would
21 say the vast majority of those are
22 regulated by New York State DEC.

23 In my experience, it's very
24 infrequent that I encounter a wetland
25 that is not mapped by DEC. That may

2 have to do with the fact that it's on
3 Park's property and they took a closer
4 and harder look at those properties when
5 the maps were developed in the '70s and
6 early '80s. But for -- for the vast
7 majority of the time, DEC has
8 identified, and those wetlands are
9 regulated as such under Article 24,
10 which is the Freshwater Wetlands Act
11 under the Environmental Conservation
12 Law. That's administered by DEC.

13 MS. SPENCER: So by DEC and --
14 and -- in your opinion, does this
15 include most of the significant --

16 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

17 MS. SPENCER: -- kettle holes in
18 Suffolk County?

19 MR. GIBBONS: Yes. And there is a
20 process by which you can petition the
21 DEC if they're -- if a particular
22 wetland is of interest and people feel
23 that that may have been missed, there's
24 a procedure by which you can have a map
25 amended. It's a big deal, it takes a

2 lot, but it can be done.

3 MR. BAGG: (Indicating)

4 MS. SPENCER: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim.

6 MR. BAGG: Yeah, if I might point
7 out, not all kettle holes are wetlands.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

9 MR. BAGG: The predominant one --
10 the biggest one I've seen, next to
11 Lake Ronkonkoma, is out in Riverhead.
12 As you turn into the Suffolk Community
13 College in there, it drops like a
14 hundred feet straight down off the road.
15 People don't even know it's in there.

16 But, also, people don't realize
17 that kettling came -- topography is a
18 direct result from glaciation. And
19 although we have them on Long Island,
20 the glaciers went entirely across the
21 entire United States, and that
22 topography is entirely across the whole
23 country. It's just not unique to
24 Long Island.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

2 MS. SPENCER: Thank you, Larry.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So next month if
4 you could give us an update on Rusty
5 Lever.

6 MR. GIBBONS: Uh-huh.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Another part
8 that I would be interested in, and I
9 don't want to -- maybe other people have
10 some suggestions, but one that was
11 certainly -- we talked a lot about here
12 was the Black Duck Lodge, and suddenly
13 it's -- to me, it's just dropped off the
14 table. And I'd like to know what's
15 going on there.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Me, too, Larry.

17 MR. GIBBONS: Well, it's more
18 Richard's purview than mine, but --

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Well --

20 MR. GIBBONS: -- in the sense of
21 the building, but we could --

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I'll let you
23 sort that all out.

24 MR. GIBBONS: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

2 MR. GIBBONS: Black Duck Lodge,
3 just to be clear, Larry, that's --
4 that's within Hubbard County Park,
5 which --

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Right.

7 MR. GIBBONS: -- includes
8 Smithers -- so are you talking about
9 Hubbard in the general sense then or --

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

11 MR. GIBBONS: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You know, we
13 were going to make that a
14 bed-and-breakfast in --

15 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- that --

17 MR. GIBBONS: Right. That's a
18 while ago, but -- okay. We were not
19 planning on that at this time, no.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. But, you
21 know, that sort of the last we hear of
22 it, and then --

23 MR. GIBBONS: All right. But
24 that's --

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So what do we do

2 do?

3 MS. GROWNEY: Well, we did do a
4 study -- there was a study done on it --

5 MR. GIBBONS: There --

6 MS. GROWNEY: -- by the architect.

7 MR. GIBBONS: There's an update to
8 provide --

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Good.

10 MR. GIBBONS: -- so we'll do that.

11 So is that sufficient then or --

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yup.

13 MR. GIBBONS: Okay. Great.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

16 Recommended Type II Actions:

17 We have ratification of
18 recommendations for the legislature.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion to
20 accept.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a motion
22 to accept staff recommendations.

23 Do we have a second?

24 MS. GROWNEY: I'll second.

25 MS. RUSSO: I'll second.

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a

3 discussion?

4 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. All in

6 favor?

7 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

11 The next item on our agenda has

12 been postponed, that's the Love Learning

13 Center.

14 Recommended Unlisted Actions:

15 Proposed sidewalks on

16 County Road 92, Town of Huntington.

17 Thank you for your patience.

18 MR. MACKEY: You're welcome.

19 Good morning.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Good morning.

21 MR. MACKEY: My name's Russ Mackey.

22 I'm a licensed engineer working on

23 behalf of Suffolk County, Department of

24 Public Works in the Consultant

25 Management Division.

2 Alongside me here today is Tim
3 Quinn from Nelson & Pope consulting
4 firm, and he will further present the
5 projects.

6 MR. QUINN: Okay. I guess we'll do
7 these in order.

8 Just as a general overview, the
9 project includes four locations where
10 we're putting in sidewalks along county
11 roads. All right. One location has
12 already gone through CEQ, that's Park
13 Avenue in Huntington. The three that
14 we're going to discuss today obviously
15 need a CEQ review.

16 The first one is Oakwood Road,
17 CR 92 in Huntington, from Jericho
18 Turnpike up to the railroad. Included
19 on that route are Stimson Middle School
20 and quite a -- Oakwood Park and a dense
21 residential development.

22 The proposal is to construct a
23 sidewalk along the west side of the
24 route -- I'm sorry, the east side of the
25 route --

2 Are we on the --

3 MS. SQUIRES: You're right --

4 MR. QUINN: Yes.

5 MS. SQUIRES: -- it's the east
6 side.

7 MR. QUINN: The east side of the
8 route, which is the bottom here
9 (indicating). What you see in purple is
10 the proposed sidewalk. The yellow is
11 where existing -- there is existing
12 sidewalk.

13 So the idea is to provide a
14 continuous route for pedestrians,
15 generally, to schools, to commercial
16 areas, et cetera. And that's -- we're
17 accomplishing that on the west -- on the
18 east side. And then there are -- there
19 is a gap in the sidewalk in the area of
20 Oakwood Park along the west side, which
21 we're looking to fill in.

22 Also included in the project will
23 be minor pedestrian signal improvements
24 at the two signalized intersections,
25 19th Street and 22nd Street.

2 Finally, we are coordinating with
3 Long Island Railroad for pedestrian
4 crossing gate improvements at the
5 railroad crossing, where there's already
6 a sidewalk, but -- and -- and the gates,
7 but we're talking about putting
8 pedestrian -- pedestrian-type gates.

9 So that is Oakwood Road.

10 If you have any questions --

11 MS. RUSSO: Yes. Looking at your
12 drawings, the pink new sidewalks -- and
13 this may be strictly the constraints of
14 the GIS and -- and mapping --

15 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry,
16 Ms. Russo, I can't hear you.

17 MS. RUSSO: It may be due to
18 constraints of the GIS system and
19 mapping to show the new pink sidewalks,
20 but it looks like part of the east
21 sidewalk goes through some islands
22 instead of actually staying on this
23 other little side road. So they have to
24 cross over all -- these two side
25 roads -- three side roads and go --

2 MS. SPENCER: Right there

3 (indicating).

4 MS. RUSSO: -- through the island?

5 MR. QUINN: Right. There is a --

6 MS. SPENCER: That's what she's
7 talking about, right there (indicating).

8 MR. QUINN: All right. There is
9 a median, a grass median there. The
10 area to the south of that median was the
11 old Oakland Road, before they realigned
12 the road. So the county right-of-way is
13 actually in front of those houses on the
14 south.

15 We're putting this sidewalk to the
16 island, which is --

17 MS. RUSSO: Oh, you are. Okay. So
18 it is accurate then. All right.

19 MR. QUINN: Yes. It's --

20 MS. RUSSO: So this is accurate.
21 So the new sidewalk will cross these
22 medians or islands, and be along the
23 busier highway part of Oakwood Road.

24 MR. QUINN: Correct, because we
25 believe that's the way a person would

2 walk.

3 MS. RUSSO: Okay.

4 MR. QUINN: If they -- they're
5 going from here to there (indicating),
6 they would probably not walk 30 feet
7 down the street --

8 MS. RUSSO: Yeah.

9 MR. QUINN: -- and, as you see, in
10 front of these houses, and walk 30 feet
11 back up. That's why we're putting it
12 along the county highway.

13 MS. RUSSO: I'm just curious,
14 because I wasn't sure if that was just a
15 glitch of the mapping.

16 And then why are they not pursuing
17 to put a sidewalk on the west side south
18 of the middle school?

19 MR. QUINN: Mainly, the idea was to
20 provide a continuous route. I can tell
21 you that it's -- I can just tell you
22 that that's -- that's what the RFP we --
23 we were given --

24 MR. MACKEY: It was --

25 MR. QUINN: -- called for, but the

2 funding constraints may be the one
3 reason why.

4 Do you have anything to add, Russ?

5 MR. MACKEY: It was a combination
6 of funding, and as long as there's a
7 continuous route from Jericho Turnpike
8 all the way up. And with the pedestrian
9 enhancements at the existing signals,
10 that people could cross to the side
11 where there is, you know, a sidewalk.
12 And part of it is also to be where
13 there's enough room to install a
14 sidewalk as well within the
15 right-of-way.

16 MS. RUSSO: Okay. Because I was
17 concerned because it's a middle school
18 and the kids live south of the school,
19 obviously, they're going to be walking
20 home from there. And I'm thinking that
21 the sidewalk should be on the same side
22 as the school, it would be safer for the
23 kids I thought.

24 MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

2 MS. SQUIRES: I had several
3 comments.

4 The sidewalks are desperately
5 needed. Gloria, your point is well
6 made. Also, there is a small park that
7 doesn't show here at Woodoak Lane. It's
8 just a little tiny neighborhood park
9 with a couple of benches in it. But it
10 would be great to have sidewalks there.

11 My other question -- and, again,
12 this is desperately needed.

13 My other question says, you say
14 "provide a safe route for recreational
15 walking and exercise." I understand
16 this is a sidewalk. I also understand
17 it is absolutely illegal to ride your
18 bike on the sidewalk. But does this
19 include anything -- any marking of bike
20 lanes --

21 MR. MACKEY: No.

22 MS. SQUIRES: -- along this area?

23 MR. MACKEY: No, this is all
24 off-roading purposes.

25 MS. SQUIRES: What can we do about

2 that?

3 If you pull out the beautiful map
4 that we have, the Long Island Bikeways
5 and Trailways, western half, the one
6 that Jim gave everybody, it indicates
7 that this section of Oakwood Road is a
8 connecting road on the bicycle route.
9 And, specifically, we've got one park
10 here, we've got the middle school, we've
11 got Oakwood Park, and right up the road
12 we have Breezy Park, the former
13 Mohlenhoff property that we discussed
14 last month, that the road is going to
15 have bicycle -- those road improvements
16 and sidewalk improvements aren't going
17 to have bicycle paths.

18 Is there anything that can be to
19 mark a bicycle path here? This really
20 is -- is where people would ride their
21 bikes.

22 MR. MACKEY: Again, you know,
23 it's --

24 MR. BAGG: We're talking about two
25 different --

2 MR. MACKEY: -- you would have to
3 sit there -- for this -- this is not --
4 that was not the intent of this project.
5 The intent of this project was to
6 provide a safe --

7 MS. SQUIRES: Okay.

8 MR. MACKEY: -- safe walking --

9 MS. SQUIRES: Not safe bike riding?

10 MR. MACKEY: No --

11 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

13 MS. SQUIRES: And, of course, Walt
14 Whitman High School. The area that I
15 was telling you about with all this
16 stuff we're doing in this map is right
17 adjacent.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

19 MS. GROWNEY: Thank you.

20 With safe walking in mind, one of
21 the things that occurs to me, and I
22 think Gloria brought this up already but
23 I want to just punctuate it. Those two
24 islands -- those two long islands, when
25 you talk about a pathway that somebody

2 would walk, most people would walk in a
3 straight line. And what I'm also
4 anticipating is that, why not can -- can
5 this -- I mean, if I was walking on that
6 pathway, I'd rather be walking away from
7 the traffic. I'd rather be walking
8 more -- either in the middle of those
9 islands or closer to the populated
10 housing which takes me away from the
11 traffic. So my inclination as a -- you
12 know, somebody who's concerned about
13 design issues is that it be brought away
14 from the roadway and tighter towards the
15 housing.

16 And just to reiterate Gloria's
17 point about the continuation of a
18 pathway by the school. It seems to me
19 if there's some way to -- to do that,
20 that's also a very powerful and
21 important factor to do on that island
22 that sits right in front of the school.
23 But not bring it near the road, bring it
24 away from the road.

25 MR. QUINN: But that would be on

2 school property, so --

3 MS. GROWNEY: Well, I --

4 MR. QUINN: -- we couldn't do that.

5 MS. GROWNEY: -- I mean, you would
6 do -- there is that one little piece
7 that's across from the -- the road --
8 across from the school that's -- you
9 know, going towards the Jericho
10 Turnpike, there's that little existing
11 piece. I don't know. I mean, is
12 that -- is that whole island that's in
13 front of the school part of the -- of
14 the property, is there a portion of that
15 that is owned by the county?

16 MR. QUINN: There's an eight-foot
17 strip. More than likely --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Eight feet is big
19 enough for a sidewalk.

20 MR. QUINN: Oh, it certainly is.

21 MR. MACKEY: But again -- again,
22 the intent is, again -- we're very
23 limited on budget. And the idea is if
24 someone is walking on that side, then,
25 just like you said, if you want to be

2 away from the traffic, they can walk
3 along the school property and then go --
4 go down that way.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Well, eight feet, you
6 could still put four foot back, you
7 could put a -- a strip and -- and so
8 they're away from the -- because you're
9 sending them into the traffic lane that
10 drives around the school.

11 MR. MACKEY: What I'm trying to get
12 at is that we're severely limited on
13 budget.

14 MS. GROWNEY: I get that --

15 MR. MACKEY: So we -- we tried
16 picking the less applicable locations --

17 MS. GROWNEY: Well, then --

18 MR. MACKEY: -- on this.

19 MS. GROWNEY: -- then the shortest
20 route, which to save money to make a
21 straight line, is right through the
22 middle of those two islands.

23 MR. MACKEY: But we're not putting
24 in. The school -- you see, the
25 school --

2 MS. GROWNEY: No, no, on the other
3 side. Now I'm -- I'm back on the other
4 side.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The south
6 side.

7 MR. QUINN: Right --

8 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

9 MR. QUINN: -- the shortest --
10 that's the shortest route.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, and that's --

12 MR. QUINN: And that's the logical
13 route.

14 MS. GROWNEY: That's --

15 MR. QUINN: And I believe if you
16 build a sidewalk in front of the homes,
17 you'll wind up with a -- a dirt path
18 through those islands of people walking
19 in a straight line.

20 So that we're trying to use county
21 funds, I guess, most expeditiously,
22 and --

23 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

24 MR. QUINN: -- from a commonsense
25 approach, the islands in front of a

2 school, you can see that there are --
3 are sidewalks from the street to the
4 school. So people will cross at a
5 street, Tipping or -- or 19th where the
6 light is, 21st, 22nd where the light is,
7 and they'll -- they'll head in, you
8 know, straight toward the doors of the
9 school. But I guess you -- you're
10 looking at --

11 MS. GROWNEY: I'm looking for a dry
12 point of view to -- to put them -- then
13 that would put them on the other side.
14 If middle of the road -- if middle of
15 the island is not something that you
16 would like to consider, then I would
17 like you to consider the other side, so
18 you're away from the road.

19 MR. QUINN: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, before we go
21 on, I guess I have a more generic
22 question.

23 It seems to me that there have been
24 several issues raised here, and that has
25 to do with the overall planning concept

2 of what to include and what not to
3 include to make this more acceptable.

4 It was raised, what about the
5 bicycles and the linkage between several
6 parks.

7 It was raised that maybe it would
8 be more appropriate to have the sidewalk
9 on the side where the schools are.

10 It seems to me like there -- we're
11 missing sort of the holistic part of the
12 planning process here, and instead we're
13 saying, Well, this is only a sidewalk
14 project and we can't listen to these
15 other issues.

16 How do we get these broader
17 planning issues on the table?

18 MR. MACKEY: As far as installing
19 sidewalks on both sides? I mean, we've
20 looked at from an engineering and --

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: No, no, no.
22 Just to be able to sit down and say this
23 is an ideal spot not only to have a
24 sidewalk, but it's to have a bicycle
25 path; is the sidewalk most appropriate

2 on the side where the school kids will
3 be going or is it not; to look at the
4 very broad issues.

5 MR. MACKEY: The bicycle path
6 aside, because that's -- when this
7 project comes down, you know, through
8 the Department of Public Works, that was
9 not part of this -- the RFP for this,
10 that was not part of the capital
11 project.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. My
13 question is, how do you make it part of
14 it?

15 MR. MACKEY: I guess you'd either
16 have to start with either the
17 legislature or go to the commissioner or
18 to the -- to the chief engineer who come
19 up and -- come up with the concept for
20 the capitol programs.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. It just
22 seems to me that this is an ideal
23 situation where some real planning --
24 instead of just saying we're going to
25 put in a sidewalk and that's the end of

2 the project, we could have done some
3 real planning that it would have been a
4 much better approach than, perhaps, what
5 has been done.

6 MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich.

8 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah. I -- I was
9 just curious why the bulk of the
10 sidewalk was being put in on the east
11 side as opposed to the west side where
12 the school is and where the playground
13 is. It's more likely that people are
14 going to be walking on the west side --

15 MR. MACKEY: It was --

16 MR. MACHTAY: -- than on the east
17 side.

18 MR. MACKEY: Looking out there and
19 driving up there, you know, maybe
20 backing up, was -- there is an existing
21 sidewalk or kind of a walkway --

22 MR. QUINN: Asphalt walkway --

23 MR. MACKEY: -- asphalt walkway --

24 MR. QUINN: -- about three feet
25 wide.

2 MR. MACKEY: -- on the south -- on
3 the east side. So from an engineering
4 standpoint, a funding standpoint and
5 everything, it made more sense to go on
6 that side.

7 We looked at the people crossing
8 the road, which is why we're doing the
9 pedestrian enhancements at those two
10 signals to them across the way. Which
11 is also why we're continuing it from the
12 school down to the -- down to the park,
13 which is I guess right next to the
14 school there if you look, and continue
15 linking up to the other sidewalk that's
16 on the west side north of the school.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

18 (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mike.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I'm looking
21 at this now with a designer's eye, and I
22 don't see some of the objections that
23 some of the other members have raised
24 around here.

25 You're talking about putting it on

2 one side of the road or the other.

3 Right now there's more likely pedestrian
4 traffic on the east side of the road
5 than there is on the west side of the
6 road. You've got Stimson talking up
7 about half of the --

8 MR. QUINN: Frontage.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

10 -- frontage. You've got more people on
11 the east side going to go up. And if
12 the sidewalk is flipped over to the
13 other side, those people are going to be
14 losing pedestrian access.

15 To my eye, it looks like -- and I'm
16 guessing here, it looks like there's a
17 choice made as to -- the bulk of the
18 money servicing the most people. I
19 think the east side is most serviced by
20 this. I think that they get a deficit
21 in here, and they get -- actually get
22 cut off if you flip it to the west side.

23 Second off, looking at the west
24 side, there is a connection between
25 Jericho and Woodoak and what appears to

2 be a little strip of parkland over
3 there, and then you do have fill-ins
4 near Stimson. You also have traffic
5 signals that are going to be
6 incorporated in here.

7 I don't see, if you will, the
8 deficit of service that some of the
9 other members are seeing. It's a small
10 area on the west side that's serviced,
11 much larger on the east side. So in
12 that sense, that's where -- if I was
13 designing the project, I would focus my
14 funds.

15 Second off, the islands, it may
16 be --

17 Well, question. Who owns those
18 islands right now?

19 MR. QUINN: They're within the
20 county right-of-way.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.
22 How wide are they?

23 MR. QUINN: The width of the --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Of those
25 two little --

2 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- islands
4 that Eva was talking about.

5 MR. QUINN: They vary, but I think
6 it's -- the widest are about 30 and the
7 narrowest are about eight.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Realis- --
9 we're talking about flipping the
10 sidewalk from one side to --

11 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- the
13 other.

14 MS. SQUIRES: Gloria wasn't talking
15 about --

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, no, no.

17 MS. SQUIRES: -- flipping --

18 MS. GROWNEY: I was.

19 MS. SQUIRES: -- she said why can't
20 we have it on both sides. She said
21 why -- I think, or --

22 MR. MACHTAY: And I --

23 MS. GROWNEY: Yes, I did.

24 MR. MACHTAY: And I think you're
25 missing --

2 MS. SQUIRES: -- didn't you put
3 it -- both sides.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, I
5 was --

6 MR. MACHTAY: I think you're
7 missing another point --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, I
9 was --

10 MR. MACHTAY: -- Michael.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I was just
12 asking what it was. Okay.

13 MR. MACHTAY: I appreciate what
14 you're saying, but right now, people who
15 live on the west have -- if they're
16 going to go to Stimson, they have to
17 cross the street twice. They have to
18 cross Oakwood Road twice. Okay. That's
19 like crossing a four-lane highway twice.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, but
21 if you don't --

22 MR. MACHTAY: Right?

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- if you
24 don't have --

25 MR. MACHTAY: If you have it --

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The
3 eastbound people have the same problem
4 if you don't flip it to the other side.

5 MR. MACHTAY: They only have to
6 cross this road once. From the east to
7 the west, they only have to cross it
8 once if the sidewalk is on the west.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: But what
10 if -- looking at this map, the people on
11 the east side, if there's no sidewalk
12 access for them to traverse along
13 Oakwood, they can't even get to those
14 traffic signals. That's what I'm saying
15 right now.

16 All I'm saying is, I --

17 MR. MACHTAY: They're doing it now.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They're
19 doing it now, but we don't know how
20 many --

21 MR. MACHTAY: And they're crossing
22 at the school where there's a crosswalk.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All I'm
24 saying is, I don't think that this plan,
25 as presented, has such a deficient as

2 some of the other members are --

3 MR. MACHTAY: Quiet Michael.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- seeing.

5 I don't see this --

6 MR. MACHTAY: You have to be

7 there --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- in a

9 design sense, as being --

10 MR. MACHTAY: -- and you have to

11 walk it.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

13 -- terrible.

14 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I think

16 there's a reason behind it.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.

18 MR. PICHNEY: I don't know whether

19 it -- it was -- town policy in the Town

20 of Islip where I live or it's

21 county-wide, but in our school district

22 we don't have bussing --

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That's the

24 other reason.

25 MR. PICHNEY: -- so over the years

2 they've built sidewalks in. I think the
3 only point that they tried to achieve
4 was to have contiguous sidewalks. And I
5 know, just on my block, which is a very
6 busy, you know, development, a busy
7 residential street, the sidewalks are
8 just on my side of the property -- my
9 side of the street, there are no
10 sidewalks on the other. But they do
11 connect throughout the community --
12 okay -- and there are points where the
13 children can cross and so forth.

14 So, you know, again, I think that
15 as long as there are contiguous
16 sidewalks where the kids can get to
17 school in -- in safe crossing areas, in
18 the light -- in -- in light of limited
19 funds, I see, you know, no need to have
20 sidewalks on both sides of the street.

21 The second point I'd like to make,
22 you know, while I agree with you with
23 regard to -- when you have a planning
24 opportunity, Larry, because I
25 certainly -- we had that with -- when I

2 was in DPW between our transportation
3 division and the highway division in
4 terms of putting bus stops and bus
5 shelters -- trying to have that
6 integrated in -- into the -- the highway
7 planning, I certainly realized in -- in
8 most places in the county, there is very
9 limited right-of-way, and you're very
10 lucky just to be able to get the -- the
11 sidewalks in.

12 And, you know, the only way I would
13 consider a bicycle path, if it was
14 segregated from -- from -- from traffic,
15 that having been painted on the street.
16 And certainly, though, for children
17 in -- in that kind of situation, is --
18 is absurd. And I'd rather see children
19 bicycling on the sidewalk -- you know, I
20 don't think the police are going to be
21 out there giving them tickets. I think
22 that's a very safe environment for them
23 to be bicycling in this situation. It's
24 not like it's a CBD where they'll be
25 running into other people, I think that

2 is just fine.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Gloria, you had
4 your hand up --

5 MS. RUSSO: Yes. I forgot what I
6 was going to say before he went on.

7 (Laughter)

8 MS. RUSSO: I just want to
9 reiterate my first thoughts with no
10 sidewalk on the west side to the middle
11 school, children walking. Only because
12 my daughters had to walk just about a
13 mile and a half to our middle school and
14 it's a very busy road, and the main
15 sidewalk is only on the side of the
16 school, which is just south of Sunrise
17 Highway at Johnson Avenue. Most kids,
18 when they come out of the school, they
19 go right to the sidewalk there and they
20 stay on that side. It's just safer for
21 them. And if I lived in this area and
22 had to have my daughters walk through
23 this and cross twice to cross Oakwood
24 Avenue, let me tell you, I would not be
25 happy with it. I'm surprised the

2 homeowners and the parents of the kids
3 that go to that school haven't been
4 screaming to put in sidewalks on both
5 sides.

6 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

8 MS. GROWNEY: To address --

9 MR. QUINN: Well, I think you --
10 I'm sorry.

11 I think you -- that is the genesis
12 of the project.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Yes, but --

14 MR. QUINN: If you read between the
15 lines --

16 MS. GROWNEY: It needs a little
17 more.

18 MR. QUINN: -- I think the
19 legislature will be hearing it.

20 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. Good. I would
21 be very unhappy and screaming if I --

22 (Overlapping conversations)

23 MS. GROWNEY: Barring, whether or
24 not that happens, flipping it to the
25 other side. If it stays on this -- on

2 this side, I still -- my -- to expand on
3 my point, to bring the sidewalk closer
4 to the houses so that the kids are
5 bicycling on them as well as walking on
6 them, then they're -- again, they're not
7 in the -- in the next -- right next to
8 the road, they're next to a grassed
9 area. So the potential of any kind of
10 inadvertent accidents happening, it's
11 going to happen on the grassy area
12 versus out in the middle of the road.

13 So I strongly feel -- and, also,
14 because it is the shorter distance. If
15 you're trying to save money, you know,
16 design-wise, it's the shorter distant to
17 keep it tighter to the houses.

18 MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich.

20 MR. MACHTAY: I'm just curious
21 about something. Every time New York
22 State DOT is going to do a major project
23 or any -- almost any kind of a project,
24 they have meetings with the local
25 community. And they say, you know, This

2 is what we're going to do. We're going
3 to put a turn lane here, we're going to
4 put a traffic light there, we're going
5 to whatever.

6 I can't recall in my 30 years with
7 the town, the county holding public
8 hearings like that with the local
9 community.

10 MR. MACKEY: We do have public
11 hearings with the community on larger
12 scale projects.

13 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah?

14 It would be nice to have a meeting
15 at Stimson Middle School on this
16 particular project to see what the
17 community -- they would probably want it
18 on both sides of the street.

19 MS. SQUIRES: (Indicating)

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

21 MS. SQUIRES: I -- I just
22 appreciate and would like to follow
23 through on your point of the integration
24 of some of these comments. I mean, last
25 week -- last month we heard about the

2 Pulaski Road project and the
3 integration. I know it was a road, but
4 it was the size of the road. We have
5 the same issue here. We have just
6 almost a continuation.

7 I'm still back to these bike lanes.
8 And, honestly, it is illegal to ride a
9 bicycle on a sidewalk. I -- you can
10 say, Well, no one's going to ticket a
11 kid. They may -- that may be true, but
12 it still is illegal to ride a bicycle on
13 a sidewalk.

14 And if you look at the bike lanes
15 that are marked in the area of
16 Huntington, that are marked on the map,
17 and we can pull the map and you'll see,
18 it's on Oakwood Road, and it is on the
19 side of the road. And you're saying you
20 don't want someone to ride on the side
21 of the road because it's not safe, but
22 they're going to ride it anyway. So why
23 not give them at least a marking on --

24 MR. MACKEY: Because --

25 MS. SQUIRES: -- the street?

2 MR. MACKEY: You can't give them a
3 marking because you have to look at the
4 different type of -- there are several
5 different types of bike lanes. Some of
6 them don't --

7 MS. SQUIRES: I -- I am --

8 MR. MACKEY: -- have the
9 markings --

10 MS. SQUIRES: I'm aware of that.

11 MR. MACKEY: So you can't just
12 throw markings out.

13 MR. QUINN: The bike route -- just
14 the --

15 MS. SQUIRES: No, I --

16 MR. QUINN: -- bike route.

17 MS. SQUIRES: -- understand that.

18 But, go back to what Larry said,
19 why not -- you're looking at this,
20 you're doing this. Why not at least
21 consider all the aspects of this road?

22 MR. QUINN: We will certainly take
23 that back to the county, I mean, but I
24 think -- I'm at risk of putting my foot
25 in my mouth, is there a bicycle -- like

2 county bicycle route project?

3 MS. SQUIRES: Jim, would you
4 address that?

5 MR. BAGG: Pardon? Could you
6 repeat it, please?

7 MS. SQUIRES: Repeat the question
8 to Jim.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Is there a
10 county bicycle route project?

11 MS. SQUIRES: Is -- about the
12 bicycle route.

13 There certainly is legislation in
14 the Town of Huntington in terms of bike
15 routes. County has --

16 MR. BAGG: Yeah, I understand that.
17 But, you know, the Town of Huntington,
18 you know, in their plan that you came
19 out with, you designated county road
20 bike paths. And we talk about going to
21 the public and have meetings as part of
22 the community getting their input, well,
23 did the town come to the county and say,
24 Do you think it's a good idea for us to
25 put bike -- or mark these as bike paths,

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2 and what is the --
3 MR. MACHTAY: Jim, I wasn't with
4 the town, but that master plan was sent
5 to the planning department here and
6 asked for comments.
7 MR. BAGG: Yeah, but that's --
8 we're not -- that's not DPW. DPW --
9 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.
10 MR. BAGG: -- is in charge of these
11 roads.
12 MR. MACHTAY: Are you independent
13 from DPW? Don't they -- don't you --
14 MR. BAGG: Yeah. To some --
15 MR. MACHTAY: -- don't they plan --
16 MR. BAGG: -- extent, yes.
17 MR. MACHTAY: Don't they plan with
18 you?
19 MR. BAGG: Yes, we are independent
20 of DPW.
21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Ding, round
22 one.
23 (Laughter)
24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Let's
25 draw this to a conclusion.

2 It seems to me, from what I'm
3 hearing, that there's a certain amount
4 of dissatisfaction with the plan. And,
5 in part, it has to do with
6 communication.

7 And I'm wondering if it is possible
8 that the county -- to get together with
9 the town and maybe go to the residents
10 and ask for their input as to what --
11 what they would like to see in terms of
12 transporting kids by foot from the
13 various schools and whether they're
14 satisfactory with the sidewalk on the
15 east side or the west side.

16 MR. MACKEY: I -- I'm sorry.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

18 MR. MACKEY: I can't make that
19 call. That call is, you know, higher
20 up, obviously, the chief engineer I
21 think. I can't say, you know, we're
22 going to hold a public hearing, I don't
23 have that authority to do that, that
24 would have to be the chief engineer. I
25 could bring it up to him and see what he

2 says.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

4 (Indicating)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Mike.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I think
7 that's a good idea on this particular
8 project, we're obviously seeing issue
9 that exist. My only concern is when and
10 how the planning process begins. I
11 don't know how this particular project
12 was generated. I don't know the genesis
13 of the need or anything like that. But
14 what concerns me is, when you bring
15 various elements of both county
16 government and local government into
17 this, you can end up basically with
18 these projects being jammed up forever,
19 or else people looking at them and
20 reviewing them at a stage when maybe it
21 shouldn't be reviewed until later.

22 In other words, right now we're
23 reactive. We are being presented with a
24 plan, it's been developed somehow, my
25 guess is there's been some input to it,

2 and now we're assessing it. One of the
3 questions here was, well, should it be
4 assessed -- and some of these concerns
5 that have been -- should they be
6 assessed earlier. I'm not sure when you
7 can do that without getting a group like
8 this into the actual planning and design
9 stage as opposed to the review stage.
10 I'm not sure what our proper structural
11 role is.

12 We've always been review. Only in
13 certain selected areas when we have an
14 EIS going do we get into the design
15 stage of things. So that --

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I'm not asking
17 that we do the design --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Well --

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- I'm saying --

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- in this
21 particular situation --

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- this was an
23 ideal situation where instead of just
24 narrowly saying we have some money to
25 build a sidewalk --

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Uh-huh.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- if they had
4 looked at the overall --

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Well, I
6 don't know that they haven't.

7 MR. MACKEY: I believe -- and, you
8 know, don't quote me on this, but I
9 believe that these projects came down
10 from county legislators as requesting to
11 put the sidewalks in on all of these
12 projects.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: That's
14 true.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I understand.

16 MR. QUINN: As a general safety
17 improvement --

18 MR. MACKEY: As general safety
19 improvements --

20 MR. QUINN: -- for their
21 constituents.

22 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And that
24 becomes an issue.

25 MS. GROWNEY: But design factors

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2 are still important to incorporate, and
3 design means you look at the overall
4 picture and really assess it.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

6 MR. MACHTAY: Well, there's nothing
7 that says you -- you can't approve one
8 part of a project while reviewing other
9 elements that might go into it.

10 MS. GROWNEY: As long as it's
11 been --

12 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

13 MS. GROWNEY: -- but those elements
14 have been --

15 MR. MACHTAY: And we --

16 MS. GROWNEY: -- addressed somehow.
17 You can't just --

18 MR. MACHTAY: -- brought up those
19 elements, which --

20 I'm sorry, I don't know your name.

21 MR. MACKEY: Russ.

22 MR. MACHTAY: Which Russ is going
23 to bring back to his commissioner and --
24 and talk about it, and maybe get back to
25 us as to what can and cannot be done, or

2 will or will not be done.

3 MS. GROWNEY: Well, design safety
4 is the issue, and that's why I'm still
5 saying that there's things to be taken
6 away from this because that's a --

7 MR. MACHTAY: I don't want to lose
8 part -- this part of the project,
9 because I think it's important --
10 okay -- while waiting for something else
11 to happen which may take months or
12 years.

13 MS. GROWNEY: But some of this --

14 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

15 MS. GROWNEY: -- won't take months
16 or years.

17 MR. MACHTAY: Well, I don't know
18 that, and --

19 MS. GROWNEY: I mean, moving the
20 sidewalk from one side of the median to
21 the other --

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It
23 actually, Eva, could. You could
24 actually -- theoretically --

25 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- if this
3 is brought before the wider community,
4 you could have a sea change in opinion,
5 and it will stall the project, the money
6 may not end up being allocated.

7 That's a problem we face often when
8 something is brought -- when the
9 legislature sets up something and says,
10 We want to have X, Y, and Z done.

11 MS. GROWNEY: But he didn't say
12 put --

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

14 MS. GROWNEY: -- put the sidewalk
15 here --

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We're going to
17 take a break so she can fix her tape.

18 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

19 (WHEREUPON, a brief recess was
20 taken, after which the following
21 transpired:)

22 (Time noted: 11:20 a.m.)

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We're
24 back on the record.

25 MR. MACHTAY: I think what's more

2 prudent, right now, with this project,
3 is not to lose this project. Not to
4 hold it up six months, a year, or two
5 years, or lose it altogether because
6 funding goes away --

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That's the
8 question to ask Russ.

9 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And this is
11 the typical question we ask, which is,
12 are we going to lose anything if we
13 delay for a month or two to find out the
14 additional parameters that have been
15 brought up here?

16 Is this project at risk?

17 MR. MACKEY: I have to relook at
18 the funding, but since there's county
19 funding, I don't think you -- it would
20 be at risk. But, again, it's
21 something -- I haven't looked at the
22 appropriations in a -- in a recent
23 while.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Does
25 somebody want to make a motion?

2 MS. RUSSO: (Indicating)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

4 MS. RUSSO: I'd like to make a
5 motion that this be postponed and
6 revisited as far as really looking a
7 little more carefully into, if they
8 could, put it on both sides. Juggle how
9 they show where they want the new
10 sidewalk to be.

11 MS. GROWNEY: I'll second that
12 motion.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
14 motion. We have a second.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I'd like
16 to comment.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, you
19 know, two things are going through my
20 mind.

21 I mean, the question about is the
22 money at risk, and, frankly, all money's
23 at risk. This was not -- you know, as
24 somebody who serves on the legislature,
25 I remember getting this money put in,

2 some of it, because one of these
3 sidewalks are within my district, and it
4 was a very tough list. You know,
5 sidewalks are nice, but right now, the
6 county has, you know, major priorities,
7 and new sidewalks probably aren't one of
8 them. So it's very difficult to get
9 money for something like this. Could
10 this money evaporate as we do the
11 capital budget? Absolutely. So I think
12 it is fair to say that it's tenuous at
13 best. So I hate to see a project like
14 this stall.

15 Now, this group which is charged
16 with determining -- you know, doing the
17 State Environmental Quality Review Act
18 component, I think the input is terrific
19 on bike lanes. I actually want to put
20 in a bill to designate CEQ as kind of
21 the official advisory committee for --
22 for bike lanes, but it doesn't exist
23 yet. And I'm concerned about stalling a
24 project like this. It may not be
25 perfect, but I'd hate to see it die

2 because it got held up. So I'm not
3 going to support holding this up.

4 I'd like to see these things
5 move forward while we have money in
6 place, because having the county fall
7 \$150 million short in sales tax revenue
8 is devastating right now, and, you know,
9 we're doing our best to provide the
10 services -- the current level of
11 services, but it's not easy, and funds
12 that are discretionary like sidewalks
13 are -- are apt to be raided. You know,
14 I think we should do our best to keep
15 these things moving along.

16 MR. MACHTAY: (Indicating)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich.

18 MR. MACHTAY: Well, I have to
19 agree. You know, I watched a building
20 get built for 12 years because
21 allocation of funds that were supposed
22 to be there evaporated back in the
23 1980s. And it took 12 years to get the
24 building built at our local recycling
25 center. So, you know, I -- it makes me

2 nervous with something like this that --
3 you know, because we want more, we may
4 lose the whole thing.

5 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: A bad
6 sidewalk's --

7 MR. MACHTAY: The only --

8 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- better
9 than no sidewalk.

10 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah, well -- okay.
11 But the only -- the only way I would
12 agree to holding it up for another month
13 is with some kind of a proviso that it
14 doesn't get held up any longer than
15 that.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: How about if the
17 motion was modified to be something like
18 we approve with the provision that the
19 county explore whether the sidewalk is
20 on the proper side of the road --

21 MS. SQUIRES: I'd like that.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- or should be
23 on both sides of the road.

24 MR. MACHTAY: And report back to
25 us.

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And report back

3 to us.

4 MR. MACHTAY: And report back to us

5 in some way.

6 Would that be fair, Russ?

7 MR. MACKEY: Sure. And I guess I

8 would address the concerns --

9 MR. MACHTAY: So what do we need,

10 Jim? We need a -- an Unlisted Action --

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You know what?

12 We have a motion --

13 MS. GROWNEY: But --

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- that's on the

15 table and it's accepted --

16 MR. MACHTAY: Yeah, well, it

17 wasn't -- it wasn't seconded.

18 MS. GROWNEY: It wasn't seconded.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It wasn't

20 seconded?

21 MS. GROWNEY: I was trying to, but

22 it wasn't -- but it wasn't quite -- it

23 wasn't acknowledged as second --

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

25 MS. GROWNEY: -- let's put it that

2 way.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Would you be
4 willing to --

5 MS. GROWNEY: I will --

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- modify
7 your --

8 MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

9 Okay. So I make a motion that we
10 accept this project, but we would like a
11 report back within a month to the
12 feasibility of adding the sidewalk on
13 the west side and make it --

14 MR. MACHTAY: Is that a Neg Dec?

15 MR. BAGG: It would be an Unlisted
16 Action --

17 MS. GROWNEY: Unlisted Action --

18 MR. BAGG: -- with a recommendation
19 that the Department of Public Works will
20 look into putting sidewalks on one side
21 of the road, the other, or both sides of
22 the road, and come back to CEQ and
23 explain the choice.

24 MR. MACHTAY: The reason why.

25 MS. GROWNEY: The reason why.

2 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
4 second?

5 MS. GROWNEY: Can I -- can I --

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

7 MS. GROWNEY: I want to just make
8 one qualification, and explore the
9 positioning of the sidewalks.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Meaning what?

11 MS. GROWNEY: Meaning that, whether
12 it should be along the roadway that --
13 where heavy traffic is, or to the other
14 side where --

15 (Overlapping conversations)

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So you want to
17 modify it to also include that --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Examine those
19 islands.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- examine --

21 MS. GROWNEY: The position of the
22 sidewalk --

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- the
24 position --

25 MS. GROWNEY: -- on the --

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

3 MS. GROWNEY: -- islands.

4 MR. QUINN: Would you be satisfied
5 with going through the middle --

6 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

7 MR. QUINN: -- of the islands?

8 MS. GROWNEY: Not -- yeah. Either
9 the middle or the other side.

10 MR. QUINN: Okay.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Either one of those.
12 That's fine with me.

13 MS. SQUIRES: But couldn't Gloria's
14 motion just be modified to say design?

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

16 MS. SQUIRES: Just use the word
17 "design," and you understand what we
18 mean by design?

19 MR. QUINN: (Head gesture)

20 MS. GROWNEY: Well, with regard --
21 (Overlapping conversations)

22 MS. GROWNEY: Design and placement,
23 because design also addresses how the
24 actual sidewalk is designed itself.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Can you read --

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2 MS. GROWNEY: Design and placement.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- read back the

4 motion.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Poor thing. Poor

6 things.

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Don't you wish

8 you were back in traffic?

9 MR. MACHTAY: Off the record.

10 I guess what I --

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: She's reading

12 it.

13 MR. MACHTAY: Go ahead.

14 (WHEREUPON, the requested portion

15 of the testimony was read by the court

16 reporter.)

17 MR. QUINN: Would you rather have

18 it say more on the design

19 modifications --

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

21 MR. QUINN: -- suggested at this

22 meeting?

23 MS. GROWNEY: Perfect.

24 MR. QUINN: All right.

25 MS. GROWNEY: Excellent.

2 MR. MACHTAY: Once again, off the
3 record, if I may.

4 (Discussion held off the record)

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have a
6 motion. We do not have a second.

7 MS. RUSSO: I'll second it.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have a
9 second.

10 MS. SPENCER: Discussion?

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Discussion, yes.

12 MS. SPENCER: I completely concur
13 with the Honorable Jay Schneiderman. I
14 think that this should go forward.
15 We've made some comments, if you want to
16 put comments on the record, I don't
17 think it should be held up, I don't
18 think it should come back to us.

19 You have a situation in front of a
20 school, going through Jericho Turnpike,
21 north, through the Long Island Railroad,
22 with no sidewalks. At the end of this
23 project, you will have a full sidewalk
24 on one side, and a partial sidewalk on
25 the other, and improvements to safety.

2 And one would hope that having built the
3 sidewalk on the east side, that the
4 parents would come back to their
5 legislator and ask for continuation on
6 the west side. But I don't think that
7 we should slow this down. I think it
8 has the funding and we should let it go
9 because it's a fast safety improvement.

10 MS. SQUIRES: But --

11 MS. SPENCER: I don't disagree with
12 the concerns.

13 MS. SQUIRES: But we are letting it
14 go.

15 MS. SPENCER: I don't disagree --
16 well, I don't think we should --

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: She's
18 reinforcing it.

19 MS. SPENCER: -- hold it up.

20 MS. GROWNEY: She's reinforcing it.
21 She's reinforcing it.

22 MS. SPENCER: But they have to come
23 back in a month.

24 MR. BAGG: No, no, no, no, no.

25 MS. GROWNEY: No.

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: No.

3 MR. BAGG: The idea is to say it's
4 an Unlisted Action with a Negative
5 Declaration, however, the council wants
6 DPW to further explore the issues raised
7 in this meeting and come back to them.
8 The project as is can proceed, but
9 they -- DPW should look at the other
10 things and say whether it's feasible to
11 put a sidewalk --

12 MS. SPENCER: So this does not slow
13 it down.

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: No.

15 MS. GROWNEY: No.

16 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

17 MR. BAGG: It's a recommendation.

18 MS. SPENCER: All right.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. We have a
20 motion. We have a second.

21 All in favor?

22 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

24 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Ah --

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2 MS. SPENCER: I'm not voting. I'm
3 not -- I don't believe --

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Abstentions?

5 MS. SPENCER: Yeah, I'm abstaining.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

7 MR. PICHNEY: Well, I'll be for it.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

9 MR. PICHNEY: I'm sorry.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So we have one
11 abstention.

12 MR. QUINN: All right. Now, I'm
13 going to do what Jim doesn't like to do,
14 but Jay may not be able to stay with us
15 and he -- there is a project that
16 involves his town. So let's move on to
17 the one dealing with Southampton.

18 Is that okay?

19 MR. QUINN: All right. So this is
20 CR 79, Sag Harbor-Bridgehampton
21 Turnpike, which, appropriate to its
22 name, connects Bridgehampton at Montauk
23 Highway up to Sag Harbor.

24 The portion we're looking at -- the
25 portion we're looking at is from Montauk

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2 Highway to Scuttle Hole Road, a distance
3 of 1.7 miles I believe it is.

4 Okay. Are we good?

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Come on,
6 quiet.

7 MR. QUINN: Okay. Along this
8 route, we have a number of public
9 facilities. The Children's Museum
10 recently constructed, the Head Start
11 Facility, the Bridgehampton Senior
12 Center I believe -- the Community
13 Center.

14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Community
15 Center.

16 MR. QUINN: Right. Several
17 churches -- two -- two churches, and --

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There's
19 South Fork Natural History Museum.

20 MR. QUINN: Right.

21 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Across
22 from --

23 MR. QUINN: And the -- churches and
24 some residents pretty much along the
25 whole route.

2 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There's
3 also an affordable housing development
4 that just occurred up the road there.

5 MR. QUINN: Huntington Crossway,
6 yeah.

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN:
8 Something-Muse. Bridgehampton Muse I
9 think it's called.

10 MR. QUINN: Okay. So our proposal
11 up here is to construct a sidewalk
12 primarily on the west side as a
13 continuous route, from Montauk Highway
14 up to new -- the existing sidewalk that
15 was built for the Children's Museum, and
16 continuing on the west side through to
17 Scuttle Hole Road.

18 Okay.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It's
20 about a two mile stretch there.

21 MR. QUINN: Right.

22 Filling in this side on -- on --
23 sidewalk on the east side, an additional
24 3,000 feet I believe, and I guess
25 total -- total length of sidewalk is

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2 about 11,000 linear feet.
3 The crossing at the Long Island
4 Railroad, it will have similar
5 pedestrian gates improvements, provided
6 we can work that out with Long Island
7 Railroad, we plan to discuss this with
8 them, at -- just north of Narrow Lane.
9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And then you
10 have to discuss with them whether they
11 have the arms that come down over the
12 sidewalk?
13 MR. QUINN: They have the arms.
14 There's a pedestrian gate-type arm that
15 would go across the sidewalk area.
16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I see.
17 MR. QUINN: That would --
18 MR. MACKEY: That work is done
19 purely by Long Island Railroad. They
20 don't give you a cost until -- or even
21 let you know -- on our projects, an
22 average, but the cost fluctuates. So --
23 but, again, that's all Long Island
24 Railroad. They design it, they -- you
25 know, I think they construct it, they do

2 everything. Maybe just -- they -- you
3 basically foot the bill for it.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So they
5 won't -- if you put the sidewalk in,
6 they won't refuse to do it?

7 MR. MACKEY: We're paying.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We're paying.
9 Okay.

10 MR. MACKEY: The only thing that
11 might -- you know, might cause a little
12 problem, but I don't think they have to
13 do it on this one, is if they have to
14 close down the line to do the work. But
15 for the gates, I don't believe they have
16 to. The only reason why they would have
17 to is if they have to add extra pads to
18 have people cross over. Which,
19 preliminary walking out there, I'm not a
20 train expert, I don't think they would
21 have to do that.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

23 MR. QUINN: We have -- just to
24 mention, we have a very -- in the EAF
25 you'll see a very minor -- no concerns

2 on -- on the public -- on the historic
3 sites, and a very minor issue, perhaps,
4 with wetlands to get this -- Slate Pond
5 I believe it's called. It's probably a
6 kettle hole.

7 MR. MACKEY: That would require
8 DEC --

9 MS. RUSSO: Most likely.

10 MR. MACKEY: This project would
11 require DEC permits for that reason
12 where within I think the 100-foot limits
13 or --

14 MR. QUINN: Correct. And for only
15 that reason, we will not be disturbing
16 wetlands.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Now, is
20 this no curbs, or is there curbs, or --

21 MR. QUINN: The curb is proposed,
22 yes, as part of the improvement.

23 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.

25 MR. PICHNEY: I just wanted to ask

2 Legislator Schneiderman if there is
3 community support for this, because I'd
4 hate to see a --

5 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: No.

6 MR. PICHNEY: -- big brouha --

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: No.

8 There's a large minority community that
9 walks down this area to access downtown
10 Bridgehampton. So either -- this came
11 from the community.

12 MR. PICHNEY: Okay.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: The
14 urging of the community.

15 I do have a concern, though, about
16 curbs in this area, particularly around
17 those kettle holes. There's a lot of
18 turtles over there -- okay -- sometimes
19 you can see them crossing the road. And
20 just from a wildlife concern, you know,
21 those curbs sometimes can be an
22 impediment to some wildlife.

23 In general, on the East End, we've
24 avoided curbs. I know they're important
25 for controlling road runoff. But at the

2 same time, it's kind of a suburban look
3 that we have -- I think, much to the
4 appreciation of the community, have
5 avoided. So I --

6 MS. GROWNEY: Successfully.

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah,
8 successfully.

9 So I'm wondering if you can use
10 maybe some rounded tip-ups, if that's
11 the word, along the road --

12 MR. MACKEY: That's correct.

13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- rather
14 than curbs.

15 MR. MACKEY: Again, I'll look into
16 it to see what -- how we look in the
17 past as far as -- the main concern is
18 obviously washing -- undermining the
19 sidewalk we just put in. So I'll ask --

20 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

21 MR. MACKEY: -- the maintenance
22 department --

23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Just
24 basically to minimize curbs as much as
25 possible.

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2 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Because

5 that's something that could get --

6 MR. QUINN: Through those areas

7 only, or through --

8 MS. GROWNEY: The whole project.

9 MR. QUINN: -- throughout the whole

10 project, he's thinking, the typical

11 section.

12 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, you

13 know, it would be like the only curb

14 around if you did it. I would probably

15 say see if you can do it without the

16 curb. It might actually reduce the cost

17 of the project substantially, too.

18 MR. QUINN: It would. It would.

19 You know, we do need to raise the

20 sidewalk above the road for the concern

21 that Russ was talking about, it doesn't

22 get flooded out.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Right.

24 MR. QUINN: So, you know, we'll

25 follow the direction from above, I

2 guess --

3 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: You know,
4 I'd also want to -- you know, maybe to
5 consider the input of the town. You
6 know, we own the road. It's within the
7 Town of Southampton. I think they would
8 probably feel the same way --

9 MR. QUINN: Okay.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- about
11 the curb issue, but you'd have to ask
12 them.

13 MR. QUINN: Yeah. It's not -- not
14 as permanent. It does require --

15 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah, but
16 once we had final designs for maybe --
17 you know, or at least preliminary
18 designs, maybe that's a good time to sit
19 down with some of the town board and
20 say -- and they're also partially
21 funding this. I think they're
22 contributing 100,000 toward this
23 project. So --

24 MR. QUINN: I'm not aware of that.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah.

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: This is a county
3 road. Didn't you say you own it?
4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: He said --
5 yeah, he did say -- referred to it as
6 county.
7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: County
8 owned.
9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Oh, yeah.
10 MR. QUINN: You're speaking as the
11 county, I guess.
12 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, county.
13 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: The
14 county owns the road, but the town --
15 that's fine.
16 Partly, how I was able to get the
17 county on board with this is that there
18 was a contribution also from the town.
19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Okay. I
20 see.
21 MR. MACKEY: I'm sorry, Jay. Was
22 that included in the resolution, because
23 I'm just going by my --
24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: It may
25 not have been, but it was part of the

2 deliberations.

3 MR. MACKEY: Is it possible to
4 forward me any information as far as the
5 town funding?

6 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah,
7 it's in their town's capital budget. So
8 you just -- can you contact me after --

9 MR. MACKEY: Sure.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- the
11 meeting?

12 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

14 MS. GROWNEY: I support what Jay's
15 saying, being a resident out on the
16 East End. And there are many very
17 successful placements of sidewalks on --
18 on roads out there that do not have
19 curbs. And so the softer version, you
20 know, where necessary only, not the
21 whole length, sounds good to me.

22 I just wanted to get a -- a
23 clarification of the piece that's on the
24 east side, just a -- a little -- a
25 description as to the purpose of the

2 east side. I'm assuming it's because of
3 all these buildings that are -- the
4 community-type buildings that are on
5 there.

6 MR. QUINN: That's correct. It's
7 the Natural History Museum --

8 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

9 MR. QUINN: -- the Child Care and
10 Recreation Center --

11 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

12 MR. QUINN: -- and a senior center
13 at this location.

14 MS. GROWNEY: And where is the --
15 where is the crossing going to be,
16 though, for -- from one side to the
17 other so those two are linked? Is there
18 a specific designation?

19 MR. QUINN: The crossing was going
20 to be at Sunrise Avenue, which is
21 unsignalized. Totally unsignalized.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: So
23 just -- you're just going to mark the
24 road as a --

25 MR. QUINN: Yeah. The county's

2 certainly not --

3 MR. MACKEY: We'll have to go back
4 to the traffic department. But I also
5 believe -- wasn't there a stripped
6 crossing in front of the Children's
7 Museum?

8 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, the Children's
9 Museum had something there, but I don't
10 know that it goes --

11 MR. MACKEY: I thought -- believe
12 it had a stripped crossing there. So
13 we --

14 MS. GROWNEY: I don't think it goes
15 across, though. And there's -- there's
16 a designation for a turnoff there
17 somehow, but I don't really remember
18 exactly what's there.

19 I do support this --

20 MR. MACKEY: Well --

21 MS. GROWNEY: -- it's just that
22 there's some sort of description about
23 the connection --

24 MR. MACKEY: Obviously, we'll look
25 for it, a state crossing point --

2 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

3 MR. MACKEY: -- you know, that's
4 part of it. But I believe --

5 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

6 MR. MACKEY: -- you know, and I
7 drove this back in March. So I -- I
8 thought there was one out there --

9 MS. GROWNEY: Memory's not -- not
10 perfect about that.

11 MR. QUINN: Right. Well, an
12 unsignalized crossing is just sometimes
13 problematic.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Michael.

15 MR. QUINN: It's requires
16 additional signing, flashing beacons
17 that, you know, are somewhat effective.

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There's
19 lots of unsignalized crossings on the
20 East End.

21 MS. GROWNEY: We do have --

22 MR. QUINN: Right.

23 MS. GROWNEY: -- a lot of them.

24 MR. QUINN: Right.

25 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, and they're --

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2 they're fine. I think they're fine.
3 MR. MACKEY: Again, it's something
4 I'll bring up, I'll bring this issue up
5 to our Traffic Department.
6 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. Thank you.
7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mike.
8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Given the
9 issue of turtles that was brought up,
10 where exactly does anyone know these
11 turtles cross the road?
12 MS. GROWNEY: Everywhere.
13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Everywhere.
14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: They're
15 by -- by the kettle hole.
16 MS. GROWNEY: They're everywhere.
17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They are
18 everywhere.
19 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.
20 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: You see
21 the two marked wetlands (indicating)?
22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.
23 MR. BAGG: They're by the kettle
24 hole.
25 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There's

2 two --

3 MS. GROWNEY: They wander.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: They
5 inter-stately cross right around where
6 the South Fork Natural History Museum
7 is. You know, which --

8 MS. SQUIRES: Those are clever
9 turtles.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- the
11 largest benefactor happens to be a
12 herpetologist, so --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- maybe
15 they're coming to visit him.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All right.
17 The reason I'm asking, now, we switch to
18 the technical aspect --

19 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Why did
20 the turtle cross the road?

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I wasn't
22 going to go there, Jay. Wasn't going to
23 go there.

24 But, nonetheless, while we are
25 talking about turtles crossing the road,

2 obviously you'll have to try and figure
3 out where we might have to place -- God,
4 help me -- turtle crossings or lower
5 dips in the road if we're going to have
6 curbs.

7 MS. GROWNEY: It's in East Hampton.

8 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: There are
9 signs.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

11 There are --

12 (Overlapping conversations)

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All right.

14 Do we have a motion.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion,
16 Unlisted Neg Dec, with following
17 recommendations --

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: As much
19 as I'm in a hurry, I have one more
20 question, and it had to deal with --
21 there's some really large old trees
22 along the sidewalk route, and --

23 MR. MACKEY: Obviously --

24 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- just
25 an effort to not cut these trees down --

2 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

3 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: -- but to
4 move the sidewalk actually around the
5 trees.

6 MR. MACKEY: We will do our best.
7 We may not have to move the sidewalk.
8 What we might do is -- and it's within
9 ADA requirements, is neck it down to
10 three feet just to get around the
11 side- -- around the trees, so we won't
12 cut them.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Continuing
16 with the motion;

17 Neg Dec, Unlisted, following
18 recommendations;

19 1. Elimination of curbing wherever
20 possible;

21 2. Protection of identified areas
22 where turtles cross so that interdiction
23 does not occur;

24 3. Preservation of old trees as
25 far as possible.

2 MR. MACKEY: (Indicating)

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes.

4 MS. GROWNEY: I'll second.

5 MR. MACKEY: All curbing or
6 concrete curbing?

7 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Well --

8 MS. GROWNEY: I say all curbing.

9 MR. MACKEY: Here's what I'm
10 getting at, and I understand fully where
11 you're coming from, is that, in this
12 area, we're probably going to have to
13 raise the road a couple -- you know, not
14 the road, the sidewalk to bring it up
15 for the sidewalk level. So we're going
16 to need some sort of protection to
17 prevent undermining of the sidewalk.

18 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

19 MR. MACKEY: Now --

20 MS. GROWNEY: Minimal.

21 MR. MACKEY: -- normally, we do
22 concrete curbing because it's easy
23 maintenance, it lasts longer. Tip up
24 doesn't last as long, you have to come
25 back. Again, that's why I say I'll go

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2 to our maintenance department and see.

3 We'll try -- if feasible and if

4 possible, we definitely --

5 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: That's
6 fine.

7 MR. MACKEY: -- you know, to
8 accommodate you, we'll put tip up.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: So how do
10 we word that?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:
12 Minimization --

13 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- of
15 concrete curbing --

16 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- as far
18 as possible.

19 MS. GROWNEY: Use tip ups wherever
20 possible.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
22 second?

23 MS. GROWNEY: I'll second.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
25 second, Eva.

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2 Any further discussion?
3 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?
5 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)
6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?
7 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)
8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
9 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Thank you
10 for taking it out of order.
11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Just a question.
12 Going around trees, as the trees
13 grow, and they tend to raise and --
14 MR. MACHTAY: Buckle.
15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- buckle,
16 yeah --
17 MR. MACKEY: My -- and I'm not a
18 arborist or anything, but my thought is
19 it also depends upon what types of
20 trees. Some trees have roots that go
21 straight down, other trees have roots
22 that spread across the top. Again, it's
23 something -- I mean, we might be limited
24 by a right-of-way as well. So we're
25 going to do the best we can to provide

2 that continuous walkway where we can.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

4 MR. MACKEY: Obviously, if we have
5 the right-of-way, you know, to get
6 around the tree, we'll try and push it
7 as far away from the tree. Because I
8 know, I've been out there, some of those
9 trees look like they're probably -- I'm
10 not an arborist -- very, very old.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

12 MR. MACKEY: And we don't want to
13 cut down those trees.

14 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Those
15 people would be screaming.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Let's
18 move on before we lose our quorum.

19 Next --

20 LEGISLATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: I've got
21 to scoot out.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
24 quorum?

25 MS. GROWNEY: Bye, Jay.

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: One, two,
3 three, four, five. Yeah, as long as Eva
4 stays, we're okay.

5 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, I'll stay.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

7 MS. GROWNEY: I'm not going
8 anywhere. I'm just organizing.

9 (WHEREUPON, Legislator Jay
10 Schneiderman left the proceeding.)

11 (Time noted: 11:44 a.m.)

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Next one.

13 MR. QUINN: Okay. This location
14 is -- I apologize for the -- quite a
15 lengthy section of CR 85, Montauk
16 Highway. I have some blowups of these
17 areas --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Is this a
19 turtle-free zone?

20 MR. QUINN: I mean, I don't know.
21 We haven't done a turtle study yet.

22 This is Oakdale-Sayville in Islip,
23 and the project limits go from -- from
24 Idle Hour Road -- Boulevard on the west
25 to West Street on the east.

2 You can see that the yellow is
3 showing -- if you have it in front of
4 you, the yellow is showing the existing
5 sidewalk (indicating), the pink is --
6 the magenta is the new sidewalk
7 (indicating).

8 The objective is the same as in our
9 previous projects, is to improve the
10 connectivity, provide a continuous route
11 through -- through certain areas, the
12 areas of busiest pedestrian activity.

13 Okay. This is the area of Oakdale
14 Avenue to the Long Island Railroad
15 (indicating), where there is an existing
16 sidewalk.

17 The area from Bayview to Canterbury
18 on the south side includes a -- a BOCES
19 center, residences, and some businesses
20 (indicating).

21 And then the last section would be
22 to connect on the -- on -- the existing
23 sidewalk in the area Ockers to -- back
24 to the commercial area on the west
25 (indicating).

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Do we
3 have a motion?

4 MR. PICHNEY: Just again, do we
5 know what the level of community support
6 is for this? Because I know the Oakdale
7 Civic Association is extremely active,
8 and, once again, you don't want
9 disruption the day that the construction
10 equipment shows up.

11 MR. QUINN: Disruption as far
12 as? I'm sorry, I couldn't --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Riots.

14 MR. PICHNEY: Riots.

15 MR. MACKEY: Again, this is
16 another project that came down from the
17 county legislature. There have been
18 certain aspects of this project that we
19 have been -- that has been shiltered
20 down to me that they are looking for,
21 especially in the vicinity of kind of
22 the Oakdale train station area --

23 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

24 MR. MACKEY: -- and so forth. So I
25 would have to say, as far as my

2 knowledge, that they have been for it.
3 We've gotten -- I personally have gotten
4 several phone calls from people that
5 live within -- in the area that keep
6 asking -- because over to the east of
7 this on Montauk Highway, sidewalk
8 projects through Sayville had been
9 completed, asking --

10 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

11 MR. MACKEY: -- when, you know,
12 theirs is coming on.

13 MR. PICHNEY: Uh-huh.

14 MR. MACKEY: So I'm going to assume
15 that they are looking forward to doing
16 this.

17 MR. PICHNEY: Okay.

18 MR. MARTIN: (Indicating)

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

20 MR. MARTIN: I have some comments
21 relating to this section. On Mon- --
22 on -- where you see the bus stop in
23 front of St. John's University -- there
24 are a lot of obstacles, I'll say, from
25 the -- starting at the traffic light in

2 front of the shopping center and going
3 past both entrances to the main entrance
4 of the university. The one thing that's
5 outstanding of a historic artifact,
6 let's say, is the -- the pier from the
7 original gates is I think within this
8 route, and should be taken a look at if
9 that could be preserved --

10 MR. MACKEY: Sure.

11 MR. MARTIN: -- and not taken down.

12 There's also the signage for the
13 university and a historic, I'll say,
14 hedgerow, this whole lane, and a
15 chain-linked fence behind it.

16 There's also a steep, for this
17 area, hill from the bus stop towards the
18 traffic light, so I don't know how
19 you're going to be cutting into that.

20 MR. MACKEY: Yes. If you could
21 forward -- if you could send me, you
22 know, your concerns via e-mail or
23 whatever.

24 MR. MARTIN: Okay.

25 MR. MACKEY: But, again, we're not

2 doing -- we have no plans to take down
3 signage or -- right now --

4 MR. MARTIN: You might need to,
5 though, as like --

6 MR. MACKEY: We could relocate it.

7 MR. MARTIN: Right.

8 MR. MACKEY: That's not a problem.

9 MR. MARTIN: It's going to have to
10 be a coordinated project with the
11 university because they probably have
12 some of their signage in the
13 right-of-way.

14 MR. MACKEY: It's on our property,
15 though --

16 MR. MARTIN: Right.

17 MR. MACKEY: -- so they would have
18 to remove it.

19 MR. MARTIN: But it could cause
20 some excitement, like Dan said.

21 MR. MACKEY: Well, the reason why
22 that part -- that part of the project
23 was included was that we were -- we
24 were -- it came down to me that there's
25 a -- a percentage of people that go to

2 the university take the bus, and they
3 live in a safe access to walk to the
4 university from there, that's why it was
5 included.

6 I was unaware of the pier, so --
7 and, again, that's -- we'll at all costs
8 try and figure that out as much as
9 possible. And from driving the job, I
10 think it was far enough -- far enough
11 behind where we want to do.

12 MR. MARTIN: There's two. One is
13 set back; one is tight to the road.

14 MR. MACKEY: I'll have to --

15 MR. MARTIN: Take a look at the --
16 it's the -- of the west entrance.

17 And --

18 MR. MACKEY: And I believe that
19 hedgerow was far enough back where we
20 wouldn't have to --

21 MR. MARTIN: Okay. It changes, you
22 know, the location. And just -- is
23 there any plantings, if that's taken
24 out, to replace or do anything like
25 that?

2 MR. MACKEY: The hedgerow?

3 MR. MARTIN: Yeah.

4 MR. MACKEY: Right now --

5 MR. MARTIN: Are there any
6 plantings at all?

7 MR. MACKEY: Right now, in
8 preliminarily looking at it, we will not
9 have to effect that hedgerow. But,
10 obviously, since it is county property,
11 if we -- we touch that, we will try and
12 replace it.

13 MR. MARTIN: I think -- and I would
14 even -- I walked it myself, I -- I would
15 meet with you, but I do have concerns
16 how that would affect the historic
17 frontage of the property.

18 MR. PICHNEY: Richard, is the
19 St. John's Church there in that study
20 area?

21 MR. MARTIN: The church is on the
22 other side of street, and this has an
23 exist- -- that church has an existing
24 sidewalk.

25 MR. PICHNEY: Okay.

2 MR. MARTIN: So it's not affecting
3 that at all.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Just a question,
5 a comment that you made, and that is
6 that you would try to accommodate the
7 historic structures as much as possible.

8 I guess my question is, do the
9 historic structures trump the sidewalk?

10 MR. MARTIN: I -- well, just my
11 opinion from walking that area, I
12 understand the need, I -- I don't
13 question that, especially if you have
14 students and that bus stop is -- is
15 used. I just think it needs to
16 accommodate the historic elements there.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah, but
18 there's a difference between him trying
19 to do it and -- and him doing it. And
20 I'm just wondering --

21 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- does the
23 historic nature of these facilities --
24 are they -- is it such that his sidewalk
25 cannot -- can -- cannot disturb them?

2 MR. MARTIN: I'd have to meet with
3 them on site to see the exact layout of
4 where the sidewalk's going, to be
5 honest.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

7 MR. MACKEY: I believe --

8 MR. MARTIN: Because there's a lot
9 going on there.

10 MR. MACKEY: We have no problem
11 meeting with you and taking your -- you
12 know, taking your concerns. When I say
13 try -- is -- is -- you know, obviously,
14 we've got to try and look at both parts
15 of the problem. We're not interested in
16 ripping out anything historic, don't get
17 me wrong.

18 MR. MARTIN: Right.

19 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

20 MR. MACKEY: You know, we want to
21 work with -- and make what's feasible
22 and, of course, what's best.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Eva.

24 MS. SPENCER: But, Larry, question.

25 If you meet on site --

2 MR. MARTIN: Yeah.

3 MS. SPENCER: -- and the historic
4 structure is in the middle of where they
5 want to put the sidewalk, and there's no
6 more -- there's no room to put it into
7 the row, how do you feel about that?

8 That's his question, I believe.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

10 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

11 MR. MACKEY: It's something --

12 MR. MARTIN: I think there's a --

13 MR. MACKEY: It's something that we
14 would come to -- come across --

15 MR. MARTIN: Yeah.

16 MS. GROWNEY: I think it's a
17 problem.

18 MR. MACKEY: -- obviously, in the
19 field, and when things get a little more
20 finalized, then, you know --

21 MR. MARTIN: Yeah, but that's not
22 in the right-of-way, because I think --
23 you know, you have an old historic road
24 there. I don't know what the county
25 right-of-way exactly is at all these

2 points.

3 MR. MACKEY: We haven't -- as part
4 of the project, we haven't -- I believe
5 this one is just -- we're dealing with
6 tax map overlays. It's not cost
7 effective for us to get a -- a -- it's
8 very expensive to get a right-of-way
9 survey, you know, down pat within, you
10 know, a tenth of an inch. So on these,
11 we can allow them to have sidewalk --
12 you know, existing, you just follow
13 along, and, you know, from the tax maps,
14 you can see --

15 MS. GROWNEY: (Indicating)

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

17 MS. GROWNEY: Just to reiterate,
18 because I think Richard was also saying
19 not just the hedgerow, but he did say
20 plantings. So I think that -- to make
21 sure that they're also looking at the
22 plantings -- plantings can be moved, but
23 I think preserving somehow the general
24 feeling of this -- of this place. Maybe
25 not the exact position, but the general

2 feeling --

3 MR. MACKEY: And that's the --

4 MS. GROWNEY: -- design feeling --

5 MR. MACKEY: -- what we're going to
6 work --

7 MS. GROWNEY: -- I think that's --
8 yeah.

9 MR. MACKEY: Yeah.

10 MS. GROWNEY: So I would rec- --
11 you know, make --

12 MR. MACKEY: For me to say right
13 now that --

14 MS. GROWNEY: -- that that's
15 incorporated somehow.

16 MR. MACKEY: For me to say right
17 now we're going to, you know, hit
18 something is -- is -- it would be
19 foolish --

20 MS. GROWNEY: No, I understand.

21 MR. MACKEY: That's why we'd be
22 more than happy to meet with him in the
23 field, and when we have more -- further
24 on in the plans and, you know, take into
25 account --

2 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

3 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

4 MR. MACKEY: -- you know, his input
5 and his expertise as to how to
6 (inaudible).

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Dan.

8 MR. PICHNEY: If there is a -- some
9 sort of small historic structure there,
10 there's always a possibility of getting
11 a dedication from the property on a --
12 you know, with, you know, no cost -- a
13 no-cost dedication.

14 MR. MACKEY: Yeah, no.

15 MR. PICHNEY: And, you know, this
16 university or something like that, they
17 would be happy to do it, and, you
18 know --

19 MR. MACKEY: And --

20 MR. PICHNEY: -- that process would
21 go really fast.

22 MR. MACKEY: And we've done it in
23 other places --

24 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

25 MR. MACKEY: -- and it's something

2 that we come across once we progress
3 planning further.

4 MR. PICHNEY: Right.

5 MR. MARTIN: (Indicating)

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Do we
7 have a motion?

8 Oh, you --

9 MR. MARTIN: Just a question to
10 know, is the university asking for this,
11 or is this from the legislative --

12 MR. MACKEY: This came down from --
13 from the legislature, and from a visual
14 of how many people -- and I think
15 Suffolk Transit had a -- you know, how
16 many people actually use that bus stop
17 and walk to the university. And when
18 gas -- I guess gas prices were high, a
19 lot of people -- more people were taking
20 public transportation. So it's a safe
21 way of getting them into the university
22 property.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Do we
24 have a motion?

25 MS. GROWNEY: I'll make a motion to

2 proceed with the project given that the
3 considerations from the historical
4 aspect is incorporated it.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
6 second?

7 MR. BAGG: Unlisted Neg Dec.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second?

9 MR. PICHNEY: (Indicating)

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a second
11 from Dan.

12 All in favor?

13 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

15 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. QUINN: You're welcome.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: CAC concerns.

20 MS. SQUIRES: Oh, I thank you for
21 distributing this (indicating). This is
22 the conference in November. It's in
23 Watkins Glen. This is the first time
24 it's been in November, for years we've
25 had it in October. It is on Seneca

2 Lake. It -- it has some good -- I
3 think, it has some good field trips. It
4 has, I think, an excellent schedule. If
5 you want to know more about it, you can
6 go on NYSACC's Web site, which is right
7 on the right-hand corner, and you'll
8 find more detail on the conference. And
9 it's three counties -- it's sponsored by
10 three. So that should be interesting.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Just to let
13 everyone know, it's a gorgeous area up
14 there. Beautiful for a weekend trip.

15 MS. GROWNEY: Which three counties?

16 MS. SQUIRES: It's Schuyler,
17 Steuben, and -- Schuyler, Steuben, and
18 Shamong, I think. I forget.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
20 motion to adjourn?

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion to
22 adjourn.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second?

24 MS. SPENCER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

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2 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Thank you.

4 (WHEREUPON, this meeting of the
5 Suffolk County Department of Planning
6 Council on Environmental Quality
7 adjourned at 11:56 a.m.)

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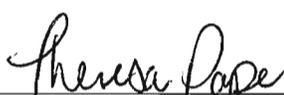
C E R T I F I C A T E

I, THERESA PAPE, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public of the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

That the foregoing is a true and accurate
transcription of the stenographic notes taken
herein.

I further certify that I am not related to
any of the parties to this action by blood or
marriage; and that I am in no way interested in the
outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this 16th day of September 2009.



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