

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: April 16, 2014

TIME: 9:45 am to 11:25 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Eva Growney

Michael Kaufman

Mary Ann Spencer

Hon. Kara Hahn

ABSENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Thomas Gulbransen

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Frank Castelli, Environmental Project Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Water Quality

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, Legislative District 5

Erik Bergey, Sr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Paul TeNyenhuis, District Manager, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Victor Keneiby, Associate Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Richard Geiger, SB Bowne, Consultant

Carolyn Sukowski, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Emerson Hasbrouck, Marine Program Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Lorne Brousseau, Research Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Rich Zapolski, Commissioner of Planning, Town of Islip

Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

Vice-Chairman Bagg revised the meeting agenda so that the CEQ could take the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program Annual Report 2014 out of order and consider it at the beginning of the meeting.

Other Business: (Taken Out of Order)

Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program Annual Report 2014

A presentation was given by Mr. Hasbrouck on the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program. The annual report can be found at www.SuffolkStormwater.com. Comments can also be sent to Lorne Brousseau at lb66@cornell.edu.

Minutes:

Minutes for the March 19, 2014 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion carried. Ms. Growney, Legislator Hahn and Mr. Kaufman abstained from voting.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

There were no general public comments offered to the CEQ

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**
Mr. Martin stated that all available County housing units are currently occupied.
- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin's update noted that there has been no change in the status of custodial agreements.
- Mr. Martin stated that a Request for Proposal for the restoration of Homan House in Yaphank was sent out on April 14, 2014. Mr. Martin noted that the County has been working on the stabilization of the Homan House for a number of years and he would like to get additional funds this year so that restoration of the house can continue to move forward.
- Mr. Martin noted that a Request for Proposal for the Hubbard County Park Master Plan Request also has been sent out. Mr. Gibbons, who is working with Mr. Martin on the Master Plan, stated that Parks had an on-site meeting with the prospective consultants. Mr. Gibbons noted some of the very unique opportunities that exist at Hubbard County Park which will need to be considered as part of the Master Plan. The next step will be an assessment of the received proposals. Parks will update the CEQ after a consultant is selected.
- Mr. Martin also noted that the Yaphank Historic Society is receiving an Organizational Excellence award from the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities. The awards ceremony is on Sunday April 27, 2014 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Topping Rose House 1 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton, NY.

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Roadway, Safety and Capacity Improvements to CR13, Crooked Hill Road, Towns of Islip and Smithtown

Victor Keneiby, Project Manager, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Rich Geiger, P.E. Bowne AE&T Group, gave a presentation regarding the proposed project. The project involves highway, drainage, traffic signalization and safety improvements to CR13, Crooked Hill Road, from the vicinity of CR106, Community College Drive, to the vicinity of the North Service Road of the Long Island Expressway, a total distance of approximately 1.4 miles. These improvements include pavement widening and realignment, full reconstruction of existing pavement, full curb installation on both sides of CR13, sidewalk installation along most portions of the corridor, and the installation of

new positive storm drainage systems. The realignment and widening of CR13 requires land acquisitions on both sides of CR13.

After much discussion regarding the details of the project it was determined by the CEQ that more information was required. Mr. Freleng, Chief Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, offered a suggestion to do an expanded Part 3 on the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) rather than recommending doing a full Environmental Impact Statement. The CEQ agreed with Mr. Freleng and the CEQ decided to table the project so that an expanded EAF Part 3 section could be completed. The CEQ stated that the following additional information should be included in the expanded Part 3 section of the EAF:

- Information regarding Suffolk County's Complete Streets adopted policy and its applicability to this project.
- Additional information on the possibility of adding a bike lane to the proposed project. This information should include but not be limited to information on the project right-of-way dimensions, constraints, and required acquisitions.
- Information on whether bike lanes are planned for the Heartland Town Square Project.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to Table the proposed project pending the preparation of an expanded EAF Part 3. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table March 18, 2014

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the LADS report. Mr. Corral also noted that IR 1294-2014 is the acquisition resolution for the Boyle Road property which the CEQ had recently reviewed.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the March 18, 2014 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires requested a presentation on Suffolk County's "Complete Streets" Legislation at the next CEQ meeting.

Ms. Spencer requested that the May 21st CEQ meeting be held at the Smithers Property in Hubbard County Park. Legislator Hahn requested changing the meeting time to 10 a.m. All CEQ members agreed to the location and time change for the May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned