

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: March 24, 2017

TIME: 9:03 am – 10:21 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Robert Carpenter Jr.

Frank De Rubeis

Michael Doall

Mary Ann Spencer

Hon. Al Krupski

Constance Kepert

ABSENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair

Eva Growney

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Michael Maraviglia, Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Law Department
Robyn Fellrath, Legislative Aide, Legislator Sarah Anker, District 6
Catherine Spark, Legislative Aide, Legislator Al Krupski, District 1

Note - Due to the absence of Lawrence Swanson, Chair of the CEQ, Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair of the CEQ, ran the March 24, 2017 meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes for the February 15, 2017 CEQ minutes were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter to approve February 15, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Mr. Kaufman abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin was not present at the meeting.

Mary Ann Spencer, Chair of the Historic Trust, informed the Council that the Suffolk County Parks Department has been working with a hired consultant on a comprehensive management plan for Hubbard County Park which includes the Smithers building complex and the Black Duck Lodge. Ms. Spencer noted that when the Plan is completed it will be presented to the CEQ and she would like the meeting to be held at Black Duck Lodge.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

A. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #1, Port Jefferson, Pump Station Force

Main, CP 8122, Village of Port Jefferson and Town of Brookhaven

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The project involves the rehabilitation of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 1 – Port Jefferson pumping station and connecting force main to handle the extreme flows that occur in this Sewer District during storm conditions. The project involves installing larger pumps at the main pump station located on Barnum Avenue in the Village of Port Jefferson and replacing the existing connecting 10 inch diameter force main with a large 16 inch diameter capacity line. It was noted that a portion of the proposed force main work will be in the vicinity of the Lawrence Aviation groundwater plume.

The Council had a discussion regarding the possibility that circumstances related to the environmental remediation of the Lawrence Aviation groundwater plume and the related regulatory requirements may result in significant changes to the described construction procedure on this project. To handle this the CEQ felt that a condition should be added to the Negative Declaration that specifies that if circumstances related to the environmental remediation of the Lawrence Aviation groundwater plume and the related regulatory requirements necessitate significant changes to the described project construction procedure that the project should be resubmitted to the CEQ/Suffolk County Legislature for an updated SEQRA review and an amended project SEQRA determination.

A motion was made by Mr. DeRubeis to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Conditional Negative Declaration (CND) that includes the condition that if circumstances related to the environmental remediation and the related regulatory requirements necessitate significant changes that may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (project applicant) shall re-submit the project to the CEQ/Suffolk County Legislature (project Lead Agency) for an updated SEQRA review and an amended project SEQRA determination. The motion was seconded by Hon. Krupski. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #5, Strathmore Huntington, Lagoon Remediation, CP 8115, Town of Huntington.

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The project involves the environmental remediation of the abandoned lagoon on the site of the Sewer District No. 5 – Strathmore Huntington Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposed project will be coordinated with NYSDEC and include an approved NYSDEC work plan and endpoint sampling program.

The Council had a discussion regarding the possibility that circumstances related to the environmental remediation of the abandoned lagoon and the related

regulatory requirements may result in significant changes to the described construction procedure for this project. To handle this the CEQ felt that a condition should be added to the Negative Declaration that specifies that if circumstances related to the environmental remediation of the abandoned lagoon and the related regulatory requirements necessitate significant changes to the described project construction procedure that the project should be resubmitted to the CEQ/Suffolk County Legislature for an updated SEQRA review and an amended project SEQRA determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepert to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Conditional Negative Declaration (CND) that includes the condition that if circumstances related to the environmental remediation and the related regulatory requirements necessitate significant changes that may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (project applicant) shall re-submit the project to the CEQ/Suffolk County Legislature (project Lead Agency) for an updated SEQRA review and an amended project SEQRA determination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doall. Motion carried.

Taken out of Order

- C. Proposed Acquisition of Land Under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program – Open Space Component – Cordwood Landing Addition – Baisch Properties, 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 5.43 acres of land by Suffolk County under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program and its dedication to the Suffolk County Parks Department in order to assure it remains in open space for passive recreational use. The subject property is located in the hamlet of Miller Place in the Town of Brookhaven and is to be acquired in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven (70% Suffolk County and 30% Town of Brookhaven).

A motion was made by Mr. DeRubeis to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Motion carried.

- D. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #6, Kings Park, Rerouting and Pump Station Expansion, CP 8144, Town of Smithtown.

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The intent of the project is to minimize the responsibilities of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 6 – Kings Park for the operation and maintenance of the sewer system on the Kings Park Psychiatric Center site and to provide more efficient conveyance of sewage from

the existing service area to the wastewater treatment facility. The proposed project involves rerouting the major sewer connection system sewer lines on the Kings Park Psychiatric Center property and on St. Johnland Nursing Home property to a new sewer line located within the roadways of Old Dock Road, St. Johnland Road and an existing pumping station site. The proposed rerouting of the sewer lines will require approximately 2,000 feet of gravity sewer line and 3,000 feet of force main along with the expansion of an existing pump station near the intersection of Dock Road and St. Johnland Road.

A motion was made by Mr. DeRubeis to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Hon. Krupski. Motion carried.

- E. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer District #20, William Floyd, Improvement and Expansion, CP 8148, Town of Brookhaven.

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The project is to abandon Suffolk County Sewer District #20's Ridgehaven Estates Sewage Treatment Plant which is nearing the end of its useful life and construct a pumping station and force main to transport the wastewater approximately a half a mile away to the Leisure Village Sewage Treatment plant which is the other Sewage Treatment Plant in Sewer District # 20, for treatment. The project also involves the expansion of the Leisure Village Sewage Treatment plant to accommodate the wastewater that was previously being treated by the Ridgehaven Estates Sewage Treatment Plan.

A motion was made by The Hon. Legis. Krupski to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doall. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table March 7, 2017

Mr. Freleng noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the March 7, 2017 LADS reports.

Mr. Freleng also noted that IR 1144-2017 and IR 1191-2017 are both resolutions related to the adoption of the scope for the DGEIS for the Suffolk County Subwatershed Management Plan. Mr. Freleng noted that IR 1191-2017 includes the updated scope which contains the CEQ recommendations whereas IR 1144-2017 was the original resolution put in by the Heath Department and does not include the updated scoping document. Therefore, it is the CEQ staff

recommendation that IR 1144-2017 be withdrawn and the scope be adopted with IR 1191-2017.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the March 7, 2017 Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kepert. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mr. Kaufman made an announcement that the CEQ members are invited to a demonstration installation of an innovative alternative septic system. This installation demonstration will be held today (March 24, 2017) between 1 and 3 PM.

CAC Concerns:

Meeting Adjourned