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2 ENVIRONMENT, PARKS & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
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10 A meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee of the
11 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa
12 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature
13 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on May
14 15, 2023.

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16 **Members Present:**

17 Legislator Anthony Piccirillo, Chairperson
18 Legislator Robert Trotta, Vice Chair
19 Legislator Bridget Fleming
20 Legislator Leslie Kennedy
21 Legislator Kara Hahn
22 Legislator Nicholas Caracappa
23 Legislator Al Krupski
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25 **Also in Attendance:**

26 Frank Tassone - Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
27 Hope Clark - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
28 Bill Duffy - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature
29 Bob Martinez - Aide to Legislator Caracappa
30 Derek Stein - Aide to Legislator Krupski
31 Jason Smagin - Commissioner/Suffolk County Parks Department
32 Mikael Kerr - Economic Development and Planning
33 Steve Greenspan - Best Poison Ivy Removal
34 Desiree Benn - President/Coindre Hall Park Community
35 Nina Marsden
36 Daniel Karpen
37 Dawn Ribadeneyra
38 All other interested parties
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40 **Minutes Taken By:**

41 Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer
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43 **Minutes Transcribed By:**

44 Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary
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(**The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.**)

VICE CHAIR TROTТА:

If we can get everyone to the horseshoe we can get started. Legislator Piccirillo will be here in about two minutes. I figure we can get through the Pledge. Today is Monday and we are going to start the Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee. Please rise for the Pledge led by Legislator Caracappa.

Pledge of Allegiance

VICE CHAIR TROTТА:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Roll call.

*(*Roll Called by Frank Tassone - Clerk*)*

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:

(Not Present).

LEG. TROTТА:

Here.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Here.

LEG. FLEMING:

Present.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Here.

LEG. HAHN:

(Not Present).

LEG. KENNEDY:

Here.

PRESIDING OFFICER MCCAFFREY:

Here.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:

(Not Present).

LEG. HAHN:

(Not Present).

CLERK TASSONE:

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VICE CHAIR TROTТА:

Okay. Mr. Clerk, do we have any correspondence?

CLERK TASSONE:

All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

1 **VICE CHAIR TROTTA:**

2 Thank you. We have three speakers today. First is Dawn. Is Dawn
3 here? You can come up and you have three minutes to speak.

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5 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

6 Hello.

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8 **VICE CHAIR TROTTA:**

9 Hi, how are you?

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11 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

12 Hello. How are you? Thank you. I have been to a few meetings
13 regarding the development of Coindre Hall and it seems that many
14 people in the community that I've come in contact with, probably
15 hundreds easily, have expressed a concern that there isn't really a
16 clear vision of what the development entails. For the most part
17 there's a large majority of residents that want to keep this as a
18 pristine, quiet, wildlife area without all the development of cars
19 or parking lot or people going through from the road down to the
10:09AM 20 water house, I mean the boathouse. We have all of that right next
21 store at Gold Star Battalion Beach if people want to come and park
22 and enjoy the beach front. I mean, as this designation of a
23 historic property, Coindre Hall, I think that should encompass the
24 entire, you know, all of the acreage including the waterfront and I
25 think it should be exempt from this kind of development that we've
26 heard here and there, things that possibly they want to do.

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28 Also, as a wildlife preserve, I mean, I know this is just a small
29 microcosm of the country, but there's many species from bees to a
10:10AM 30 million other things that are suffering and this really is a
31 special, quiet, tranquil place where when you go there you feel
32 that you can really, you know, connect with nature and you're
33 removed from all the hustle and bustle of Huntington Village.

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35 I live there, I love it, it's quite crowded at times. I mean, just
36 a few days ago they were filming a movie and the traffic and the
37 Village was out of control, but this is what happens in a hustling,
38 bustling village and you expect that when you go to the downtown
39 area. I don't think it's necessary for, you know, for this part of
10:10AM 40 Huntington near the Harbor.

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42 On the website we try to, you know, the FAQs on the Suffolk County
43 website under Coindre Hall speak to keeping it as a natural
44 habitat, but from what we've seen being there physically it seems
45 like there's a lot of destruction already of trees and, you know,
46 the roads that needed to go in to do whatever is going on with the
47 boathouse at this point and it's already looking different. And
48 the changes are not really something positive that the community
49 feels that they wanted or that they were a part of the decision
10:11AM 50 making. So I just wanted to try to be a voice for the people that
51 I've come in contact with over the past 14 years of living here and
52 hopefully you can appreciate our point of view.

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54 **VICE CHAIR TROTTA:**

55 I do, thank you.

1 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

2 Thank you.

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4 **VICE CHAIR TROTТА:**

5 Okay. If we have no questions our next speaker is Desiree Benn.

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7 **DESIREE BENN:**

8 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the committee. Hope you had
9 a nice weekend. My name is Desiree Benn. I'm the President of
10 Coindre Hall Park Community. On the Suffolk County website now
11 under Coindre Hall Advisory Board is a document named Board FAQs
12 and the following statement in this document reads, and I quote,
13 under question number 12, "Can the lower portion of Coindre Hall be
14 turned into a nature preserve?" And the answer on this document
15 says, "Nature preserve could limit future potential use and
16 restrict an active and historic park." Who is responsible -- my
17 question is who is responsible for placing this statement on the
18 website and is it the intention of Suffolk County to convert this
19 passive park -- passive preserve into an active park?

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21 The following documents are evidence that the intended actual use
22 -- intended and actual use and management of the park is and has
23 been passive for decades. A letter from Senator Gaughran with an
24 intent for the passive park use; a museum use, which is passive. A
25 stewardship letter, a one published article about the stewardship
26 program, a Town of Huntington study by the West Shore Task Force.
27 The LWRP of Lloyd Harbor. And in November, 2021, a presentation
28 for the -- by DPW has it written in their PowerPoint presentation
29 and I quote, "Used by the public as a passive park." A government
30 map from the Town of Huntington listing Coindre Hall as a passive
31 park. That's a government map. Together, these documents form a
32 body of evidence that Coindre Hall use and intention is management
33 over decades is as a passive preserve.

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35 The upper mansion is used as a catering facility. This use has
36 been used to justify a redesignation of the park as active. The
37 category, according to the Suffolk County Historic Trust document,
38 and I have the last page at the back of the handout I gave you, all
39 of this information are in the handout, so it's functional. The
40 functional use category of a historic site does not authorize
41 active park use or designation. They are two entirely separate
42 designations. Who wants to divert this preserve into an active
43 park? So that's my question. Like, who's responsible for this
44 statement that's on the Suffolk County website now?

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46 **VICE CHAIR TROTТА:**

47 Okay. Any questions? Legislator Caracappa.

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49 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

50 Good morning, Desiree. How are you?

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52 **DESIREE BENN:**

53 Good morning, Legislator Caracappa.

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55 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

56 Thank you. I don't believe that it's designated as a passive park

1 right now.

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3 **DESIREE BENN:**

4 Currently it's designated as a historic site.

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6 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

7 Historic, correct.

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9 **DESIREE BENN:**

10 However, all the documents and all the intention that I provided to
11 all of you --

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13 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

14 Yes, we have it.

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16 **DESIREE BENN:**

17 -- mention repeatedly that the use and the management and the
18 intention was for it to stay as a passive park.

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20 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

21 Well, let's be clear. There's no intentions of putting basketball
22 courts or pickle, you know, courts there, pickle ball, no. But it
23 is -- it is an active park as far as people being able to visit and
24 walk and enjoy.

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26 **DESIREE BENN:**

27 The definition, I have in the handout there, there's a definition
28 from Suffolk County Planning Board of planning for open spaces. It
29 says that an active recreation should not conflict with
30 environmentally sensitive conditions on or near a site. Now,
31 active park is a designation. A passive park is a designation.
32 I've given everyone this document. It's all in here so you can
33 just refer to it and I highlighted it. So referring it to an
34 active park is out of step with how -- the intended use. So right
35 now the administrative -- it was purchased under general purposes.
36 In 1988 it was -- had the historic designation of a historic site.
37 Under the use category, which is the last page, it's classified
38 under functional. The governing body that governs this park is the
39 historic -- Suffolk County Historic Trust Manual. Nowhere in that
40 manual is the word active used, only functional. Active park and
41 passive park are two completely separate designations.

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43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

44 I agree with that. And under the active park, you know, none of
45 these things are going on. There are no ball fields, there's no
46 camping, there's none of that. Passive recreation use do not
47 disturb the natural environment and none of that is going on
48 either. So you sort of got the best of both worlds going on there.
49 The thing is this, this is a Suffolk County Park maintained by
50 Suffolk County, and, yes, I know you have a group of volunteers and
51 that's excellent. We appreciate that, we acknowledge that, but
52 this is a Suffolk County park for Suffolk County residents, not
53 just for your community, all right. We have parks all over Suffolk
54 County that community members go and volunteer their time at, which
55 we completely support and we appreciate. Of course, that's what
56 they love to do with their time. But you have to please keep in

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1 mind that though it is in your community it's not your community
2 park, it's open for everybody. And when you -- I keep hearing that
3 you don't want roadways and parking lots and I can appreciate that,
4 and then it's the wetlands. This is a manmade wetlands. You're
5 aware of that? That was manmade.

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7 **DESIREE BENN:**

8 It is not --

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10 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

11 Let me just finish.

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13 **DESIREE BENN:**

14 There's not a manmade wetlands.

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16 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

17 Well, my information is it was manmade years ago. It used to be a
18 pool and then -- the original owner made it and now --

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20 **DESIREE BENN:**

21 That's incorrect information.

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23 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

24 -- it's being recognized -- it's being recognized as potential as
25 wetlands. I'm not even sure it's been designated yet.

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27 **DESIREE BENN:**

28 It has been designated.

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30 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

31 Okay, good. Thank you for clearing that up for me, all right, and
32 I'm trying to stay on top of it, I really am. But the fact of the
33 matter is we have many residents of Suffolk County and many
34 residents of Suffolk County like to go visit our County parks and
35 rightfully so. They are some of the best in the State. And let's
36 not forget that there are handicapped individuals that would love
37 to go down and see the rest of the property, but you know how that
38 terrain there is not really adequate for handicapped personnel. So
39 if they had an opportunity to drive down there somehow and park and
40 enjoy our County park, because there are County residents who pay
41 their tax dollars to enjoy these parks. I'm not trying to be
42 controversial. I completely understand and, really, I'm fascinated
43 and applaud your efforts to keep this park in a manner that you
44 would like to see it.

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46 **DESIREE BENN:**

47 I completely agree with you. This is a County park. It is a
48 County asset so -- and it's up to the County to hold and trust this
49 asset for all of Suffolk County residents. Now, this County asset
50 is considered one of -- is the most ecologically significant park
51 on Huntington Harbor. It has habitat for the northern long-eared
52 bat, it has wetlands, which are not manmade because it's on the
53 harbor. There was an artisan spring -- I won't get into it, but
54 it's not manmade. It was man enhanced, it's been altered, but the
55 wetlands exist due to seeps and spring that exist along the entire
56 -- all the way around Huntington Harbor into the -- and it's part

1 of the Puppy Cove wildlife corridor. There's the Mill Dam
2 Waterfowl Sanctuary, which extends all the way into this park. You
3 can see the Green Heron, Grey Heron and Egrets. The Bald Eagles
4 fly overhead. It has over 117 species of birds and it's in the
5 Audubon important bird area of global priority. It's a County
6 asset and it's up to the County to protect this asset for all of
7 Suffolk County residents. Now, some residents --

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9 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

10 Correct.

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12 **DESIREE BENN:**

13 Some residents, we enjoy our parks in different ways. Some -- not
14 all -- you can't recreate these natural features, so when a County
15 has an asset that has these ecologic -- features which are
16 ecologically significant and documented in several documents and
17 ecological studies, then it's up to the County to protect these
18 ecological assets. If you refer to the LWRP, which is in your
19 packet --

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21 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

22 I don't want to -- for time restraints I just want to say this.
23 We, everybody up here particularly, we acquire a lot of land for
24 open space use. And when we do this one of the requirements is
25 that we make sure that these properties are accessible, accessible
26 for all the County residents, and that means putting in a parking
27 lot and putting in an access path to the area. Now, you think
28 those residents like to see that? No. So you have to have the
29 balance. Let me -- please let me finish, Desiree. I know that
30 this is a passionate subject of yours.

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32 I'm just trying to let you know that outside of your community this
33 goes on all over the County. We have a responsibility of
34 protecting open space and we try to do that all over the County.
35 But, again, let me reiterate this fact to you that a prerequisite
36 of obtaining these open spaces is to allow, make it accessible for
37 the County residents who are paying for these acquisitions. So you
38 have to understand the balance. This is not like a private park.

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40 **DESIREE BENN:**

41 I --

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43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

44 Let me just finish my statement, Desiree. We've been listening to
45 you for months now and we want to try and come to some kind of
46 amenable agreement with you and members of your community, but it's
47 got to be right for all of Suffolk County, all right? So I would
48 really appreciate if we had an opportunity to sit, and especially
49 with Legislator Bontempi. Put the differences aside and try having
50 an open conversation. I know there's been some dust-ups in the
51 past. That's not going to get anything accomplished. You do
52 realize that? So maybe it's time. I'm not pointing fingers here,
53 Desiree. Don't get defensive, all right? Please. I'm trying to
54 help you here.

1 **DESIREE BENN:**
2 Have I said anything?

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
5 I saw the look in your fact. I saw it, I can read people pretty
6 well.

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8 **DESIREE BENN:**
9 Okay, so according to the LWRP it says a significant ecological
10 characteristics of the site, to preserve and protect it to the
11 greatest extent possible. To me, that means using Suffolk County
12 designation as a nature preserve for this lower five acres of
13 Coindre Hall. There's a designation of a nature preserve --

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15 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
16 To you, you said, right?

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18 **DESIREE BENN:**
19 Hmm?

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21 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
22 To you. To you that means.

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24 **DESIREE BENN:**
25 To the significant ecological characteristics of the site should be
26 preserved and protected to the greatest extent possible.

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28 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
29 Okay. I get that.

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31 **DESIREE BENN:**
32 The designation that gives the greatest protection, according to
33 Suffolk County, is that of a nature preserve. According to Suffolk
34 County that gives the greatest --

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36 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
37 And still be accessible to the taxpayers who pay for it, Desiree,
38 is my point. It's a balance.

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40 **DESIREE BENN:**
41 Nature preserves are accessible --

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43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
44 There is a balance, Desiree. Listen, I don't want to take any more
45 time.

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47 **DESIREE BENN:**
48 Sure, sure.

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50 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
51 I asked questions, right? I do appreciate your time and your
52 passion and hopefully we can resolve this issue going forward.

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54 And, Commissioner Smagin, do you mind coming up? I want to get the
55 definition of those wetlands there because I believe I'm getting
56 conflicting information from the community and from the County.

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2 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

3 Legislator Caracappa, just before you continue, Mr. Clerk, can you
4 just make the record reflect that I'm present?

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6 **CLERK TASSONE:**

7 We have you, Mr. Chairman, and Legislator Hahn also, is what I've
8 been told.

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10 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

11 Thank you. I appreciate it. The Chair recognizes Commissioner
12 Smagin.

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14 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

15 Welcome. Welcome, Mr. Chairman. Can you please just define -- a
16 conversation we had, I was informed those were indeed manmade.
17 Maybe I didn't hear the whole conversation correctly. Can you just
18 --

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20 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

21 Yeah. So just to be clear, there's actually two separate wetlands
22 on this property, and I think that's where a lot of the confusion
23 is coming from. So there's the one wetland which was used as a
24 pool in previous years that does have some hardscaping within it.
25 Then there's the -- so that one is a mapped wetland. There's a
26 separate one due to the now maintenance of the property that has
27 turned into a wetland and that's one that the DEC is currently
28 mapping. So it hasn't been mapped yet but they're currently
29 mapping it, and once they inform you that the land is going to be
30 mapped they pretty much hold it out like you should treat it as a
31 wetland.

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33 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

34 And what is that?

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36 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

37 That's the one that's at the front of the --

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39 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

40 No, I know where it is, but what does that entail when you treat it
41 as a wetlands? Explain to me what we should do.

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43 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

44 So it just -- so in regards to that it's just your permitting.
45 When you go to the DEC you would have to apply for permitting.
46 It's not that nothing could be done on the site or that it has to
47 remain unchanged. It's just you have to get permitting for
48 different types of work you would want to do in that area. And,
49 you know, for instance, like on the project site we talk about the
50 driveway that leads into the property that goes down to the
51 boathouse. A different material had to be used instead of RCA
52 because of that wetland in existence. So part of the DEC
53 permitting and getting the approval for that was using bluestone
54 instead of regular RCA.

1 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

2 Right.

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4 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

5 So when you go down to that area it switches from RCA to the
6 bluestone because of that. So there are certain factors that,
7 because of the sensitivity of the wetland, they would have to be
8 followed.

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10 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

11 So the County has remained in compliance.

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13 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

14 That's correct.

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16 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

17 Thank you. And just remind me, the County's Parks Department does
18 the maintenance on that property, correct?

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20 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

21 That's correct, with also Huntington doing some maintenance due to
22 the camp that they run out of there.

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24 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

25 Right. Yes, okay. So I just want to be clear that this is a
26 County park. We do our best to keep it as inactive, you know, as
27 passive as possible. From the tour I took of it, it's beautiful.
28 I don't disagree with the community members. And it is rather
29 quiet. I wasn't down on Mother's Day or anything else, so I don't
30 know how crowded it gets, but to me I think it's important to keep
31 the park accessible for all County residents and I think that's
32 what we've done. I think that's what we should continue to do
33 without disrupting any of the endangered species, any of the
34 unendangered species, because it is a beautiful park for those who
35 like to come out and watch birds and look at insects, and I have
36 friends that do that as well, go to Jones Beach and do it as well.

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38 So I just don't see, you know, for the past two years we've had
39 Deidre and the whole community, to their credit, coming in. I just
40 would like to find some kind of final resolve to this issue where
41 everybody's happy, and I have a feeling that what they're looking
42 for is a little bit too much as a community-based park rather than
43 recognizing that it is indeed a Suffolk County park that should be
44 accessible to all members of this -- of all residents of this
45 County. So I'm not sure if we're ever going to find that middle
46 ground, I'm hopeful that we can, and resolve this issue. But
47 please keep me informed of anything we can do on both sides that we
48 can finally rectify this issue that's been going on for quite some
49 time now. All right? So I appreciate your time, Commissioner, and
50 all the work you do and my best to the guys that do a great job up
51 there, too, guys and gals.

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53 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

54 Thank you so much. And, you know, we did have a town hall in the
55 Town of Huntington to be able to address, because there was a lot
56 of rumors going around on these properties, and I think we were

1 able to squash a lot of the rumors at the town hall. So I'm
2 appreciative of that.

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

5 Yeah, I understand it was a good meeting for the most part.

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7 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

8 It was a couple of hundred individuals there and it was a really
9 good meeting.

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11 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

12 Okay. Very good. Thank you for answering all the questions.

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14 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

15 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa. I think I have Legislator Krupski
16 next. Is that right? The Chair recognizes Legislator Krupski.

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18 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

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19 Thank you, Mr. Chair, I appreciate it. So I'll start with the
20 Commissioner here, if I could. And, yes, we've heard a lot about
21 this park and I've been there, but I don't live anywhere near
22 there. And I get it when you're very interested in a park that,
23 you know, you consider it your park because that's where you live
24 and that's where you want to go and that's where you have the most
25 impact, because you live in that area. And I have to say, the best
26 way I think to manage some of these is by having local input. Is
27 there -- I'm somewhat familiar with wetland regulations. How is it
28 that DEC is regulating a wetland behind a functional seawall?

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30 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

31 Again, that was the permit that went in to replace the seawall so
32 it was approved to repair and do other items there.

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34 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

35 Okay.

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37 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

38 So if you'd want us to pose a question of how they approved that
39 for the DEC we could, but it's an approved permitted project.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 If you can get back to me on that, if you could.

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44 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

45 Yeah, no. It's an approved permitted project, so.

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47 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

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48 Okay. Are there any groups looking for space in the building to
49 store anything? Besides the current business that runs it as a
50 catering hall.

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52 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

53 So we -- so we have multiple groups currently in there and we've
54 recently received a request to store some possible items on site
55 and have access to the bathroom and we're working with Huntington
56 in trying to make some of that a possibility.

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2 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

3 Okay, thanks. What's the staffing levels at the park?

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5 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

6 Dedicated directly to Coindre Hall?

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

9 To that site, the whole site.

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11 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

12 So we have a --

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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

15 You don't have a dedicated person there, right?

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17 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

18 No. We have the West Hills crew, which maintains that park and
19 also some additional sites, is the one in charge of maintaining
20 that. So it's around three full-time staff maintaining those
21 parks.

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23 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

24 Okay. So, yeah, I would only encourage you to work with the people
25 who live in the area and use the park and know it well. Is there
26 any -- I know you had an outreach meeting with the community. Is
27 there -- are you going to have future outreach meetings with the
28 community just to keep the lines of communication going? Because
29 the use of those parks, it's always local use, right, I mean,
30 unless you got a big one down on the ocean or something. Mostly
31 it's local use for these community parks.

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33 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

34 So just to be clear, there is an advisory task force that is
35 supposed to be a representative of the community on top of the fact
36 that we actually, the County Parks Department works with --
37 Desiree, can you just remind me what the name of your group is?

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39 **DESIREE BENN:**

40 Coindre Hall Park Community.

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42 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

43 The Coindre Hall Park Community. We actually have permitted
44 different events that Desiree and her group have been doing in the
45 removal of invasive species. They've regularly been working on
46 that site property. They've regularly been meeting with County
47 Park staff onsite multiple times. And currently prior to coming in
48 we just discussed Desiree's wishes of being able to apply for
49 certain grants for doing plantings there. We're working very
50 closely with them. So just wanted to make sure everyone was aware.

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52 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

53 It's a little early to plant beans, but I think if you wait another
54 week you'll be fine. Okay, thank you, Commissioner. Thanks for
55 your efforts keeping, you know, reaching out to all members of the
56 community there. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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2 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

3 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Anyone else? Okay, seeing none,
4 thank you, Commissioner. We have Daniel Karpen. Same bat time,
5 same bat channel.
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7 **DANIEL KARPEN:**

8 Welcome to the Daniel Karpen show direct from the Suffolk County
9 Legislature. My name is Daniel Karpen. I'm a licensed
10 professional engineer. I'd like to speak about Coindre Hall,
11 certain things to be noted. Number one. There are freshwater and
12 tidal wetland species on the park. It appears that these are
13 manmade wetlands from my observations as a conservationist doing
14 environmental work for the last 60 years. And regardless of
15 whether manmade or natural freshwater or tidal wetlands, both are
16 protected under the New York State Freshwater Wetlands Act and the
17 Tidal Wetlands Act. The Freshwater Wetlands and the Tidal Wetlands
18 Act do not make any distinction between manmade and natural
19 wetlands. Point number one.

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21 Point number two, if this has truly been a passive park and it's
22 been used that way, to convert the park to active uses would
23 require a generic environmental impact statement in accordance with
24 the State Environmental Quality Review Act. So that is a
25 requirement of law and you must follow it.
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27 Third, there's discussion about the fact that all Suffolk County
28 parks should be accessible to the public. I would like to point
29 out that there's an oak woodland at the corner of Dix Hills Road
30 and Park Avenue in Huntington. It's a Suffolk County Park and, in
31 fact, there are no signs on the perimeter of this property advising
32 the public that it is a Suffolk County park. So I think the
33 Suffolk County Parks Department should inventory all its land and
34 determine which areas do not have signs stating it's a public park.
35 And if the County -- if the Parks Department doesn't have enough
36 money to do this, money for the signs and someone to put them up,
37 then the Legislature needs to appropriate some money to do that.
38 So that's one thing that I think we need to spend some money on.
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40 And the third thing is, I want to know when that illegally built
41 road is going to be removed from Coindre Hall Park. The
42 environmental review under SEQRA was done illegally. While the
43 reconstruction of the seawall was an ordinary maintenance repair
44 item, the addition of this new travel lane to bring trucks and
45 other equipment down to the park was illegal. It was not a Type II
46 Action. It was not a Type II Action. I've pointed that out to you
47 before and I want that road removed, all the gravel, all the
48 recycled aggregate taken out. And I think you should ask the Parks
49 Commissioner when he's going to do that and correct this violation
50 of law. Thank you.

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52 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

53 Thank you, Mr. Karpen.
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55 **DANIEL KARPEN:**

56 We got to get the Commissioner back up here and he's got to tell

1 you when he's going to remove the illegally constructed road.

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3 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

4 Thank you, Mr. Karpen. Duly noted. Any questions? Seeing none,
5 next up is Nina Marsden. Nina, are you here? Good morning, Nina.
6 You have three minutes, ma'am. Take your time.

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8 **NINA MARSDEN:**

9 My name is Nina. I'm a resident of Suffolk County. Unfortunately,
10 I live in Huntington Station now but I lived in Harbor Heights for
11 many years and raised my young children there by myself. We went
12 to Coindre Hall every day. We walked over there and I have such
13 wonderful memories of it, the birds, the turtles. I took a sick
14 animal once from there, a bird, to the vet and got him -- and
15 returned the bird when he had the care.

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17 I don't see any birds. I went there the other day. I didn't see
18 any birds, there's no turtles. There's a gravel road that hurts.
19 I took my dog with me, she's a little service dog, a rescue, and I
20 have to go there to get my serenity. It is the only park around,
21 passive park around, that is not on a busy road, not a lot of
22 noise.

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24 I live on New York Avenue and I literally am so stressed out from
25 that. I have a heart condition now from the stress and the noise.
26 Noise pollution is bad. Several people have been hit and in
27 critical condition from parking lots. People are supposed to do
28 five miles an hour in a parking lot, not 15, not 30. I am an
29 advocate for safer driving in Huntington Station, Huntington and
30 Long Island and Suffolk County mostly. Hardly any speeding signs
31 -- I mean speed limit signs and everything.

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33 This park is very important to me and many others. My kids are
34 really upset about it because that's our memories. You know, you
35 can't take memories away, but if they put a parking lot -- why
36 another parking lot? There's a big parking lot there. You walk
37 from the parking lot and walk over there. There used to be
38 turtles, wildlife. You want to kill everything? A hundred trees
39 have already been cut down. How many more? I have a breathing
40 issue. There's not enough trees. When you park in a parking lot
41 it's all sun, no shade. We need to live, we need to breathe.
42 Trees gives us oxygen. They want to cut more down, put a road.
43 More people are at risk with another parking lot. It's just
44 dangerous putting a parking lot there. It's also I don't think
45 good.

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47 People work hard, they're stressed out. Covid stressed more people
48 out and changed them. I wish they'd change back to being nicer and
49 more kind. I went there the other day and I met Desiree and this
50 is important to me. My little service dog went to her and, you
51 know, she had something important to say. I stayed for at least an
52 hour talking to her. I met a nice person. And I don't know why
53 Suffolk County needs to make more money and make this beautiful
54 wetlands passive park, active. How many people do you want go
55 there? How many people do you need there? I mean, is this
56 supposed to be a place for shuttles to go the bars, 300 or more

1 bars in Huntington. No wonder there's so much DWI rate or impaired
2 rate. Pedestrians are getting killed by the way people are
3 driving. You want more people to drive down there and drive and
4 speed in the parking lots? This is a big issue to me.

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6 You cut down all the farms on Pulaski and put up all these housing.
7 How many more housing is the County going to put so there's more
8 people and just more aggravation and more stress for people and
9 more accidents and more deaths. A friend was killed on a busy road
10 that would lead to -- by there. And West Shore Road is a nice
11 road.

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13 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
14 Ma'am.

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16 **NINA MARSDEN:**
17 It's a 30 mile an hour, as New York Avenue is --

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19 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
20 Ma'am.

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22 **NINA MARSDEN:**
23 -- and on the way down there it's very peaceful --

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25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
26 Ma'am.

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28 **NINA MARSDEN:**
29 -- if you go the speed limit and somebody's not up your butt and
30 trying to hit you. I miss the birds.

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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
33 Ma'am, you're three minutes is up. Ma'am.

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35 **NINA MARSDEN:**
36 I miss the wildlife there already --

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38 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
39 Ma'am.

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41 **NINA MARSDEN:**
42 -- from the destruction they've done.

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44 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
45 Ma'am, your three minutes is up. Thank you very much.

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47 **NINA MARSDEN:**
48 Whatever.

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50 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
51 Any questions? Legislator Krupski.

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53 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
54 I have a question for the Commissioner again. It relates to what
55 the last two speakers have said about the driveway and the parking
56 at the -- by the retaining wall. And just to be clear, is that a

1 temporary work driveway and parking area or is that going to be a
2 permanent feature?

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4 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

5 No. So the plan is -- would be to allow that to be some type of
6 permanent feature to allow individuals who wouldn't be able to go
7 to the lower portion of the park access to it. Currently town
8 residents go to Gold Star Beach and park and walk over. Other
9 County residents don't have that access as it's a town beach. The
10 terrain there, it's very rough to get down from the actual main
11 house all the way down to the lower wetland area, so this would
12 just allow for small parking for the disabled and also possibly for
13 parking for those who would be working out of the boathouse.

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15 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

16 That's interesting, working out of the boathouse. What does that
17 mean, out of the boathouse.

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19 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

20 So as we had discussed, we had talked about having exhibits there,
21 like working with an organization like Cornell Cooperative for them
22 to have kind of some freshwater exhibits to show what they do to
23 the public and have some type of exhibit sites there. And then
24 also have them have office space and also having possible the
25 rowing communities come back to use and store items in the lower
26 portion of that building.

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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 So to spend about \$10 million to restore it to have exhibit space
30 there?

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32 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

33 So that could be one feature of it. I don't know the exact quote
34 of how much it's going to cost for the rehabilitation of the entire
35 structure. I know the stabilization portion is being currently
36 worked on. That was when it went out for the seawall both items
37 actually were put out to RFP but there wasn't enough money to do
38 both. So it's kind of been phased to do the seawall first and then
39 the stabilization of the boathouse next.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 I guess we should get a complete estimate on that restoration so we
43 could make an informed decision on whether to go forward with
44 something like that versus spending that money at one of our other,
45 you know, many County parks.

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47 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

48 Yeah, no. It's, you know, as we know that any time historical
49 buildings are preserved, and we have a tremendous amount in our
50 inventory, there's always a cost with preservation of maintenance
51 of them.

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53 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

54 All right, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Any other questions? Legislator
3 Thorne.

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5 **LEG. THORNE:**

6 Commissioner, not being intimately familiar with the location, this
7 driveway that goes down, all the way down, is that accessible to
8 our emergency service workers, our fire department, our EMS units?
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10 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

11 Yes, that's absolutely correct.

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13 **LEG. THORNE:**

14 So instead of carrying a stretcher down this long hill they would
15 be able to get down there and get them on a stretcher and get them
16 out?
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18 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

19 Yes. So prior to us having this put in we actually were in
10:42AM 20 violation by the Fire Marshall as well.
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22 **LEG. THORNE:**

23 Outstanding. Thank you, sir.
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25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

26 Thank you, Legislator Thorne. Anyone else? Seeing none, would
27 anyone else like to address the committee today? Yes, sir, come on
28 up. You have three minutes. Just state your name for the record,
29 please. Good morning.
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10:42AM 31 **STEVE GREENSPAN:**

32 Good morning. My name is Steve Greenspan. I hold a degree in
33 environmental science and forestry from Syracuse University. I've
34 been practicing my craft for the last 50 years. I'm a landscape
35 designer by practice and environmental scientist. I specialize in
36 botany, horticulture, insects, entomology. My current business
37 specializes specifically in the organic eradication and control of
38 poison ivy, bamboo, invasive vines and Japanese knotweed.
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10:43AM 40 I attend Coindre Hall on a regular basis. I have a dog that I
41 bring there and that's my affiliation with the park. The park is
42 beautiful regardless of what time of day you may be there. We go
43 there sometimes, when I say we I'm talking about me and my dog, we
44 go there sometimes six, seven o'clock in the morning. It's not too
45 crowded, usually I'm the only person there aside from the dog and
46 the birds. Lots of chirping, lots of great sounds.
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48 My concern with the park is that the amount of environmental
49 species that have taken over, you've got a lot of Chrysanthemum
10:43AM 50 weed, known as mugwort, that grows along the peripheral edge of the
51 grass right at the cusp of the forest edge. It pretty much runs
52 the entire perimeter of the parkland. It's taking over and choking
53 out other indigenous species that are much more desirable.
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55 Simultaneously, these plants harbor poison ivy up the yazoo. There
56 is so much poison ivy running along the entire perimeter edge, the

1 band must -- varies in width, but at least I would say 10 to 15
2 feet wide. And there's no signs posted because controlling the
3 poison ivy, I don't know if it's feasible given the budgetary
4 constraints that the County or the town may have, but at least the
5 public should be made well aware that there's poison ivy lurking at
6 the edges of the forest, to keep out, and specifically when dogs
7 are running around off leash -- I'm sorry -- when dogs are running
8 around off leash. They, too, would then transfer the oil back on
9 to the owners because of the transference of the poison ivy oil.

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11 Secondary to that is the tick population there has blossomed all
12 because of the climatic issues that we're all confronted with. A
13 milder winter means we have much more installs or generations of
14 tick, Lyme tick specifically, that over winter didn't survive the
15 winter. Now, as a result, we're starting out with a much high bar
16 or level of tick population so that when you walk through, again,
17 unannounced to the unknown would be traveler or visitor of the
18 park, who has no clue or idea that there are even ticks on site.
19 The ticks are just like jumping on you. You come out and you're
20 covered with ticks oftentimes, five, six in a five minute walk,
21 that's how bad it is.

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23 The other issue that needs to be addressed is as you walk the
24 inland natural pathways that have been cut out of the forested
25 areas, there are a lot of trees that are jeopardizing the safety of
26 walkers because of hanging limbs or things that are in the way or
27 limbs that are hung up on trees that could come down in a moment's
28 notice, just like that. Thank you for your time.

10:46AM 30

30 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

31 We need some maintenance here I think.

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33 **STEVE GREENSPAN:**

34 Yeah, yeah.

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36 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

37 Thank you. We appreciate you coming down.

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39 **STEVE GREENSPAN:**

40 I just -- I'd love to put it on record if you want to consult with
41 me for additional volunteers I'll probably do it.

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43 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

44 Thank you, sir. Thank you for coming down today, we appreciate it.
45 Thank you for your time. Anyone else like to address the committee
46 this morning?

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48 Okay, seeing none, we're going to go into our agenda. First item
49 on the agenda today is an **Appointment Resolution**. Appointment
50 Resolutions **1368 - Appointing Dominick Thorne as a member of the**
51 **Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District. (Krupski)**

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53 Motion by Legislator Krupski. Second by Legislator Fleming.
54 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
55 Abstentions?

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
3 *the vote)*

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5 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

6 Congratulations, Legislator Thorne.

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8 **Tabled Resolutions. 1921-22 - Authorizing the appraisal of land**
9 **under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as**
10 **amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, 2384 Belmont Ave., LLC property -**
11 **Town of Brookhaven (SCTM Nos. 0200-159.00-02.00-008.002 and**
12 **0200-159.00-02.00-008.003). (Hahn)**

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14 Legislator Hahn, what is your? Motion to table by Legislator Hahn,
15 second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on the tabling motion? Seeing
16 none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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18 **CLERK TASSONE:**

19 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
20 *the vote)*

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22 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

23 1921 is tabled. **Introductory Resolutions. 1370 - Authorizing the**
24 **appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water**
25 **Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 - Lufker**
26 **property (SCTM Nos. 0200-721.00-05.00-006.001,**
27 **0200-721.00-05.00-007.000, 0200-721.00-05.00-008.000,**
28 **0200-684.00-05.00-001.000 and 0200-684.00-05.00-004.000) - Town of**
29 **Brookhaven. (Mazzarella)**

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31 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

32 Motion.

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34 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

35 Motion by Legislator Caracappa.

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37 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**

38 Second.

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40 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

41 Second by Presiding Officer McCaffrey. I think he chimed in,
42 sorry.

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44 **LEG. FLEMING:**

45 He did not. I got there first.

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47 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

48 No, it's my district. I don't get much of this in my district.

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50 **LEG. FLEMING:**

51 I'm sorry, I didn't realize.

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53 **LEG. MCCAFFREY:**

54 Thank you for the indulgence.

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1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 Okay. We have a motion and a second. Anyone on the motion? All
3 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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5 **CLERK TASSONE:**

6 Eight. (*Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included*
7 *in the vote*)

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9 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

10 1370 is approved. *1373 - Authorizing appraisal of land under the*
11 *Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by*
12 *Local Law No. 24-2007, McCarthy property - Town of Southold (SCTM*
13 *No. 1000-122.00-04.00-047.001). (Krupski)*

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15 **LEG. TROTТА:**

16 Motion.

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18 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

19 Motion by Legislator Trotta. Second by Legislator Krupski.

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21 **LEG. TROTТА:**

22 On the motion, quickly.

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24 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

25 On the motion, Legislator Trotta.

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27 **LEG. TROTТА:**

28 I saw a picture of this. This looks like -- is this buildable?
29 What's the story with this?

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31 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

32 Mr. Kerr, good morning.

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34 **MR. KERR:**

35 Good morning. I'm Michael Kerr with the Department of Economic
36 Development and Planning. So this is a 1.9 acre property located
37 along James Creek. It mostly contains tidal wetlands.

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39 **LEG. TROTТА:**

40 So it's unbuildable?

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42 **MR. KERR:**

43 I'd have to double check with the town, but I don't believe it's
44 buildable.

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46 **LEG. TROTТА:**

47 So that means the appraisal should come in rather cheap.

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49 **MR. KERR:**

50 I wouldn't want to -- I wouldn't want to make a guess on the
51 record.

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53 **LEG. TROTТА:**

54 Isn't that something we should know before we even appraise it
55 because, you know, I don't mind appraising it, but I would think
56 that if it's worthless.

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MR. KERR:
That would be part of the appraisal process.

LEG. TROTТА:
Okay.

MR. KERR:
Our appraisers will look at it inhouse to determine what they think the value range is and that's how we would proceed with --

LEG. TROTТА:
All right, sounds good. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Asked and answered. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Hello, Mr. Kerr. Before Tuesday can you check with the town to see if it's buildable?

MR. KERR:
Yes, definitely.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
Thank you, Mr. Kerr. Anyone else? Seeing none, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Hahn. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote)*

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
1373 is approved. *I.R. 1379 - Authorizing a Cooperative Management Agreement with the Central Pine Barrens Joint Policy and Planning Commission. (Co. Exec.)*

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
I'll make that motion. Second by Legislator Krupski. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Hahn. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote)*

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 1379 is approved. *I.R. 1380 - Authorizing use of Cathedral Pines*
3 *County Park in Middle Island by Long Island Abate, Inc. For its LI*
4 *ABATE Campout Fundraiser. (Co. Exec.)*

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6 Motion by Legislator Kennedy, second by Legislator Caracappa.
7 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
8 Abstentions?

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10 **LEG. TROTTA:**

11 A motion to put that on the Consent Calendar.

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13 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

14 Okay. I make a motion to put that on the Consent Calendar. The
15 vote wasn't called so we have time. We have a motion and a second
16 to put on the Consent Calendar. All those in favor? Opposed?
17 Abstentions?

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19 **CLERK TASSONE:**

20 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Hahn. Presiding*
21 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote)*

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23 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

24 1380 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar. *I.R. 1383 -*
25 *Appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with Fencing and Surveying*
26 *Various County Parks (CP 7007). (Co. Exec.)*

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28 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

29 Motion.

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31 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

32 Motion by Legislator Kennedy, second by Legislator Trotta, to put
33 on the Consent Calendar. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all
34 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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36 **CLERK TASSONE:**

37 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
38 *the vote)*

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40 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

41 1383 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar. *I.R. 1384 -*
42 *Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating*
43 *funds in connection with Historic Restoration and Preservation Fund*
44 *(CP 7510). (Co. Exec.)*

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46 **LEG. FLEMING:**

47 Motion.

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49 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

50 Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by myself. Anyone on the
51 motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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53 **CLERK TASSONE:**

54 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
55 *the vote)*

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 1384 is approved. *I.R. 1385 - Appropriating funds in connection*
3 *with restoration of Cedar Island Lighthouse, Town of East Hampton*
4 *(CP 7513). (Co. Exec.)*

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6 Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Krupski. Anyone
7 on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
8 Abstentions?

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10 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
12 *the vote)*

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14 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

15 1385 is approved. *I.R. 1387 - Adopting Local Law No. -2023, A*
16 *Local Law to amend Chapter 643 of the Suffolk County Code to update*
17 *language to accurately reflect the licensing procedures for parks*
18 *facilities available for residential use and to Incorporate*
19 *Hud-established Fair Market Rent based on bedroom size and*
20 *household income into those procedures. (Co. Exec.)*

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22 **LEG. TROTТА:**

23 Motion to table for public hearing.

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25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

26 Motion to table for a public hearing by Legislator Trotta.

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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 I'll second, but I have a question. On the motion.

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31 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

32 Second by Legislator Krupski. On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

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34 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

35 Could we get an explanation from the Commissioner as to what change
36 this would be? Good morning, Commissioner.

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38 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

39 Good morning.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 So what change would this be?

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44 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

45 So there's actually a few changes that go throughout it. So the
46 intent of the changes is to kind of make it consistent with what
47 our actual practice is. So a lot of the language speaks to leases
48 and items like that. It's changing it to licenses. That's what
49 our procedure is, so it's speaking to that. It's changing the
50 language over who it's first offered to, which would be park
51 police. We don't have park police so that category is being
52 deleted. And then it's adding an actual section in regards to when
53 someone is -- makes below the area median income they could qualify
54 for a restricted rent, and that is current -- that's based on
55 previous discussions that we had because the current code speaks to
56 it having to be a fair market rent. So this builds out a little

1 exception to that if an individual salary is below the area median
2 income they would qualify for the affordable housing restricted
3 rents if they're the individual who is the successful responder.

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5 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

6 And does it still give a preference for County employees?
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8 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

9 So it doesn't change that other than getting rid of the park
10 police. It goes Park employees then Public Safety, which is Police
11 and the Sheriff's Office and then it goes to the third category of
12 all County employees.
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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

15 Great. Thank you.
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17 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

18 Yeah, absolutely.
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20 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

21 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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23 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

24 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. We have a motion and a second to
25 table for a public hearing. Anyone on that motion? Seeing none,
26 all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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28 **CLERK TASSONE:**

29 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
30 *the vote)*
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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

33 1387 is tabled for a public hearing. *I.R. 1396 - Appropriating*
34 *funds for Renovations to Long Island Maritime Museum (CP 7165).*
35 *(Co. Exec.)*
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37 I'll make that motion, second by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on
38 the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
39 Abstentions?
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41 **CLERK TASSONE:**

42 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
43 *the vote)*
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45 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

46 1396 is approved. *I.R. 1406 - Authorizing use of the Long Island*
47 *Maritime Museum in West Sayville by the Neuromuscular Disease &*
48 *Christopher Pendergast ALS Center of Excellence for their Iron*
49 *Horse 4 Miler fundraiser. (Co. Exec.)*
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51 I'll make that motion.
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53 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

54 Second.
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1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 Second by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on the motion? Let's put
3 that on the Consent Calendar. All those in favor? Opposed?
4 Abstentions?

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6 **CLERK TASSONE:**

7 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
8 *the vote)*

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10 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

11 1406 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar. *I.R. 4410 -*
12 *Appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with the Removal of Toxic*
13 *and Hazardous Materials in County Parks (CP 7185). (Co. Exec.)*

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15 I'll make that motion. Second by Legislator Kennedy. Anyone on
16 the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
17 Abstentions?

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19 **CLERK TASSONE:**

20 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
21 *the vote)*

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23 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

24 1410 is approved. *I.R. 1418 - Authorizing use of Southaven and/or*
25 *Smith Point County Park for a Holiday Light Show and Holiday*
26 *Village fundraiser. (Co. Exec.)*

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28 Motion by Legislator Caracappa, second by Legislator Kennedy.
29 Anyone on the motion?

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31 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

32 On the motion.

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34 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

35 On the motion, Legislator Caracappa.

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37 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

38 Did we receive the agreement on this? I believe we haven't gotten
39 it yet if they're going to use Southaven or Smith Point, or is this
40 something that --

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42 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

43 We haven't gotten it yet.

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45 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

46 I'd like to consider a motion to table until we receive the
47 agreement.

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49 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

50 Okay. I will withdraw my motion, the motion is to approve. We
51 have a motion to table by Legislator Caracappa, second by
52 Legislator Kennedy. Anyone on the tabling motion? Seeing none,
53 all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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55 **CLERK TASSONE:**

56 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*

1 *the vote)*

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3 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

4 1418 is tabled.

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6 Okay. We have no procedural motions, no Home Rule Messages. We do
7 have Executive Session for the Triple A Program, so if you could
8 please clear the auditorium. Motion by Legislator Trotta, second
9 by Legislator Kennedy, to go into Exec. Anyone on the motion?
10 Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:55AM

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12 **CLERK TASSONE:**

13 Eight. *(Vote: 8-0-0-0. Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in*
14 *the vote)*

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16 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

17 We're in Executive Session.

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19 *(Executive Session - 10:55 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.)*

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21 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

22 All right, folks, we're back from Executive Session. We made an
23 offer on -- just give me one second. Thanks. They took the paper
24 away from me. Walk away for two seconds they take everything away
25 from you. On the Arch site, North Street Holdings LLC. Without
26 any further business in front of this committee, we stand
27 adjourned.

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29 *(*The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.*)*

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