

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: February 20, 2013

TIME: 9:50 pm to 11:20

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

James Bagg, Vice-Chair
Hon. Kara Hahn
Michael Kaufman
Richard Machtay
Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Eva Growney
Thomas Gulbransen
Dan Pichney
Gloria Russo, Chair
Larry Swanson

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None Present

STAFF:

Peter Scully Jr., Assistant County Attorney
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Sarah Lansdale, Director, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Lawrence M. Feeley Jr., Architect, BBS Architects
Steven Jones, Executive Director, Long Island Maritime Museum
Joel Snodgrass, Principal, Steward Preservation Services LLC
Kim Tucker, Legislative Aide, 6th Legislative District

MINUTES:

Minutes were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the January 16, 2013 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

1. Housing Program:
 - No new updates to the housing program.
2. Custodial Agreements:
 - No new updates/status quo. The County is still working on a few agreements to get them to signature.
3. Proposed LI Maritime Museum Surface Water Transportation Center (Boathouse)

The marine railway was reviewed as part of the conceptual plan for the LIMM site in 2002 and approved by CEQ. Since that time, the need for a boathouse for the restoration of LIMM's historic boats has become more apparent. In 2005 LIMM amended the conceptual plan to add the boathouse. The CEQ and the Legislature approved the concept of the boathouse at that time. Today there is a full set of plans for review and comment. Mr. Steve Jones, the Executive Director of the Long Island Maritime Museum, and Lawrence Feeley, Architect with BBS Architects, gave a brief history of the location, the need for the boathouse, and the details of the project. Mr. Jones also explained the grant LIMM received towards the cost of this project. Ms. Spencer noted that she felt the design was more modern than it should be. That if you were to look at old boathouse's they were of a very simple design. The more modern design relates more to the visitor aspect. Mr. Jones noted that historically boathouses weren't designed to have walkways and decks they were originally meant as work areas. The project is fully funded by the County and would be largely reimbursed by a New York Department of Transportation Grant. The County is providing all the money upfront. The County and LIMM are both providing \$63,000 in additional matching funds for a total project amount of \$630,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman. Mr. Bagg noted that the design and application have been approved by NYSDEC and other agencies involved and that the County as Lead agency issued a determination of non-significance as of the May 24th, 2005 CEQ resolution. The Historic Trust approves the design and application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Ms. Spencer opposed the motion. Motion carried.

4. Proposed LI Maritime Museum Entry Doors

Mr. Martin reported that the Main Entry Doors to the Museum were included in the 2002 conceptual plans for the Maritime Museum. The original doors were actually for a garage. The building was constructed in the 1920's as a garage for the estate and had two large wood panel doors. The building was not originally a carriage house. There is a need to provide a larger entry so L IMM can move historic boats and other items in and out of the building for exhibits. The existing doors are just standard doors installed a number of years ago. Mr. Jones gave a background of the project funding. The money is coming from the State Dormitory Authority because it was a member item from 2006 and was assigned to the Dormitory Authority. Mr. Jones worked with the Dormitory Authority to repurpose the 2006 grant for this project because L IMM wanted to improve handicap access to the Museum and the energy efficiency of the doors. L IMM also wanted to take advantage of the fact that the original flooring inside the building is heavy ceramic tile that could absorb passive solar heat through a door with glass windows. Mr. Jones noted that everyone at L IMM agreed that the main entrance needed to be spruced up because it is the main entrance and really the face of the Museum. The main obstacle in redesigning the door was that L IMM wanted to have the option of moving large vessels in and out of the front exhibit hall.

Mr. Martin introduced Joel Snodgrass from Steward Preservation Services, who had worked on the design of the doors with BBS Architects. Mr. Martin noted that Parks has essentially approved the project as part of the 2002 conceptual plan. L IMM didn't have the exact design in 2002, but the need to install large doors was part of the conceptual plan approved by the Department and CEQ in 2002. SEQRA requirements with respect to the conceptual plan were completed in 2002. Mr. Bagg stated that, for all intents and purposes, SEQRA is complete.

Ms. Spencer made a motion to approve the design solution for the door replacement. Ms. Growney seconded. Mr. Bagg noted again that the County acted as lead agency when SEQRA was completed in 2002. Motion carried.

5. Proposed Timber Point Club House Renovations for Office/Public Assembly Use

Mr. Martin gave background on the two projects up for review at the Timber Point Club House. The projects are the stair tower and new windows and doors for the south wall of the dining room. The projects were originally part of Suffolk County's upgrade of the building. Three phases of work were done but the final phase was not fully funded. New York State Building Code and Suffolk County Department of Public Works require an additional staircase to bring the building fully to code for access and use of second floor's east wing. Right now the east wing is closed to office and public use. These two projects were not funded by the County when Suffolk County Parks advertised for new a caterer in 2013. The County added the stair tower project to the capital improvements

required by the new concessionaire. The windows were not required in the contract but there was previous agreement that the windows should be replaced. Lessing's Caterers is contractually required to build the stair tower as part of their capital improvements to the site. The Council reviewed the photographs and concepts presented for the stair tower and windows. Mr. Feeley from BBS Architects explained the improvements.

Mr. Kaufman noted that the Council was concerned about the historic integrity of the building, that further consideration should be given to adding more windows to the proposed stair tower, and that the project design should be revisited.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to table the project for the preparation a stair tower design revision that includes more windows. Seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

PROJECT REVIEW:

Recommended Type II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table for February 5, 2013.

Mr. Kaufman noted I.R. 1083-2013, which makes a SEQRA determination for the Coastal Shellfish Restoration Program. Mr. Kaufman called up Brookhaven Planning to inquire whether the Town had completed SEQRA for the Shellfish Restoration Program. Mr. Kaufman had not heard back from the Town of Brookhaven. Mr. Bagg noted that it was an unlisted action and that the Council does not have to rely on the Town. It is up to the Council to complete SEQRA and the matter can proceed at the County level before going to the Town.

Mr. Scully drew the Council's attention to I.R. 1035-2013. He had inadvertently left out the SEQRA classification. It is a recommended Type II action under 6 NYCRR 617.5c (20) and (27).

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented and amended for the February 5, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

Proposed Timber Point Club House Renovations for Office/Public Assembly Use

Mr. Martin reminded the Council that we still had the windows for the dining room at the Timber Point Club House. They would like to get going on the project and would like the Council's recommendations. Mr. Feeley from BBS Architects gave a presentation on the current dining room windows and the replacement design. Mr. Martin noted that the replacement would bring back the multi-pane design that was originally there and would improve the design of the door.

Ms. Growney made a motion to approve. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bagg noted that there is a Newsday Editorial Opinion by Larry Swanson entitled "Surge Protector" in members' folders.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC PORTION:

No comments were presented at this time.

CAC CONCERS:

None

Meeting Adjourned.