

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: January 15, 2020

TIME: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Hon. Kara Hahn

Frank De Rubeis

Thomas Gulbransen

Mary Ann Spencer

Andrea Spilka

ABSENT:

Robert Carpenter Jr.

Michael Doall

Constance Kepert

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Environmental Projects Coordinator

Christine DeSalvo, Principal Office Assistant

GUESTS:

Peter Scully, Deputy County Executive, Suffolk County

Dorian Dale, Economic Development Sustainability Director, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Ken Zegal, Associate Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Ecology

Anthony Caniano, Associate Hydrogeologist, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Ecology

August Ruckdeschel, Farmland Administrator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Christina DeLisi, Suffolk County Legislative Aide for Suffolk County Presiding Officer

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

Minutes:

- December 11, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mr. Corral, staff to the CEQ, noted that no correspondence was received this month.

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin, Director of Suffolk County Historic Services, was not present so there was no Director's report given.

Mr. Swanson asked Mary Ann Spencer to mention to Mr. Martin that there are some broken signs in Nora Bredes Preserve portion of Forsythe Meadow County Park that need to be replaced.

Mr. Gulbransen also noted that he recently observed an old barn that is not being maintained. The barn is located down Hollow Road off Cedar Street and is near or possibly within Forsythe Meadow County Park. Mr. Gulbransen recommended to Ms. Spencer that this barn be checked out and hopefully saved.

Project Review:

Recommended Type I Actions/Unlisted Actions:

None

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table December 17, 2019 and January 2, 2020.

Mr. Corral noted that CEQ staff reviewed the resolutions on the two LADS reports and didn't note any SEQRA issues.

Mr. Gulbransen had a question regarding IR 1017 – 2019 - Updating the Boundary of the “Narrow Bay Floodplain Protection and Hazard Mitigation Plan” and asked if this is an update to the boundary area. Mr. Corral noted that this resolution authorizes an update to an older Study that was completed by the Suffolk County Planning Department. Mr. Corral noted that this resolution requests that the Study be updated based on the new Flood Zone boundaries. Mr. Corral also noted that under SEQRA, a study that does not commit the County to an action is a Type II action.

Mr. Kaufman asked about IR 1056 – 2019 - Establishing a Coindre Hall Advisory Board. Mr. Corral noted that staff reviewed this resolution and noted that the resolution creates an advisory board to assist with the revitalization of the Coindre Hall property. Mr. Corral noted that he reviewed the resolution and the resolution does not authorize any changes to the property but that he will make sure that Richard Martin is aware of the resolution. Ms. Spencer also noted that she will follow up with Mr. Martin on this proposed advisory group.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept the staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table December 17, 2019 and January 2, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spilka. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

No CAC concerns or comments were raised.

Other Business:

- Election of Officers

Mr. Swanson said that he felt it was time to have a new Chair for the CEQ and that will not be running again for Chair or Vice Chair.

Ms. Spencer made a motion to nominate Tom Gulbransen as Chair of the CEQ and Michael Kaufman as Vice Chairman of the CEQ. The motion was seconded by Ms.

Spilka. Motion carried.

- Update on Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan and the Preparation of the Final Generic Environmental Impact Study.

Ken Zegel and Anthony Caniano with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services provided a presentation regarding how the Suffolk County Department of Health Services organized and then responded to the received public comments on the DGEIS. The presentation included the proposed CEQ review schedule for the FGEIS and the Findings Statement. The Suffolk County Department of Health Services also provided the CEQ with two documents: the working draft of the FGEIS Response to Public Comments document and the proposed CEQ review schedule for the FGEIS and the Findings Statement.

After the presentation, the CEQ discussed the CEQ subcommittee/working group meetings that will be set up to review the FGEIS and Findings Statement. It was noted that these working groups will be weekly and will be open to the public. CEQ staff noted that formal public notice posting for these working group meetings will be done on the CEQ's webpage. It was decided that these weekly meetings will be on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am with the exception of the February 13th meeting which will be held on a Thursday due to the County being closed for Lincoln's Birthday on February 12th. It was noted that the January 22, 2020 CEQ working group meeting will be held on the 11th Floor of the H Lee Dennison Building in the Executive Conference room and all the other working group meetings will be held in the normal CEQ meeting location on the 2nd Floor for the H Lee Dennison Building.

The regular CEQ Meeting Adjourned