

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Lawrence Swanson
Chairperson
CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: June 20, 2018

TIME: 9:30 am – 11:10 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Robert Carpenter Jr.

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Constance Kepert

Mary Ann Spencer

Andrea Spilka

ABSENT:

Frank De Rubeis

Michael Doall

Eva Growney

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Principal Clerk

GUESTS:

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Peter Scully, Deputy County Executive, Suffolk County
Ken Zegel, Associate Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Christine DeLisi, Legislative Aide, Suffolk County Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory
Diego De La Rocha, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Jeffrey Kannengieser, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

CEQ Chair, Larry Swanson welcomed the new CEQ member, Andrea Spilka, to the Council. Everyone introduced themselves and then Ms. Spilka gave an overview of her background and experience.

Minutes:

May 16, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the May 16, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

- Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Richard Martin noted that he and Nick Gibbons have been meeting with the Third House Nature Center organization at Third House at Montauk County Park. Mr.

Martin noted that the Third House Nature Center has re-established itself at Third House and is looking to get more involved in the historic interpretation of the site as well as the nature walks that they give throughout the Park. Suffolk County Parks Department is assisting in this effort. Mr. Martin noted that the Third House will now be open on the weekends to the public. In addition to accessing the nature trails, the public will be able to see exhibits and learn about the history of Third House. Mr. Martin discussed that this is a very positive development because the building had been closed to the public for about 10 years. Mr. Martin also noted that the Parks Department is working to get a fire sprinkler system installed so that the entire building can be opened for public assembly use.

- Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites:

Mr. Martin noted that Parks Department currently has two vacancies and are now waiting for appraisals to be completed by the Suffolk County Division of Real Estate. These properties were occupied for over ten years. After the new appraisals are complete the properties will be advertised for rental. The rentals are at the Meadow Croft Estate property in Sayville and at the Stemmler House in Robert Cushman Murphy County Park in Manorville.

During the Historic Trust portion of the meeting Mary Ann Spencer, Chair of the Historic Trust Committee, proposed that Allison McGovern be added as a new member to the Historic Trust Committee. Ms. Spencer noted that Ms. McGovern is an archeologist who will be able to assist the Historic Trust Committee. Ms. Spencer noted that Laurie Billadello, the current archeologist on the Historic Trust, has less time to give to the Historic Trust Committee and therefore the addition of Allison McGovern is needed. Mr. Martin noted that Ms. McGovern did a lot of archeological inventory work in Montauk for the Parks Department and that he also strongly recommends Ms. McGovern to the Historic Trust Committee. The Suffolk County Attorney, Maria Nida, clarified that the CEQ Bylaws state that the Chair of the CEQ can appoint members to the Historic Trust Committee. The Chair of the CEQ, Mr. Swanson, noted that if there are no objections by the CEQ members he would appoint Ms. McGovern to the Historic Trust Committee. The CEQ members had no objections and as a result Ms. McGovern was added to the Historic Trust Committee.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Acquisition of Land Under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum – Land Purchases for Open Space Preservation – for the East Moriches Nature Preserve – Donaldson Property, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation regarding the project was given at the meeting by Laretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, with the Suffolk County Department of

Economic Development and Planning. The project involves the acquisition of land by Suffolk County under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum and its transfer to the County Parks Department in order to assure it remain as open space for passive recreational use. The proposed acquisition is to be acquired in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven (70% Suffolk County and 30% Town of Brookhaven). The subject property is located south of Sunrise Highway and east of Eastport Manor Road in the hamlet of Eastport, and is identified by Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0200-593.00-03.00-007.001 and 0200-594.00-02.00-001.001.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kepert. Ms. Spilka recused. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

- A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to accept staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table – May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kepert. Hon. Hahn recused on Introductory Resolution 1485-2018 and Mr. Kaufman recused on Introductory Resolutions: 1424-2018, 1459-2018 and HR-02. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- Update on the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan and its Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

Ken Zegel, Associate Public Health Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, gave an update on the status of the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan and its Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned