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3 **ENVIRONMENT, PARKS & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**  
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5 **OF THE**  
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7 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
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9 **MINUTES**

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12 A meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee of the  
13 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa  
14 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature  
15 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on  
16 February 22, 2021.  
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19 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

20 Leg. Kara Hahn, Chairperson  
21 Leg. Al Krupski, Vice Chair  
22 Leg. Sarah S. Anker  
23 Leg. Bridget Fleming  
24 Leg. Leslie Kennedy  
25 Leg. Anthony Piccirillo  
26 Leg. Nicholas Caracappa  
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29 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

30 Presiding Officer Robert Calarco, 7th Legislative District  
31 Leg. Thomas Cilmi, 10th Legislative District  
32 Sarah E. Simpson, Counsel to the Legislature  
33 Dan Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature  
34 Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office  
35 Jason D. Smagin, Commissioner of Parks  
36 Nicole Amendola, Intergovernmental Affairs, CE  
37 Sarah Lansdale, Director/Department of Planning  
38 Robert Braun, Deputy Bureau Chief/County Attorney's Office  
39 August Ruckdeschel, Farm Admin  
40 Susan Filipowitch, Planning  
41 Thomas Ralicky, Planning  
42 John F. Betsch, appointee/Parks Trustee  
43 Mark P. Haubner, appointee/CEQ  
44 Josh Halsey  
45 Robert Carpenter  
46 Chuck Westfall  
47 Adam Younes  
48 Steven Schnee  
49 Elizabeth Peeples  
50 Stephanie Bassett  
51 Karen Rivara  
52 Jason Masters  
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54 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

55 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer  
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1 THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:06 AM

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3 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

4 Welcome everyone to the Legislature's Environment, Parks and  
5 Agriculture Committee. If we could all rise for a salute to the  
6 flag led by Legislator Anker.

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8 **SALUTATION**

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10:06AM 10 Thank you. Okay, so as per our last several meetings, in-person  
11 public comments will not be permitted during this meeting. Those  
12 interested in addressing Legislators may do so over Zoom by signing  
13 up at [www.scnylegislature.us/committeepublicportion](http://www.scnylegislature.us/committeepublicportion). Speakers will  
14 be limited to three minutes. Members of the public may also send  
15 in written testimony by e-mail to  
16 [clerk.legislature@suffolkcounty.gov](mailto:clerk.legislature@suffolkcounty.gov) or by regular mail to the  
17 attention of the Clerk's Office at the Suffolk County Legislature,  
18 PO Box 6100, Hauppauge, New York 11788.

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10:07AM 20 During these difficult times of the pandemic, we also allow audio  
21 testimony by voicemail. If you call (631) 853-3685, callers may  
22 leave a three-minute message and submitted comments will be  
23 distributed to Legislators. We did receive two that were  
24 distributed, Kimberly Turner regarding SCAT and Andrew Garvey  
25 regarding SCALP. They have been distributed to the Legislators on  
26 this Committee.

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28 **PUBLIC PORTION**

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10:07AM 30 Okay. We are going to move along to Appointment Resolutions. And  
31 our first Appointment Resolution is Introductory Resolution 10 --  
32 oh, wait. Public portion. I apologize. I read all that and I  
33 just decided to skip the speakers. I apologize. Okay, so the  
34 first speaker that we have is Josh Halsey. Hi, Josh, how are you  
35 today?

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37 **MR. HALSEY:**  
38 I'm great. How are you?

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40 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
41 Excellent. Okay. You are going to have three minutes. And I will  
42 set a timer and --

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44 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
45 I have the clock here, Legislator.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
48 You do have the clock.

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50 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
51 I do. I can work the clock.

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53 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
54 The Presiding Officer will keep the time for you, Josh. So, you  
55 can begin now. Thank you.

1 **MR. HALSEY:**

2 Thank you so much. Good morning, Suffolk County Legislature. My  
3 name is Josh Halsey and I am speaking on behalf of the Peconic Land  
4 Trust. As a conservation non-profit operating throughout the East  
5 End of Long Island to protect our land and water resources and the  
6 surrounding communities, we support heritage industries such as  
7 aquaculture. There's an important component to the aquacultural  
8 community and supplies us with fresh local food.

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10 The Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Program ensures growers have  
11 access to the Peconics so critical to their livelihoods. This  
12 fulfills a crucial role that also leads to additional jobs,  
13 supports multiple sectors and sustains a strong eco-tourism  
14 culture. We all know that growing shellfish in our waters results  
15 in environmental benefits to water quality. Oysters from scallop  
16 farms help remove excess nitrogen and carbon from the estuary.  
17 This is a necessary component to other nutrient mitigation measures  
18 and allows us to be resilient in facing climatic factors moving  
19 into the future.

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21 For these reasons, the Trust opposes any additional restrictions on  
22 cultivation equipment and on the growers themselves. Please  
23 consider this because otherwise the program itself would be  
24 jeopardized. Thank you. We look forward to another ten years of  
25 this viable program.

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27 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

28 Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Rob Carpenter.

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30 **P.O. CALARCO:**

31 I think we lost him.

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33 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

34 He was there earlier. So, we will come back to him. We will come  
35 back to Rob. He was there earlier. Next is Chuck Westfall. Okay.  
36 Chuck, hi. You have three minutes and welcome.

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38 **MR. WESTFALL:**

39 Okay.

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41 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

42 Begin when you are ready.

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44 **MR. WESTFALL:**

45 All right. Am I on the air, hello?

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47 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

48 Yes, go ahead, Chuck.

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50 **MR. WESTFALL:**

51 Thank you.

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53 **P.O. CALARCO:**

54 Mr. Westfall, you gotta turn off your live stream. I can hear the  
55 echo.

1 **MR. WESTFALL:**

2 Can you? Okay, let me try to do that.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

5 And any other speakers who are waiting here, please make sure your  
6 live stream is turned off. Otherwise we'll hear that in the  
7 background and it'll echo.

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9 **MR. WESTFALL:**

10 Okay, I believe I have done that. Is that better?

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12 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

13 Sounds like it to me.

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15 **MR. WESTFALL:**

16 Okay. Anyway, I want to thank you all very much. I know this has  
17 been arduous for myself and others and for people of the  
18 Legislature also. So, thank you for hanging in so long. We  
19 appreciate all the efforts that you've made.

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21 I just want to not reiterate some of the facts that we've said so  
22 many times, but to point out that this -- to kind of congratulate  
23 both the Legislature and the Administration. My observation of  
24 this program is government working at its very best. You basically  
25 have opened up an economic opportunity for a great number of people  
26 and at the same time doing an environmental lift that couldn't be  
27 done otherwise. So I just -- I just want to say thank you for this  
28 opportunity for myself and other farmers. We appreciate your vote.  
29 I'm going to be -- I'm going to call it a day at that. Thank you.

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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

32 Well, thank you, Chuck. Thank you for all your work. We're going  
33 to go back to Rob Carpenter because we accidently dropped him or  
34 something earlier.

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36 **MR. CARPENTER:**

37 That's okay. It think it was on my end. I'm having technology  
38 trouble here today.

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40 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

41 Okay, so you have three minutes. The know the drill, Rob.

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43 **MR. CARPENTER:**

44 Thank you so much. I won't take the three minutes. I'm actually  
45 here to speak on two separate topics, the first being in support of  
46 the SCALP program IR 1981. You've heard all my comments, all the  
47 testimony from previous so I'm not going to bore you with that.  
48 I'd just like to say this is a great program. I would thank you in  
49 advance for your support of agriculture and aquaculture on Long  
50 Island and we hope we can count on you to pass this and move it  
51 forward to continue the great job that's being done by our growers  
52 not only to create jobs and economic incentives, but also  
53 environmental concerns. And thank you again for that.

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55 The second thing I'm here to speak about today is the appointments  
56 for Legislator Calarco and Legislator Krupski to the Soil and Water

1 Board. I would just like to comment that both have been tremendous  
2 assets to the Soil and Water Board and I hope that you'll support  
3 them in their continued efforts. And I just wanted to recognize  
4 both of them for their great work that they've been doing on behalf  
5 of the residents and agricultural people of the County. Thank you  
6 very much.

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

9 Thanks, Rob. We know how controversial those two appointments are  
10 so we appreciate you weighing in. (Laughter)

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12 **MR. CARPENTER:**

13 Thank you.

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15 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

16 Thanks for all you do. Okay, next we have Adam Younes. Hope I  
17 said that correctly. Hello.

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19 **MR. YOUNES:**

20 You were pretty close. It's Younes, but that's okay.

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22 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

23 Okay. Three minutes you got, Adam. Welcome.

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25 **MR. YOUNES:**

26 Thank you. I appreciate it. I can actually say these are all  
27 familiar faces now at this point over the last two-and-a-half years  
28 of talking to you guys off and on. And hopefully this will be one  
29 of the last ones in this type of scenario. But, you know, I'd like  
30 to just thank Josh for his comments earlier and all of the  
31 Legislators throughout this process. Tom, thank you very much;  
32 Bridget, Al through this whole, you know, two-and-a-half years.

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34 You know, I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to  
35 actually be able to do exactly what I want and do something that's  
36 beneficial to the environment. So I thank you guys for that, you  
37 know. This SCALP has been a huge boost for, I think, the local  
38 economy, myself included, but all the people I buy equipment from.  
39 And so they thank you as well even though they don't come to these  
40 meetings.

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42 You know, like Rob said, I think, you know, at this point we're all  
43 itching to have this resolution pass so that we can continue with  
44 our businesses without having this over our shoulders all of the  
45 time. And I know with the new legislation or the new rules coming  
46 in that the Legislators from the First and Second District will  
47 have the opportunity to put in representatives to the board. And I  
48 hope that they choose wisely with those individuals, perhaps from  
49 the shellfish industry.

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51 But, again, I just want to thank you guys because I know it's been  
52 a long haul but it's been worth it because this is a really, really  
53 important program and you guys should all pat yourselves on the  
54 back for creating it in the first place. So, thank you for that.  
55 My family and I appreciate it. That's it.

1 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
2 Okay. Thank you very much, Adam.

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4 **MR. YOUNES:**  
5 Appreciate it.

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7 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
8 We appreciate your comments and all of your participation and what  
9 you're doing to better the economy and the environment. Thank you.  
10 Our next speaker is Steven Schnee.

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12 **MR. SCHNEE:**  
13 Very good. It's Steven Schnee and I have Founders Oyster Farm in  
14 Southold. I, too, want to thank the Legislature -- all the  
15 Legislators who have worked so tirelessly on this project for  
16 two-and-a-half years. You've heard all the voices and you've done  
17 a remarkable job at listening to all the voices in this process.  
18 I think as Legislators, you should be proud of the work you've  
19 done.

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21 This whole program has been an incredible success for the  
22 environment and for the economy. It's created jobs throughout all  
23 of Suffolk County. Again, thank you, and please pass this  
24 resolution without delay. Thanks very much.

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26 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
27 Thank you very much, Steven. Next we have Elizabeth Peeples.  
28 Someone needs to turn off their live stream. I'm not sure if that  
29 is yours, Elizabeth, or not but is your live stream on? No, okay.  
30 Okay, Elizabeth, welcome. You have three minutes.

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32 **MS. PEEPLES:**  
33 Great. Thank you so much. My name is Elizabeth Peeples. I'm a  
34 co-owner of Little Ram Oyster Company and I just wanted to start  
35 off and say thank you to everyone, thank you to the Suffolk County  
36 Legislators, thank you to the farmers, thank you to all of the  
37 other supporters that we have felt as oyster growers and members of  
38 this very important program.

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40 I will keep this brief today, but the main reason that I have  
41 called in is to express the support of the 1981 and ask that this  
42 be passed. You know, I think we all have been very, very involved  
43 with this for the past two-and-a-half years. As Adam said, it's  
44 nice to see some familiar faces. We're getting to -- relatively  
45 newer growers, we're getting to know everyone very well through  
46 this process. And, you know, obviously there have been expressions  
47 from all sides, all user groups. And I think at the very end of  
48 the day, the most important thing is that not only is there an  
49 economic benefit by revitalizing this important historical industry  
50 on the East End of Long Island, but most importantly it is  
51 incredibly beneficial for the environment. And, you know, to be a  
52 part of a program, an industry in a community that puts so much  
53 importance on the environment, is incredibly rewarding. And, you  
54 know, throughout all of the conversations and all of the comments  
55 heard, I think it comes down to one thing and that is the  
56 environment.

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2 So, thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to  
3 hearing that all of this passes, moves forward and we look forward  
4 to the future. Thank you very much.

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6 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

7 Thank you very much, Elizabeth. Okay. Our next speaker Stephanie  
8 Bassett.

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10 **MS. BASSETT:**

11 All right. I'm in a different room than Elizabeth because we live  
12 together and we're married, but we worked it out. First of all,  
13 thank you, like everyone's saying, these are familiar faces. And  
14 it's bizarre because we basically got into this about  
15 three-and-a-half, four years ago. And the last thing I thought  
16 would happen is over the course of the two-and-a-half years sitting  
17 on Zoom meetings through a pandemic, getting to know you guys, but  
18 it's been wonderful; it's been a learning process; it's been nerve  
19 wracking. It's not something we're used to getting into, but I  
20 want to thank you guys.

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22 This program's amazing. I'm talking about the same program that  
23 all the farmers are. I'm grateful to be a part of it and I'm  
24 grateful for the opportunity for my future to be on the water and  
25 helping the environment. So, I just -- you know, I'm not going to  
26 repeat everything that everyone has said, I just ask that you --  
27 that you push it forward so that we can get back to farming on a  
28 day-to-day basis and expanding or businesses and expanding the  
29 growth of this program and helping it grow and helping it become a  
30 better program in the long run. So, thank you. That's it.

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32 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

33 Thank you. Thank you for your participation in the program and the  
34 dozens if not hundreds of hours of Zoom.

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36 **MS. BASSETT:**

37 I'm happy to be a part of it.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

40 And public meetings. Thank you, Stephanie. Next we have Karen  
41 Rivara. Karen, oh, yes, excellent.

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43 **MS. RIVARA:**

44 I think I'm un-muted now. Can you hear me?

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46 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

47 Yes.

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49 **MS. RIVARA:**

50 Okay, great.

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52 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

53 We can hear you. Welcome.

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55 **MS. RIVARA:**

56 Thank you, thank you. I just apologize for not having video and I

1 clicked on the wrong button when I joined. But I just want to  
2 sincerely thank the Legislature for their support of this program,  
3 the work that you've done during the ten-year review process. It's  
4 been a lot of work. And we as farmers really appreciate it and I  
5 do particularly as I was on the original committee ten years ago to  
6 develop the program. And I'm just really happy to see it move  
7 forward.

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9 I think that Suffolk County should be very proud of this program in  
10 that it has provided an opportunity for us as farmers, as shellfish  
11 farmers, and the County to be leaders in the process of really  
12 doing work that will heal the damage to the planet that we as  
13 humans have done growing kelp, growing -- potentially growing kelp  
14 and then also the growth of our shellfish is, you know, as you  
15 know, has an environmental benefit.

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17 So I just want to thank you for the opportunity to do that and  
18 encourage you to pass resolution 1981 and the renewal of the  
19 Aquaculture Lease Program. And, again, thank you very, very much.  
20 Have a great day.

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22 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

23 Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you for all you do.

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25 **MS. RIVARA:**

26 You're welcome.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

29 Okay. Next we have Jason Masters. Hi, Jason. Welcome.

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31 **MR. MASTERS:**

32 Hi. Can everyone hear me?

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34 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

35 You have three minutes to address the Committee. Yes.

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37 **MR. MASTERS:**

38 Great. I just wanted to echo the sentiments that are being spoken  
39 of here. This program really is a step forward towards working  
40 more along the lines with the environment than just off the  
41 environment. So I really want to commend the legislation with the  
42 additions that they've made. It looks like a much stronger  
43 document now for everyone that's involved in. I can't imagine the  
44 number of hours that you folks have put into this. So thank you  
45 very much. I just want to hopefully move forward with this now.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

48 Thank you, Jason. Thank you.

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50 **APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS**

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52 Okay. Those were our speakers for today. Like I said, we also had  
53 two other testimonies submitted to the Legislators via e-mail. And  
54 so we can close the public portion and move onto appointment  
55 resolutions. **Introductory Resolution 1006, Reappointing Clara M.**  
56 **Macri as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum**



1 **Commission (Trustee No. 3). (Anker).**

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3 **LEG. ANKER:**

4 Motion to approve.

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6 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

7 Motion by Legislator Anker; seconded by myself. You know, this is  
8 a reappointment resolution so she didn't need to be here. And I  
9 don't think she is. So, we have a motion and a second. All those  
10 in favor? Opposed?

10:26AM

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12 **P.O. CALARCO:**

13 You gotta do roll call.

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15 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

16 Thank you. We've only been doing this for ten months. Roll call.

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18 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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20 **LEG. ANKER:**

21 Yes.

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23 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

24 Yes.

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26 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

27 Yes.

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29 **LEG. FLEMING:**

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32 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

33 Yes.

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35 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

36 Yes.

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38 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

39 Yes.

10:26AM

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41 **P.O. CALARCO:**

42 Yes.

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44 **MR. DUBOIS:**

45 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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47 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

48 Thank you. Introductory Resolution 1006 is approved. Introductory  
49 resolution 1011, Reappointing Robert Calarco as a member of the  
50 Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District. (Hahn). I'll  
51 make a motion.

10:27AM

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53 **LEG. ANKER:**

54 Second.

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1 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
2 Seconded by Legislator Anker.

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4 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
5 On the motion:

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7 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
8 On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

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10 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
11 I just want to note, you know, we were lighthearted a minute ago  
12 about when Rob Carpenter talked about this -- these two  
13 appointments. But truthfully, you know, all of us are pulled in  
14 some many different directions. This is a time-consuming, very  
15 important, very un -- you know, fancy or glamorous appointment.  
16 And I just want to take a minute to thank both Legislator Krupski  
17 and our Presiding Officer Legislator Calarco for putting the work  
18 in. The quality of our soil and water is one of the things that  
19 makes Suffolk County what it is and, you know, I just appreciate  
10:28AM 20 the two of them taking the time to protect and defend it.

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22 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
23 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Let me just say in response, they  
24 do important work, especially for our farmers on the East End to  
25 make sure that they have the resources they need and have the  
26 expertise they need. But I'll tell you a funny story. My  
27 grandfather was a farmer and he served on the Soil and Water Board  
28 back home. So when my mother found out I was on the Soil and Water  
29 Board, I think she got more excited than when I became a  
10:28AM 30 Legislator, so.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
35 Al. Legislator Krupski, I'm sorry.

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37 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
38 Yeah, and I would just like to echo and thank Legislator Fleming  
39 for her comments and kind words. It has been a pleasure working  
10:28AM 40 with the Presiding Officer on the board. It's probably -- a lot of  
41 the business that we attend to is not what we thought we would be  
42 attending to. But the mission of the board itself is, it's sound  
43 and it's important and agriculture is still a big industry in  
44 Suffolk County. The collaboration between state and federal  
45 governments there also is important. And that happens through the  
46 Soil and Water Board. So, you know, thank you for all the support  
47 to continue this important operation.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
10:29AM 50 Excellent. So we have -- oh, I'm sorry, Legislator Anker.

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52 **LEG. ANKER:**  
53 And, again, I just want to also thank, you know, folks for serving  
54 on the board. I was on it for a handful of years. And, you know,  
55 I just want to also address the issue with the COVID testing  
56 because I know a lot of those folks from Soil and Water

1 Conservation have been pulled away. So if we can just kind of keep  
2 an eye just to make sure things are running because I know the  
3 North Shore Coastal Erosion, you know, Corey has put a lot of time  
4 into that, you know, those particular projects dealing with soil  
5 and water. And a lot of those folks have been pulled away to deal  
6 with COVID, which absolutely so many folks in our staff have been  
7 doing that in Suffolk County. But, again, thank you for serving,  
8 Al, and Rob.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

11 Great. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, we have a  
12 motion and a second, roll call.

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14 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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16 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

17 Yes.

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19 **LEG. ANKER:**

20 Yes.

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22 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

23 Yes.

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25 **LEG. FLEMING:**

26 Yes.

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28 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

29 Yes.

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31 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

32 Yes.

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34 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

35 Yes.

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37 **P.O. CALARCO:**

38 Yes.

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40 **MR. DUBOIS:**

41 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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43 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

44 Okay, next we have Introductory Resolution 1012, Reappointing  
45 Albert Krupski as a member of the Suffolk County Soil and Water  
46 Conservation District. (Pres. Off.). I'll make a motion; seconded  
47 by Legislator Fleming. Any comments? Okay, roll call.

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49 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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51 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

52 Yes.

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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**

55 Yes.

1 LEG. KRUPSKI:

2 Yes.

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4 LEG. CARACAPPA:

5 Yes.

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7 LEG. ANKER:

8 Yes.

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10 LEG. PICCIRILLO:

11 Yes.

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13 LEG. KENNEDY:

14 Yes.

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16 P.O. CALARCO:

17 Yes.

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19 MR. DUBOIS:

10:31AM 20 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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22 LEG. KRUPSKI:

23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

26 And thank you, Al, thank you for serving, both of you. Excellent.

27 Next we have Introductory Resolution 1014, Appoint member to the

28 Suffolk County Board of Trustees of Parks, Recreation and

29 Conservation John F. Betsch. (Krupski).

10:31AM

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31 LEG. KRUPSKI:

32 Motion.

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34 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

35 Motion by Legislator Krupski; seconded by myself. And it looks  
36 like we have John here? If you can just un-mute yourself.

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38 MR. BETSCH:

39 I am.

10:31AM

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41 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

42 Welcome, welcome. Thank you very much for your willingness to  
43 serve on this Committee; if you could just tell us a little bit  
44 about yourself and why you'd like to be a part of it.

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46 MR. BETSCH:

47 Well, I've lived in Southold full-time for 20 years. I've tried to  
48 be involved with the Town. I actually am President 12, 13 years of  
49 our local civic association. I've been on various town boards:  
10:32AM 50 Deer Management, Parks and Rec, Storm Management. And I thought  
51 I'd just -- if I could help out, I will help out.

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53 CHAIRPERSON HAHN:

54 Excellent. Thank you. Did we have any -- oh, Legislator Krupski.

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1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

2 Yeah. In our office we know John. He's been very active in the  
3 community and we needed someone to represent Southold on the  
4 Suffolk County Parks Trustees. There's a lot of parks, you know,  
5 in Suffolk County and we need somebody who's going to put the time  
6 in and has the experience to help out in that role. And we know  
7 John has that experience and has the -- like, I said, he's been a  
8 community leader in many different areas and he understands, you  
9 know, what's important for the parks, so. John, I want to thank  
10 you for volunteering. You know the definition of volunteer is  
11 someone who didn't understand the question. So I just want to  
12 thank you for volunteering.  
13

14 **MR. BETSCH:**

15 Thank you.  
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17 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

18 And it's also so important, you know, I go to most of the -- almost  
19 every Board of Trustees meeting as chair of this Committee. And  
20 it's important that we have those town representatives who know the  
21 community and know, you know, the parks in that area. So we really  
22 are aware of your service. (Dog barking) Sorry about my dog.  
23 Thank you. So we have a motion and a second.  
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25 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)  
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27 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

28 Yes.  
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30 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

31 Yes.  
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33 **LEG. FLEMING:**

34 Yes.  
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36 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

37 Yes.  
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39 **LEG. ANKER:**

40 Yes.  
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42 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

43 Yes.  
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45 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

46 (No response)  
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48 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

49 Yes.  
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51 **P.O. CALARCO:**

52 Yes.  
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54 **MR. DUBOIS:**

55 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)  
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1 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
2 Thank you very much. I look forward to working with you on the  
3 Parks Committee -- Trustees Committee. Thank you.

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5 **MR. BETSCH:**  
6 Thank you.

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
9 Okay, next we have **Introductory Resolution 1069, Appointing a**  
10 **member to the Council on Environmental Quality Mark P. Haubner.**  
11 **(Krupski).**

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
14 Motion.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
17 Mark, hello, nice to see you. Motion by Legislator Krupski;  
18 seconded by Legislator Fleming. Mark, welcome. Nice to see you  
19 again. Just un-mute yourself if you don't mind. Not yet, not yet.  
10:35AM 20 Hold on. Still not un-muted. And I don't have that ability to  
21 un-mute you.

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23 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
24 Well, I'm sure what Mark had to say was very inspiring, so.

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26 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
27 Undoubtedly.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
32 We know him well. We are missing some gems here. So, there should  
33 be a mute button all the way on the bottom left. And if you click  
34 on that, is that not working. I don't know, Rob, if you have the  
35 ability to un-mute him.

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37 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
38 No, only he can un-mute himself. Mr. Haubner, maybe you can log  
39 off and log back on; and we can pass over and come back to him,  
10:36AM 40 Legislator Hahn.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
43 Okay. We can do that. We will pass over Introductory Resolution  
44 1061 and come back to that as soon as he's back in or figures it  
45 out.

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47 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
48 Mr. Haubner, completely log out of the Zoom and then log back in  
49 and that may do it for you.

10:36AM 50  
51 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
52 Okay. We so have --

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54 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
55 Wait, wait, we have him.

1 **MR. HAUBNER:**

2 Or I can just push the right button on the right screen and it  
3 would all work.

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5 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

6 (Laughter) Good, good. Always welcome. So I also as chair of  
7 this Committee I also serve on CEQ, Council on Environmental  
8 Quality, which we are asking you to participate in and, again, as a  
9 volunteer and we are so thankful to have hardworking, knowledgeable  
10 individuals like yourself willing to serve on this very important  
11 environmental review committee. But if you could tell the rest of  
12 the Committee a little bit about yourself, we would appreciate  
13 that.

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15 **MR. HAUBNER:**

16 Yeah, I'll go with the hardworking, but the knowledgeable I'm going  
17 to have to grow into. I have to say that here's the story: Three  
18 years ago I was at a Suffolk County Water and Environmental  
19 Advocates of New York meeting about water quality and I met Andrea  
20 Spilka. She gave me her business card. I didn't even have a  
21 business card at the time. And I called her during the week and  
22 she got my head straight about the role of the civics as the  
23 conduit between people and government. And I called her again a  
24 few weeks before Christmas and said we need to chat again, "but  
25 should I be on the CEQ?" And she says "absolutely." And I said "I  
26 don't know anything about it." And she says "you'll learn."

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28 So I think this opening is because of her. So, I will certainly  
29 proudly take this on. Thank you, Legislator Krupski, for your  
30 voluntold-me to do this and we'll go from there.

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32 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

33 Thank you. And we're going to miss her on the Committee for sure.  
34 She was special. Okay, do we any questions or comments from  
35 Legislators? Seeing none, we have a motion and a second, roll  
36 call.

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38 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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40 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

41 Yes.

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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**

44 Yes.

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46 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

47 Yes.

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49 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

50 Yes.

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52 **LEG. ANKER:**

53 Yes.

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55 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

56 Yes.

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2 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
3 Yes.

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5 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
6 Yes.

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8 **MR. DUBOIS:**  
9 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

10:38AM

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11 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
12 Congratulations. This does now go before the full Legislature but  
13 you do not need to be there on Tuesday.

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15 **MR. HAUBNER:**  
16 Yeah, because then Al's going to vote no. I just know it.  
17 (Laughter) Thank you so much.

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19 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
20 Thank you, Mark.

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22 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
23 Thank you for your willingness to serve. I look forward to working  
24 with you on that committee.

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26 **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

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28 Okay. Now, we are up to Tabled Resolutions. **Introductory**  
29 **Resolution 1981, Adopting Local Law No. (-2020,) A Local Law to**  
30 **amend, update and reorganize Chapter 475 Article II of the Suffolk**  
31 **County Code. (Co. Exec.).** I have a motion by Legislator Krupski;  
32 second by Legislator Fleming.

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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
35 On the motion.

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37 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
38 On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
41 Thank you. I wanted to thank everyone on the Committee for your  
42 patience as we moved through this complex and important process in  
43 coming up with the very best way to reestablish this program to  
44 make it sustainable.

10:40AM

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46 I would just like to note for folks who are first beaming in or  
47 beaming in for the first time to local government, you should know  
48 that I have a long history of commitment to the agricultural  
49 community both in the Town of Southampton where I served as a  
50 champion for agriculture and led the charge on a program that  
51 created landmark affirmative easement for farming that brought  
52 comps down by \$95,000 an acre; created an opportunity for young  
53 farmers to get in the business in this difficult place all the way  
54 to now in the Suffolk County Legislature where I was on the front  
55 lines fighting for the rights of farmers to erect and establish the  
56 structures that they needed to make their -- to make farming



1 sustainable and meet their business needs here on Long Island.

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3 I'm also, however, a champion for public access to our natural  
4 resources and committed to ensuring that all voices are heard in  
5 our community. And you've seen that play out in this process.  
6 We're talking here about public land. We're talking about granting  
7 individuals the exclusive right to public land. To do that without  
8 ensuring that all voices who are impacted are heard, I believe,  
9 would be irresponsible on our part. And I'm very proud of the team  
10 effort that's gone into making this a process that does, in fact,  
11 include the voices of everyone who uses this tremendous public  
12 resource which is the bays of eastern Long Island.

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14 The program is great. It's important. It revives the historic  
15 industry. It allows fresh food to make it to tables. And it's  
16 certainly creating jobs in that way. And, of course, there's an  
17 environmental benefit as those mollusks are filtering nutrients out  
18 that are such a threat to our surface waters and our groundwater.

19  
20 I want to thank my staff as well and you'll hear this at the  
21 General Meeting, too, so thanks for your indulgence, but for  
22 handling the level of public input that we've had; some of it very  
23 unpleasant to say the least from both sides of the question of the  
24 floating gear, but that especially while my staff is interview --  
25 you know, volunteering as interviewers for the contact tracing,  
26 staffing the vaccination COD to get vaccinations out to people and  
27 dealing with frightened seniors, sometimes very persistent  
28 frightened seniors who are trying to get those shots in their arms.  
29 It's been a tough, tough time for the staff here at the  
30 Legislature. And the level of input on this particular program has  
31 been a challenge and I'm very grateful that my team is as committed  
32 to the public as they are.

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34 So I support this version of this bill. I think that it can  
35 certainly use improvement, but I do believe that through the  
36 difficult conversations we have come to a place where we set a  
37 program that allows for the decision makers within the program to  
38 be deliberative, to be guided with real substantial guidelines and  
39 to enable them to make decisions in a balanced way so this public  
40 asset is protected; and at the same time this very important  
41 program can move forward in a sustainable way.

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43 Built into these administrative guidelines and the amendments in  
44 the local law is the ability for the Director of Planning to move  
45 forward with more specific guidelines and standards in terms of the  
46 evidentiary record on the board when they're making the decisions  
47 with regard to each individual lease.

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49 I really want to thank Legislator Krupski for his insight in  
50 ensuring that we have representation on that board that knows the  
51 specifics of the site so that with a deliberative and transparent  
52 process, those folks are going to be able to make great decisions  
53 about who gets what where in terms of access and restricting access  
54 to this very, very important public asset.

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56 I just want to thank all of my colleagues, the members of the

1 Committee as well. This is a very important program. It is  
2 improved by the process and I think there's room for improvement in  
3 the future. Thank you to the administrative staff who's worked so  
4 hard on this and I urge you all to vote yes.

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6 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

7 Thank you for that, Legislator Fleming. Next Legislator Cilmi; and  
8 then Legislator Krupski; and then Legislator Kennedy.

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10 **LEG. CILMI:**

11 Madam Chair, good morning everybody. Thank you for recognizing me.  
12 I am not a member of this Committee, as you know, but I did want to  
13 take a few minutes to listen to the public speakers and to lend my  
14 support for this resolution and for this program. It's not often  
15 that you can put the two words industry and environment in the same  
16 sentence and have both of them reflected positively. This is  
17 really sort of a symbiotic relationship here which allows not only  
18 our environment to improve but our economy to improve as well.  
19 It's a job creating program. And it's clear to me that the -- that  
10:45AM 20 this program is quite literally changing lives for the farmers that  
21 participate, not to mention the folks who use the waters that  
22 benefit from this program.

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24 So, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in  
25 this ten-year review, certainly all of the growers, all of the  
26 folks who weighed in from the yacht clubs and the boating community  
27 with their concerns. This was an extraordinarily open process that  
28 went on for a very, very longtime led by Sarah Lansdale, who did a  
29 wonderful job of not only listening to all the voices but reacting  
10:46AM 30 and taking those concerns and applying them in a real responsive  
31 way to turn out what ultimately, I think, is an excellent work  
32 product.

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34 So while I cannot support this in committee because I'm not a  
35 member of this committee, I look forward to supporting it on  
36 Tuesday as we vote together to continue the good work of this  
37 program. So thanks everybody and appreciate all your work.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

10:46AM 40 Thank you, Legislator Cilmi. I appreciate your words. Although I  
41 will challenge you on the rarity of industry and environment being  
42 capable together. There's no question; there's a growing amount of  
43 economic development happening in green jobs across the nation and  
44 across the globe.

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46 **LEG. CILMI:**

47 No doubt.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

10:47AM 50 And it's continuing --

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52 **LEG. CILMI:**

53 No doubt, no doubt.

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55 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

56 -- here with us. Okay, next we have Legislator Krupski; then

1 Legislator Kennedy.

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3 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

4 Thank you, Madam Chair. And I'd like to, you know, ask all my  
5 colleagues' support on this. I want to start by thanking the  
6 County Executive who supported this program for years; Director  
7 Lansdale who started this whole two-year, we'll jokingly call it a  
8 two-year review. The outreach was really comprehensive, you know,  
9 making sure that every user group of the Bay -- the Bay's been used  
10 for thousands of years and every user group needed to be involved  
11 with this decision making and this process, of the review process  
12 and they were.

13  
14 So I want to thank you for that. We have a lot of good community  
15 meetings here in this building, with people standing around maps  
16 and with all the users standing around maps and looking at  
17 different areas and talking about different things. And you  
18 included all the regulatory agencies that tend to make this  
19 complicated for the growers because you have a lot of regulatory  
20 hurdles that they need to accomplish well beyond what the County  
21 program requires. And I'm sure you're a help with the growers in  
22 that process, so. And I have to thank all the stakeholders, all  
23 the people who showed up to all those meetings and -- before we had  
24 to do it virtually. People drove to their community centers and  
25 people drove here to the county building to be part of the process.  
26 So I want to thank all the people that put the time in for that  
27 because that was important.

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29 There's some other things that were discussed that were not in  
30 this. In the original program, and Karen Rivara spoke of it this  
31 morning, she worked on the original program, the State put in a  
32 thousand foot rule that was a buffer between the shoreline and in  
33 the aquaculture. Having had discussions with both Assemblyman  
34 Thiel and Assemblywoman Giglio, there is some feeling that these  
35 areas could be relaxed. Because there's areas in Suffolk County at  
36 Great South Bay where oyster cultivation takes place very close to  
37 the shoreline. And so that could be the case in Peconic and  
38 Gardiners Bay if that thousand foot were relaxed. And that's  
39 something that there's a great deal of interest in because there's  
40 a lot of area there that would not conflict with current users that  
41 could be taken advantage of there for oyster cultivation.

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43 So, I think the best part that came out of this is that all the  
44 people who use the bays today took a great deal of interest and now  
45 can focus on the health of the bay. Because without a good healthy  
46 bay, without water quality, you know, you're not going to have the  
47 resource there whether it's wild harvest, whether it's commercial  
48 aquaculture or whether it's recreational boating, you're just not  
49 going to have that -- you know, you're going to lose -- people are  
50 going to lose interest in it if you don't have the good water  
51 quality. So that's something that we have to continue to focus on  
52 as we go forward so we have that -- we protect that resource --  
53 that access and that resource for the future. So I'd ask everyone  
54 to support this.

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56 And I've got a question for Sarah Simpson. There you are, Sarah.

1 So we talked about changes; we made some changes. I have the list  
2 here that you sent over. Could you explain that the -- and I thank  
3 you for the work that you put into this and all the attention to  
4 detail to make sure that it's right, could you explain that these  
5 changes are not substantive but they're really corrections and that  
6 we can go forward on the second and vote on this.

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8 **MS. SIMPSON:**

9 Sure.

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11 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

12 Thank you, Al; I was actually going to ask that, so thank you.

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14 **MS. SIMPSON:**

15 Sure. So there were a few very minor changes in terms of dates  
16 given that we had to pass it at the time that we had originally  
17 planned to. There were a couple of changes from "may" to "shall"  
18 in one area regarding getting advice from the Aquaculture Board.  
19 There were a couple of other minor changes and then there were some  
20 technical corrections to the maps. There were a couple of minor  
21 errors there that do not rise to the level of being substantive so  
22 this can be voted on.

10:51AM 20

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24 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

25 Thank you. And thank you for your work with those details because  
26 they are -- they are very important. We want the program to be  
27 successful.

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29 **MS. SIMPSON:**

30 That was all Sarah Lansdale.

10:52AM 30

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32 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

33 So, Legislator Kennedy, if you don't mind I am going to just follow  
34 up, piggyback on that question, Sarah Simpson and probably Bob  
35 Braun. You know, over the years that I've been here since 2003 as  
36 a legislative aide first and then as a Legislator changing  
37 something from "may" to "shall" has always been a substantive  
38 change. So if you could just explain why in this case it's not.

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40 **MS. SIMPSON:**

41 In this case I felt that it wasn't a substantive change because it  
42 was literally -- the intention had been that guidance was going to  
43 be obtained and the word had been left as "may"; so changing it to  
44 "shall" was in line with the intentions of the program and the  
45 intentions of what the administration was looking to do. So I  
46 didn't consider that a substantial change. It was more -- there  
47 was an error in their drafting and they needed to fix it.

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49 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

50 And, Bob, that question was to you as well unless Susan is here as  
51 the -- I'm not sure who --

10:53AM 50

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53 **MR. BRAUN:**

54 You know, we all talked about this at length, the Law Department  
55 and Legislative Counsel and we all -- and, of course, the draftsman  
56 of the legislation, which was out of Sarah's office with Susan

1 Filipowitch and with Jenny Kohn of the Law Department. And we all  
2 concluded that this was always the intent and just a correction and  
3 not a substantive change in this instance.

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5 **LEG. FLEMING:**

6 Kara, if I could on that issue?

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

9 Sure. Legislator Kennedy, I hope you don't mind that we just  
10 continue this train of thought and then it's her turn. So,  
11 Bridget, quickly, yes.

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13 **LEG. FLEMING:**

14 Thank you. Thank you, Leslie. Yeah, just in keeping with the  
15 comments of the lawyers on this one "may" to "shall", it's a very  
16 unusual circumstance because in the phrase, it's directing that the  
17 advisory board respond to the Director of Planning, who has  
18 discretionary authority to make these rules. So, normally the  
19 "may" to "shall" moves from suggestive language to directive  
20 language. But in this case the direction is to the advisory board  
21 and not to, you know, substance of the action. It's a little  
22 arcane but, in fact, it is a different circumstance from your  
23 normal circumstance of going from "may" to "shall." That's the way  
24 I read it and that's why --

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26 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

27 Yeah, and I thought that was important to put on the record because  
28 ordinarily "may" to "shall" is a significant change.

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30 **MR. BRAUN:**

31 Thank you, Leg. Fleming. You're welcome to the Law Department any  
32 time you want to come over.

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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**

35 You do good work on your own. Thank you very much.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

40 Yeah, we need her here. Legislator Kennedy.

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42 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

43 Okay, thank you. I just have a couple of questions. Some of them  
44 I'll ask before Tuesday. I don't necessarily need them now but  
45 this one is -- and first I want to thank Sarah and Susan and the  
46 whole gang for doing all the work on this. You had a lot to do.  
47 So we cut the number of leases by 40 percent because the DEC  
48 recommended that we cut the number of leases; is that correct,  
49 Sarah?

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51 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

52 So, let me just clarify for a second. The lease -- the shellfish  
53 cultivation zone was reduced by 43 percent. It started out at  
54 29,969. That was what was approved by the Legislature when the  
55 program was first adopted in 2009. And the revised shellfish  
56 cultivation zone that is before the Legislature now, which is map

1 one, is 17,166 acres. So that's approximately a 43 percent  
2 reduction in the shellfish cultivation zone. And throughout the  
3 two plus years of input, we received input from a variety of  
4 stakeholders including the DEC. Yes, Legislator Kennedy, you're  
5 accurate, as well as boaters, baymen, growers and others. So this  
6 43 percent reduction represents a input from all of those various  
7 user groups.

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9 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

10 Okay. So we've cut the acreage, not the leasing sites.

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12 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

13 So, I can tell you the number of leasing sites that we've cut as  
14 well. And just an important note, we are capped at a program of  
15 600 acres. That's one of the proposals that the Legislature is  
16 considering; 600 acres over ten years. So that's 60 acres each  
17 year. And that's the same rate of program growth as the first ten  
18 years of the program.

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20 So the total number of ten acre sites, each lease is ten acres.  
21 Included in the 2009 program was 859 lease sites. The total number  
22 of lease sites proposed for removal through this process is 291  
23 sites. The total number of remaining 10-acre sites from the 2009  
24 sites map is 568 sites.

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26 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

27 So we have actually removed 291 sites. I don't know. Okay. I  
28 guess I'm going to have to go with that. That was what I thought  
29 it was being reduced. That was my thoughts. An oyster filters 50  
30 gallons of water. We had a sign to say pretty much that soon our  
31 waters may not be fit for life. I would think we would be  
32 increasing not pulling back, but I understand what's going on. In  
33 ten years I would normally say the Legislature has another shot to  
34 increase it, but this bill takes it away from the Legislature and  
35 gives it to the County Executive, which I think is a bad choice.  
36 People that represent an area should stand up for their area. But  
37 I guess -- and I will ask the date changing stuff out of committee.  
38 But thank you.

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40 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

41 So, Legislator Kennedy, what were you referring to gets removed  
42 from the Legislature and put in the hands of the County Executive?  
43 What was that that you were referring to?

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45 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

46 You know, I can't find it in this document now. I didn't  
47 underline. Bad me. The decisions would be made by the County  
48 Executive. Is that correct? Well, whoever put it together should  
49 know. Is that in there, Sarah, or where's our Attorney?

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51 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

52 So, I can respond to that.

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54 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

55 Okay.

1 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
2 Go ahead, Director Lansdale.

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4 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**  
5 Sure. So, it's section 475-18. It's the composition of the  
6 Aquaculture Lease Board. I think that's what Legislator Kennedy  
7 may be referring to. There was language regarding the appointment  
8 of members of the Aquaculture Lease Board. We're adding members  
9 from the local towns. Currently as it's -- it's currently  
11:00AM 10 composed, there's only three members of the Aquaculture Lease Board  
11 right now. And that's a representative from the County, Department  
12 of Health, Economic Development and then the Division of Planning  
13 and Environment. So we're actually adding representatives from  
14 five of the towns. And I think the comment that Legislator Kennedy  
15 is referring to is that those five representatives, one from each  
16 town and then there's language regarding -- there should be no more  
17 than two, you know, less than one from various user groups, those  
18 five town representatives are being appointed by the County  
19 Executive. That's what's for consideration.

11:01AM 20  
21 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
22 Okay. So after the ten years, the newest -- like the revised SCALP  
23 rules will still come before the Legislature.

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25 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**  
26 Yes. Yeah, that's my understanding.

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28 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
29 Okay. Very good.

11:02AM 30  
31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
32 Legislator Fleming.

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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
35 Yeah, if I could just be heard on a matter that I think is  
36 important to clarify in Leslie's question, which is a good one with  
37 regard to the environmental benefits and the thought out there that  
38 this has been a reduction in acreage, in fact, we are completely on  
39 track for the exact number of acreage to be leased to  
11:02AM 40 aquaculturists for the complete -- for this next phase. So it's  
41 six sites, ten-acre sites each, will be approved every year. So  
42 every year adds to the 600 cumulative acres and that's outside of  
43 some previously granted oyster acreage. So, in fact, we are  
44 exactly on track with regard to growing the program.

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46 What was reduced was the available lease sites. So, in other  
47 words, this massive Peconic Estuary has now been refined a little  
48 bit so that you can't put your oyster farm on every single piece of  
49 acreage within the estuary, but there's still plenty, plenty of  
11:03AM 50 land and bay water available for every single one of the ten  
51 farmers who are going to be supported in each year of the next ten  
52 years -- I'm sorry, six farmers will be supported in each year of  
53 the next ten years. Absolutely. That was a commitment from the  
54 very start. The whole point was to ensure that it's a sustainable,  
55 rigorous program that supports the economic sector and also the  
56 environment. So we retain that, absolutely.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

3 Sure. And as we grow the program and there are more acres that are  
4 leased and actually farmed, because they're not all -- not all that  
5 are being leased are actually farmed, the more good that's  
6 happening for the environment in terms of the filtering as  
7 discussed by Legislator Kennedy. I thought I saw Legislator  
8 Krupski's hand. Yes, Legislator Krupski.  
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10 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11 Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. To that point of them actually  
12 being farmed because once you're granted a lease assignment from  
13 the County, then, you have other regulatory partners that have to  
14 -- their requirements have to be met Coast Guard, Army Corps, New  
15 York State DEC. So it's not -- you're just beginning the  
16 regulatory hoop jumping at that point in order to start your  
17 operation as well as all the, you know -- you know, all the  
18 mechanical parts of getting the boat and access and gear and all  
19 that together; labor, you know, it goes on and on like any small  
20 business. So that's just the beginning of the process.  
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22 As far as the representation that Legislator Kennedy brought up,  
23 actually this will provide for local representation that the towns  
24 will be -- you know, will be recommending people to the County  
25 Executive the same as with the Suffolk County Farmland Committee.  
26 It is a county-run program. The towns at least will have the  
27 ability to recommend local people who understand the different uses  
28 of especially their parts of the bay, because there's a lot of  
29 stakeholders that use the bay at different times of the year and  
30 it's nice to have that kind of local representation to clear up the  
31 uses, the times of the year and also, it'll help the growers when  
32 they're trying to select a site, you know -- you know, you want to  
33 avoid conflicts as much as possible to ensure their success. So,  
34 you know, I think that was -- this adds local representation. It  
35 doesn't remove it. Thank you, Madam Chair.  
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37 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

38 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. To the point of conflicts, and  
39 we've all talked a lot about the, you know, environmental benefits  
40 of this, it's tremendous. This is the Environment, Parks and  
41 Agriculture Committee. We are very much in support of aquaculture  
42 because of all those benefits who were touched upon by Legislator  
43 Kennedy. But after reading all the comments in opposition to this,  
44 you know, the one that really stands out is about user conflict.  
45 So I'm wondering, Director Lansdale, if you can just, you know,  
46 summarize for the record, you know, what we're doing to prevent  
47 that.  
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49 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

50 Sure. Thank you for the opportunity to respond. There's a couple  
51 of things. I think first and foremost, and I think this is  
52 something that both Legislator Fleming and Legislator Krupski  
53 touched on, and that is the expansion of the Aquaculture Lease  
54 Board, specifically so that we have local representatives on the  
55 Aquaculture Lease Board who are knowledgeable of the local waters  
56 and the conditions. And specifically there will be representatives



1 from user groups like specifically, and it's called out in the  
2 legislation, recreational boaters, as well as growers -- oyster  
3 growers as well as baymen.

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5 So they'll be able to, as sites are reviewed for potential lease,  
6 they will -- another change that I want to speak to also is as the  
7 enlarged Aquaculture Review Board is looking at these sites for  
8 potential lease, they're also going to have more information.  
9 Because we're requesting from the applicants a shellfish  
10 cultivation plan so there'll be more information available to the  
11 lease board at the time of their consideration. So what type of  
12 gear do they propose, what will be the possible configuration of  
13 that gear? I think that the more information that's available, I  
14 think, with the local knowledge on the Aquaculture Lease Board,  
15 decisions will be made and recommendations will be made that will  
16 be more locally grounded.

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18 Furthermore, we are working to -- and I will ask the Aquaculture  
19 Lease Board to work with me to create standards for review similar  
20 to the Farmland Committee as issues come up that we can work  
21 through and create those standards for matters that are important  
22 for the Aquaculture Lease Board. So those are three specifics that  
23 are in this legislation that's before you that, I think, address  
24 many of those concerns.

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26 And just finally the fourth is, we do extensive public notice  
27 already. And what we're doing is going, I think, a step further in  
28 response to comments that we did receive regarding making sure that  
29 local notice is published in local papers and that there's  
30 information regarding which towns the proposed lease sites are in  
31 so that it becomes even more helpful for the public to weigh in on  
32 potential lease sites.

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34 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

35 So you said there were four; expansion of the Aquaculture Lease  
36 Board to have local individuals, the possibility of standards for  
37 review?

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39 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

40 Well, there will be.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

43 Does it say "shall create"?

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45 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

46 It's "shall create." That's the "may" to "shall."

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48 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

49 Very good.

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51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

52 If I could, Chair?

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54 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

55 So the Aquaculture Lease Board shall create standards for review --  
56 just go into that a little bit further. I just want it to be clear

1 here. We've been getting a lot of comments. And I want everyone  
2 to understand, you know, what we're going to be doing going forward  
3 here to minimize the conflicts.

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5 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

6 Right. So based on public comment, there's been a lot of  
7 discussion about gear type.

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9 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

10 Yes.

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12 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

13 So, I would imagine that one of these standards of review would be  
14 gear type in various locations.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

17 And then the other was extensive public notice. I missed the  
18 fourth.

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20 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

21 Public notice, standards of review, the shellfish cultivation plan.

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23 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

24 Oh, right. And then Legislator Krupski had mentioned all the other  
25 regulatory review that happens. And the Coast Guard is one of  
26 them. Are you familiar with the Coast Guard's review and what they  
27 look for in terms of conflict? Is there something set that they  
28 use to review when -- you know, a farmer has to go before them for  
29 this reason?

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31 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

32 I don't have the details of that, but I know that my staff is quite  
33 familiar with it and that they're on this call.

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35 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

36 Auggie, maybe?

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38 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

39 It's actually Susan Filipowitch.

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41 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

42 Oh, I'm sorry. Hi, Susan.

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44 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

45 Who can answer a direct question if you have one specifically.

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47 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

48 Yeah, so, Susan, maybe if you can just describe what the Coast  
49 Guard reviews about a farmer's plan and a type of gear is included  
50 and the location? You know, just so that we understand that  
51 someone who's concerned about safety on the bay, safety on the  
52 waterways, is concerned about conflict when they're reviewing. And  
53 I imagine the Coast Guard review takes care of that.

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55 **MS. FILIPOWITCH:**

56 Yeah.

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2 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

3 Is there any specific you can give us, Susan, or Auggie, or someone  
4 about what the Coast Guard reviews in terms of the site proposal?  
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6 **MS. FILIPOWITCH:**

7 Yes. Thank you. Yes, so the location and the type of gear are all  
8 considered by the Coast Guard. Again, when they apply for the  
9 patent permit, they end up being put onto the nautical charts; they  
10 do review of the area. You know, in terms of navigation channels,  
11 there's only really three. And they don't -- most of the -- the  
12 three of them actually don't sit anywhere within our cultivation  
13 zone. There's one in Peconic. I think there's one in East Hampton  
14 and Southampton and then one up in Greenport. And those are, you  
15 know, dredged waterways. And, again, our leases are far out from  
16 there and so we are not in any conflict with those areas. So they  
17 do take into account the location and conditions of that area.  
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19 You know, the application itself, again, until it's approved by all  
20 the other agencies such as Army Corps and New York State DEC and  
21 DOS, nothing's really approved until it's approved. But they do  
22 submit to the Coast Guard the type of gear that they're proposing  
23 to use, you know, in that specific location. And, again, you know  
24 Coast Guard goes out there. And even once the permits are issued,  
25 I think the private aides to navigation team in Moriches actually  
26 goes out in terms of certain types of gear that they know are  
27 somewhat, I guess, controversial, they will go out there to make  
28 sure everything is marked and sited appropriately as stated in  
29 their permit -- or in their patent permit.  
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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

32 Okay, but I see Legislator Fleming had wanted to comment.  
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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**

35 Thank you, yes. I just wanted to add very importantly that back to  
36 the reduction of acreage point, the acreage -- available acreage  
37 was reduced in order to avoid conflict. So those folks from  
38 Shelter Island, East Hampton, Orient, the people who have come  
39 forward to say this is going to interfere with recreational boating  
40 have been heard. And in response to that, a great deal of  
41 available lease sites have been removed from the map. Most of  
42 Gardiners Bay, certainly around Shelter Island, also around  
43 Napeague for that reason. So that doesn't mean that the program  
44 isn't going to be robust and we don't have enough acreage to  
45 support all -- you know, the six farmers that will be granted sites  
46 every year. But in order to avoid conflict, there is some obvious  
47 areas that the Administration agreed to take off the map. Is that  
48 accurate, Sarah?  
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50 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

51 Yes, it is. Thank you.  
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53 **LEG. FLEMING:**

54 Sure. And then I wanted to also -- so I also just wanted to  
55 respond, if I could, to Legislator Kennedy's point that, you know,  
56 we should be standing up for our districts, A1 and I. I think

1 that's very evident throughout this process. I think, Leslie, you  
2 said there was something about designation by the County Executive  
3 and we should be standing up for our districts.

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5 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

6 Yes.

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8 **LEG. FLEMING:**

9 I should just say the review board was expanded in order to ensure  
10 local input. And that was something that was Al's idea. We fought  
11 hard to get it done. And so that is exactly what the point of the  
12 expansion of the board was. So, again, balance, balance, balance  
13 but we have thought clearly about those things and I think everyone  
14 involved has come to some level of consensus and we'll keep  
15 building on these important points as the program moves forward.

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17 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

18 Yeah, and I wanted to make sure that on the record, you know, we've  
19 included, you know, marinas and yacht clubs in our outreach. But I  
20 just want to make sure that the average boater, the average  
21 resident who may be out there kayaking or boating may be coming  
22 from another area to boat in the beautiful Peconic Bay understand  
23 that there is a significant review that happens to mitigate and  
24 limit the conflict on a site. And because it has been -- and the  
25 type of gear and the floating gear has probably been the most  
26 controversial flash point with this whole -- throughout this whole  
27 process, you know I just want it to be on the record how much  
28 thought has gone into this, how much those concerns have been taken  
29 into account and how many times there is review from a safety  
30 perspective, from a user conflict perspective and, you know, that  
31 the Peconic Bay is completely accessible and usable by -- we're  
32 Islanders and our sense of place is centered around the water and  
33 it needs to be clean and it needs to be usable.

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35 And so, you know, it's really important to Long Island residents  
36 everywhere that they go that they're gonna -- if they want to be  
37 out there on that water, they're not going to be extremely limited  
38 or put in danger because of this program. And I think we've done  
39 our due diligence and, you know, the Legislators involved here,  
40 Legislator Krupski, Legislator Fleming and, you know, and our  
41 departments have worked very hard to be sure of that. And you're  
42 never going to make every single person happy, but we really have  
43 done a lot of work on that in the past. Okay.

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45 Legislator Kennedy, did you still have another point to make?

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47 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

48 Yes, I did. I didn't -- I just want to get back to Bridget. I  
49 didn't mention which Legislators or which districts. The part --  
50 the section of this bill that I was talking about is 475-18 (b).  
51 And I'm just going to leave it that the underlined is being  
52 removed. The Peconic Bay doesn't just belong to the people that  
53 that are in the two districts. The Peconic Bay belongs to all the  
54 people. So it wouldn't even necessarily -- legislative  
55 representation wouldn't even have to be out of those two districts.  
56 It could be out of any district, any boaters in the Legislature,

1 any fishermen in the Legislature. I just feel to give up a  
2 legislative -- it's not -- I feel to give up a legislative voice in  
3 our waterways is really -- it's a dangerous thing. That was the  
4 point I was trying to make. I wasn't trying to -- I left that out,  
5 I left the dates out. I was not trying to create any argument  
6 here.

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

9 And I agree, Legislator Kennedy. There are many, many people from  
10 my district who boat in the Peconic Bay.

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12 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

13 And mine.

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15 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

16 And it is all Long Islanders who share in the the pleasure of --  
17 but want it clean as well. So it's an important balance.  
18 Legislator Fleming.

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20 **LEG. FLEMING:**

21 I don't want to get into a back-and-forth, but just to clarify with  
22 regard to 475-18, just bear in mind that's language that's been  
23 added during the revision process. So this is --

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25 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

26 Oh, it's added.

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28 **LEG. FLEMING:**

29 This is one of many, many drafts. So the net benefit to localities  
30 is still very profound. We've expanded the board. And then in the  
31 negotiations over time, the rounds of negotiations, each side had  
32 their say and everybody, you know, worked toward consensus. So in  
33 fact, even though you're recognizing language that you'd to see in  
34 there still, the overall impact of these changes is without a doubt  
35 expanding the board and the input that the board's going to receive  
36 because we want to make sure that everybody in every district is  
37 heard from. So I appreciate that thought. Thank you, Kara.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

40 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. Thank you for yours and Legislator  
41 Krupski's significant work and the Planning Department -- Economic  
42 Development and Planning Departments, the Health Department, we  
43 really appreciate all the work that has gone into this.

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45 So, we have a motion and a second. Was there any other comments  
46 before we call roll call? Seeing none, roll call.

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48 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

49 Thank the Law Department, too.

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51 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

52 Oh, and the Law Department, yes. Thank you. Thank you, Legislator  
53 Krupski and Sarah Simpson, yeah, thank you. So we have a motion  
54 and a second, roll call.

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56 **(Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)**

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**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
Yes.

**LEG. FLEMING:**  
Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Yes.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
Yes.

**LEG. ANKER:**  
Yes.

**LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**  
Yes.

**P.O. CALARCO:**  
Yes.

**MR. DUBOIS:**  
Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Thank you. Introductory Resolution 1981 is approved. **Introductory Resolution 2005, Adopting Local Law (No. -2020,) A Charter Law to update the Operation of Parks Trustees Meetings. (Pres. Off.).** Motion by Legislator Anker; seconded by myself. Roll call.

(Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

**LEG. ANKER:**  
Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
Yes.

**LEG. FLEMING:**  
Yes.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
Yes.

**LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**  
Yes.

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2 **P.O. CALARCO:**

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5 **MR. DUBOIS:**

6 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

9 Thank you. Introductory Resolution 2005 is approved. Introductory  
10 Resolution -- and that was of -- both of those last two were of  
11 2020. I'm sorry, 1981 of 2020 and 2005 of 2020.

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13 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

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15 Now, we're onto **Introductory Resolution 1010, Amending the Coindre**  
16 **Hall Advisory Board. (Spencer).** I'll make a motion; seconded by  
17 Legislator Anker. On the motion I saw that we had Commissioner  
18 Smagin here. I don't know if you want to weigh in. If not we can  
19 go to roll call.

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21 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

22 Ah, yeah, no, it looks like the local Legislator is the sponsor of  
23 the resolution and it's just allowing flexibility for designees.

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25 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

26 Excellent. Thank you. Okay, we have a motion and a second, roll  
27 call.

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29 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

32 Yes.

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34 **LEG. ANKER:**

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37 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**

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43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

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46 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

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49 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

50 Yes.

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52 **P.O. CALARCO:**

53 Yes.

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55 **MR. DUBOIS:**

56 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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2 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

3 Excellent, Introductory Resolution 1010 is approved. **Introductory**  
4 **Resolution 1025, Approving list of environmentally sensitive lands**  
5 **to be acquired pursuant to Article XII, Section C 12-5.D and 12-5.E**  
6 **of the Suffolk County Code. (Co. Exec.).**

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

9 Motion.

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11 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

12 Motion by Legislator Krupski; seconded by Legislator Piccirillo.  
13 Anyone on the -- Legislator Krupski?

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15 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

16 Yeah, I'd just like to thank Director Lansdale for all her work on  
17 this. I know this is a -- the way this was written, it's a  
18 difficult program to get everyone back together and submit new  
19 lists again. It's a lengthy, time-consuming job for not a great  
20 deal of money at this point left in the program. So I just want to  
21 commend her and her staff on that work; then hopefully we can --  
22 hopefully the towns will spend their money down and preserve  
23 whatever they can with it. So, thank you.

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25 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

26 Okay, anyone else? All right. We have a motion and a second, roll  
27 call.

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29 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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31 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

32 Yes.

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34 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

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37 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**

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43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

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46 **LEG. ANKER:**

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49 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

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52 **P.O. CALARCO:**

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55 **MR. DUBOIS:**

56 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)



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2 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

3 Introductory Resolution 1025 is approved. Introductory Resolution  
4 **1035, Accepting and appropriating 100% federal grant funds from the**  
5 **United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$50,000 in**  
6 **connection with a fish passage at Woodhull Dam in Cranberry Bog**  
7 **County Park administered by the Suffolk County Department of Parks,**  
8 **Recreation and Conservation and to execute grant related amendments**  
9 **(sic) (agreements). (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Fleming;**  
10 **seconded by myself. On the motion, I don't know if Jason, if you'd**  
11 **like to talk any more, say anything about this?**

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13 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

14 No, we're just looking to be able to continue moving forward on  
15 this project. It's very important to the species of fish that we  
16 have this moving forward. And I don't know if there's any  
17 additional questions.

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19 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

20 Thank you. Legislator Kennedy, is your hand up for this one?

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22 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

23 Did I -- it's fine. Thank you.

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25 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

26 Okay. Legislator Krupski, was that you; your hand?

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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 Yes, thank you.

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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

32 You're welcome.

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34 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

35 I just wanted, Commissioner Smagin, if you can give us a timeline  
36 because this is a critical component for that whole ecosystem  
37 there. And every year, it's like, oh, yeah, we're just about ready  
38 to go. I'm not blaming you. I've heard it from many, many  
39 sources. And here we are, we're just about ready to go again. So  
40 is there a timeline for shovels in the ground?

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42 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

43 Yes, I believe we're about ready to go on this one.

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45 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

46 Very encouraged. Thank you.

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48 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

49 No, they legitimately had some funding scarcities. And I know they  
50 wanted to put it together for this season. So I'll have to look  
51 into if they're going to be able to have it completed for then. As  
52 you know, it's been very important with the thousands of fish that  
53 they've been finding at the bottom. So, you know, we'd like to  
54 move it forward. And I'm actually going to be going out to tour it  
55 and everything else and we'll get an in depth update on the status  
56 of how it's going.

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**LEG. KRUPSKI:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

Yeah, let us know when you go, Commissioner, and maybe some of the Legislators would want to join.

**COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

Okay.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**

This is right -- this is in Legislator Fleming's district, right across from the County Center.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

Yes.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**

So this is an easy one for us to access and keep an eye on.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

Yes. We've been there. I know we've been there in the past and I love that Cranberry Bog County Park. Legislator Fleming and I have been there together, former commissioner and that bridge, fantastic park staff that were able to completely overhaul that bridge. It's a beautiful asset; such a spectacular park right there and so close to the County Center. Okay, any other comments, questions?

**P.O. CALARCO:**

This is eligible for the consent calendar.

**LEG. FLEMING:**

We're supporting the true love of the alewives.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

Yeah. And, I'm sorry, to the Clerk, you were stepped on when you tried to --

**P.O. CALARCO:**

That was me. I was just mentioning that this is eligible for the consent calendar.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

Oh, yes. So we have a motion from Legislator Fleming to approve and put on the consent calendar and second --

**LEG. FLEMING:**

Sorry. List me as a cosponsor as well, please, to the Clerk.

**MR. DUBOIS:**

Will do.

**LEG. FLEMING:**

Thank you, Dan. Sorry, Kara.

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**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
No. Excellent. Okay, roll call.

(Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

**LEG. FLEMING:**  
Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
Yes.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
Yes.

**LEG. ANKER:**  
Yes.

11:29AM

**LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**  
Yes.

**P.O. CALARCO:**  
Yes.

11:29AM

**MR. DUBOIS:**  
Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Excellent. So 1035 is approved. Introductory Resolution 1051, Accepting the donation of certain lands now owned by Sivan Pound Ridge, LLC and transfer such lands to the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation for the United Artists County Park/Pine Barrens Core Preservation Purposes (SCTM No. 0900-235.00-01.00-059.000). (Co. Exec.).

11:30AM

**LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Motion Legislator Piccirillo. Seconded by -- is that Legislator Krupski? Nope, you were turning your blinds. Seconded by Legislator Anker?

**LEG. ANKER:**  
Leslie. I think Leslie wanted to second.

**CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
Legislator Kennedy, I apologize.

1 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

2 That's all right. Thank you, Sarah.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

5 We have a motion by Legislator Piccirillo; second by Legislator  
6 Kennedy. Is there anyone on the motion or Director Lansdale, did  
7 you want to give us a brief overview?

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9 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

10 Sure. So the proposed acquisition, which is a donation, is located  
11 north of Sunrise Highway, west of Speonk Riverhead Road in the  
12 hamlet of North Hamptons, Town of Southampton. The parcel totals  
13 36.96 acres in size; is located within the Pine Barrens Core;  
14 within United Artist County Park which totals approximately 228  
15 acres. We did send a map prior -- I think on late Friday.

16  
17 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

18 It's a nice addition to that otherwise postage stampy-kind of area.  
19 But one quick question. There were no -- and there didn't appear  
20 to be but there were no improvements on it, only debris removed or  
21 anything of that nature; correct?

22  
23 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

24 It doesn't appear that way. But those would -- if there are and it  
25 doesn't appear that way, those would be handled prior to the County  
26 assuming title.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

29 And all the environmental assessments that happen, maybe this to  
30 Bob Braun, because it's being donated, you know, we still do the  
31 rigorous assessment to make sure that we're not picking up anything  
32 that's going to cost us more than --

33  
34 **MR. BRAUN:**

35 Absolutely. We do full survey, title and environmental assessment  
36 on every property even when they are donations.

37  
38 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

39 Okay. And so what would be the standard for it to come back to us?  
40 Like, let's say something is found, a structure or dumped, you  
41 know, barrels of something toxic, you know, that are concerning,  
42 would it come back to the Legislature to, you know, either reject  
43 or what would happen?

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45 **MR. BRAUN:**

46 No. Ordinarily the contract, even though it's a donation, there's  
47 a contract. And the contract requires the grantor, or the donor in  
48 this case, to clean it up before we take title to it. So if  
49 there's anything that's any concern, either they will fulfill their  
50 obligation under the contract or they won't. If they don't, we  
51 don't take it.

52  
53 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

54 And I imagine -- okay, thank you. Any other questions? Legislator  
55 Kennedy was that for this one?

1 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

2 Yeah. Yes, I just -- whether it's Sarah or Jason's department or  
3 whoever was able to get a donation of land this size, I just want  
4 to thank them. This is spectacular. That's it.

5  
6 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

7 Thank you. I'm sure there are tax implications and other people  
8 who may be listening, you can -- feel free to donate land to us for  
9 tax reasons. Director Lansdale.

11:33AM

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11 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

12 I believe we are working to make those donations easier and are  
13 working on, and if we haven't done so already, a form. I know we  
14 have a letter of interest for folks who want to sell their  
15 properties to us to streamline the process and we'll work on a form  
16 on line that people can fill out if they're interested in donating  
17 to us, just to streamline the process and make it easier for folks  
18 to donate.

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20 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

21 And this has gone through Parks Trustees, I believe; correct?

22  
23 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

24 It has, yes.

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26 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

27 That we do want it. Yes, okay. Any other comments?

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29 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

30 I have a quick question, Chair.

11:34AM

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32 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

33 Quick question, Legislator Piccirillo.

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35 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

36 Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to Counsel, Sarah. Sarah, I know  
37 there's a bill in about donations to the County. Does land fall  
38 under that legislation or is it separate and apart what they're  
39 trying to do with that .

11:34AM

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41 **MS. SIMPSON:**

42 That's a good question. I think -- the bill is pretty broad. The  
43 other bill is pretty broad in terms of any donation, but I don't  
44 know that it's necessarily contemplating specifically land  
45 donations. And I think donating land is a little bit different  
46 from donating, say, supplies for equipment to the County. But I  
47 can look into that and double check for you.

48  
49 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

50 Yeah. I appreciate it. Thanks you so much. Thank you, Madam  
51 Chair, I yield back.

11:35AM

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53 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

54 Thank you. Okay we have a motion and a second, roll call.

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56 **(Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)**

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2 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
3 Yes.

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5 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
6 Yes.

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8 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
9 Yes.

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11 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
12 Yes.

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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
15 Yes.

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17 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
18 Yes.

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20 **LEG. ANKER:**  
21 Yes.

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23 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
24 Yes.

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26 **MR. DUBOIS:**  
27 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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29 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
11:35AM 30 Thank you. Introductory Resolution 1051 is approved. Moving onto  
31 **Resolution 1059, Authorizing the use of Smith Point County Park by**  
32 **the Community Family Literacy Project, Inc. (Sunderman).**

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34 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
35 Motion.

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37 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
38 Motion by Legislator Caracappa.

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40 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
41 Second.

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43 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
44 Seconded by Legislator Kennedy. On the motion anyone? And I  
45 imagine to the Commissioner that obviously if COVID issues arise,  
46 there's a clause in here that, you know, if we can't -- you know,  
47 if the use exceeds numbers that are inappropriate during a  
48 pandemic, this wouldn't happen.

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50 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**  
51 Yeah, we are requiring all groups to submit a COVID plan for review  
52 and approval.

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54 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
55 Thank you. Any other questions? We have a motion and a second,  
56 roll call.

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2 (Roll call by Mr. Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature)

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
5 Yes.

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7 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
8 Yes.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
11 Yes.

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**  
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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**  
17 Yes.

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19 **LEG. ANKER:**  
20 Yes.

11:37AM

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22 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**  
23 Yes.

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25 **P.O. CALARCO:**  
26 Yes.

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28 **MR. DUBOIS:**  
29 Eight. (VOTE: 8-0-0-0. PO CALARCO INCLUDED IN VOTE)

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31 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
32 1059 is approved. We have no more resolutions before us. I see  
33 Commissioner Smagin is here. Is there any updates on Parks  
34 Department you'd like to give to us?

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36 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**  
37 No, we are just, you know, continuing with our operations and  
38 gearing up for the season. And as we know with the pandemic still  
39 in existence, we'll have a lot of similarities to last year which  
40 was very successful. There were no super spreading events even  
41 though the public got a lot of use out of our parks system. So we  
42 do have a lot of different rules in place that were established  
43 because of last year and look forward to just working and having  
44 another successful season.

11:37AM

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46 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**  
47 So, I'm curious, I know we have a lot of parks. We have snow on  
48 the ground for a sustained period of time. In many of our parks  
49 we've had cross country skiing going on and, you know, I know  
50 people are just thrilled to get out and enjoy even in the cold  
51 weather. So thanks for all that our Parks Department is doing.

11:38AM

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53 Nicole, there was nothing else from the County Exec's folks today;  
54 correct?

1 **MS. AMENDOLA:**

2 Correct. Sorry, I couldn't un-mute myself quick enough.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON HAHN:**

5 Okay. Anything from the Committee? Any questions for the  
6 Commissioner? Seeing, none, we are adjourned.

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**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:38 AM**

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