

1 ENVIRONMENT, PARKS & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
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11 A meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee of the
12 Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Maxine S. Postal
13 Auditorium of the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive,
14 Riverhead, New York on June 3rd, 2023.
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18 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

30 Leg. Dominic S. Thorne, 7th Legislative District
31 Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature
32 Hope Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
33 Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office
34 Jason D. Smagin, Commissioner/Parks Department
35 Sarah Lansdale, Commissioner/Economic Development & Planning
36 Mike Brown, Economic Development & Planning
37 Michelle Zarifis, Director/Intergovernmental Relations
38 Jamima Chowdhury, Intergovernmental Relations/County Exec's Office
39 Mikael Kerr, Economic Development & Planning
40 Ali Nazir, Aide to PO
41 Chris DeLuca, Aide to PO
42 John Porchia, Nominee/SC Water Authority
43 Grant Newburger
44 Donna Heitner, public portion
45 Desiree Benn, public portion
46 Nina Marsden, public portion
47 Dawn Ribadeneyra, public portion
48 And all other interested parties
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50 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

51 Alison Mahoney, Court Stenographer
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(**The meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m.**)

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:

Good morning, everyone. We'll call the meeting of the Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee to order.

(**Chairman Piccirillo Banged Gavel**)

Let's please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, and stay standing for a moment of silence, led by Legislator Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence Observed

Thank you.

(**Chairman Piccirillo Banged Gavel**)

Good morning, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK TASSONE:

Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:

Is there any correspondence?

CLERK TASSONE:

All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:

Thank you. Roll call, please.

(**Roll Called by Frank Tassone - Clerk of the Legislature**)

LEG. PICCIRILLO:

Present.

LEG. TROTТА:

Here.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Here.

LEG. FLEMING:

Present.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Here.

LEG. HAHN:

Present.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Here.

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 *Seven.*

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4 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

5 Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk.

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7 We're going to go into our public speakers *(Public Portion)*.

8 First on the list, Donna Heitner. Is Donna here? Good morning.

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10 **DONNA HEITNER:**

11 Good morning.

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13 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

14 Thanks for coming out. You have three minutes, Ma'am.

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16 **DONNA HEITNER:**

17 Thank you.

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19 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

20 You're welcome. Yeah, just hit the button.

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22 **DONNA HEITNER:**

23 The Coindre Hall Restoration Project, there's still no
24 comprehensive plan. There are only piece-meal projects that have
25 been proposed by the Coindre Hall Advisory Board, a board whose
26 members have not followed proper procedure, environmental
27 stewardship is non-existent. The CHAB has not conducted any
28 environmental studies prior to making recommendations to begin
29 construction in an extremely fragile area. Whose responsibility is
30 it to safeguard our environment and protect the delicate ecosystem?
31 Is it the Board's responsibility? Is it the Suffolk County
32 Legislature's? It is ludicrous for the Legislature to approve
33 funding for a project that is so lacking in detail and faces public
34 opposition.

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36 The subject of constructing a new pier: At the last CHAB meeting,
37 the Board spoke about uses for the pier: Police boats; rowers from
38 Sagamore Rowing Club, which happens to be a Nassau County club;
39 20-minute tie-ups; fishing complete with fish-cutting stations;
40 kayak-launching; aquaculture and tourism. In addition to being
41 quite an ambitious vision for an area that meets the criteria to be
42 designated a nature preserve, how is it even possible to have all
43 these activities going on simultaneously? I get squeamish just
44 thinking about how fishing and kayaking will work together.

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46 Who is going to manage this pier? Does Suffolk County really have
47 the resources to commit to the ongoing management, operations and
48 maintenance of this pier? More likely, management, operations and
49 maintenance will be contracted out to a lessee, much like the
50 arrangement with the mansion. And who will benefit from this?
51 Not the 1.5 million Suffolk County residents. The primary
52 beneficiaries of the pier will be the lessee and will result in
53 parkland alienation for the majority of Suffolk County taxpayers.
54 We need only look to the mansion to see how such an arrangement
55 works. Currently, quote, "*The Coindre Hall Museum*," end quote, is
56 a museum in name only. Let's not let Suffolk County be fooled into

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1 spending taxpayers' money on a project that is believed to be for
2 Suffolk County residents only to have private entities take over
3 the management and benefit from the huge investment made by Suffolk
4 County. Suffolk County residents will be on the losing end of that
5 deal. Thank you so much.

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7 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

8 Thank you, Ms. Heitner. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you
9 very much for your time today.

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11 Next is Desiree Benn. Ms. Benn? I saw you pop up. Good morning.

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13 **DESIREE BENN:**

14 Good morning.

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16 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

17 Thank you for coming out.

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19 **DESIREE BENN:**

20 Good morning. My name is Desiree Benn, President of Coindre Hall
21 Park Community. And good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
22 Legislature.

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24 Suffolk County Parks resources are stretched and the parks are
25 feeling the strain. Relationships with community groups are
26 essential moving into the future if parks are to survive for the
27 next generation of Suffolk County taxpayers. The community removes
28 invasive plots and removing invasive plots increases biodiversity
29 and helps with vector control. This action benefits all
30 1.5 million taxpayers.

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32 We have successfully removed large -- Coindre Hall Park Community
33 have successfully removed large quantities of invasive plants and
34 we do not want to burden the maintenance staff who have to cut
35 substantial amounts of invasives. We remove from Huntington to
36 West Hills. They have a small vehicle, so if we remove too many
37 invasives they have to come back for a second load and it's just
38 too much, especially moving into the busy Summer when they have
39 other things. And we saw a solution, so we met with area manager
40 James {Gordot} and he suggested a 20-yard roll-off dumpster with
41 weed pickup, and we even agreed upon a site where it could be
42 placed so it wouldn't be in the vision of the -- interfere with the
43 lessees. So he said I was to come to the Legislature to ask for
44 that 20-yard roll-off dumpster so -- and that would help out the
45 Parks staff immensely.

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47 Okay. So, Ed Wong, an engineer and environmental consultant and a
48 member of our group, is gathering data to create comprehensive plan
49 for the park, securing a top-notch GPS unit in order to record
50 landmark trees on the property and historic features like historic
51 local posts as part of the old farming history of the property.
52 These are remnants of the farming history of West Neck Farm which
53 was a gentleman's farm not unlike Scully Estate. A tree imagery is
54 a requirement of the Historic Trust manual and has been neglected,
55 so we will -- we will do that. We will map that, we will collect
56 that data and we will put it on a map and that will become part of

1 our comprehensive plan for the park based on passive use and what
2 we believe is a world -- could be a world-class waterfront, public
3 nature preserve.

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5 I spoke to the Chair of the Coindre Hall Advisory Board,
6 Mr. Chelius, and was told that he did not have time to do the due
7 diligence. He did not believe that there was wetlands, he was not
8 going to create a comprehensive plan. This is the Chair of a board
9 who is tasked with advising Suffolk County on where they should
10 spend 1.5 million Suffolk County taxpayers' money. We, the Coindre
11 Hall Park Community, have the time. We have done the research and
12 we are making a plan. Does it serve 1.5 million of Suffolk County
13 taxpayers not to put people who are doing the due diligence on this
14 important board? What would you do if you had a community group
15 that donated considerable time and resources to benefit a Suffolk
16 County park in your district? Please support our efforts to
17 restore this property.

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19 And I just would like to add one more thing to my punch list. I
20 would like very much to have a permit to remove invasive species in
21 the wetland area which requires a DEC general permit. Thank you.

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23 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

24 You're welcome. Thank you for your time today. Any questions?
25 Seeing none, thank you very much.

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27 Next up, Nina Marsden. Ms. Marsden. Good morning, Ma'am.

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29 **NINA MARSDEN:**

30 Good morning.

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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

33 Thank you for coming out today.

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35 **NINA MARSDEN:**

36 Thank you.

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38 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

39 You're welcome. You have three minutes, Ma'am.

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41 **NINA MARSDEN:**

42 Good morning. My name is Nina Marsden. I live in Huntington
43 Station on New York Avenue. Oh, very noisy. I'm reminding
44 everybody I am hearing impaired. I -- well, 75% loss in one ear
45 and 20 in the other and hope it doesn't get worse but, I don't
46 know.

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48 Anyways, we're just leaving National Mental Health Awareness Month.
49 It was May. And I'm speaking about trying to keep Coindre Hall as
50 a nature preserve because it helps with mental illness and things
51 like emotional, psychological and social well-being. The suicide
52 rate has risen 37% in the last five years and drug addiction, as we
53 know, is an epidemic, that is also a form of mental illness. And
54 let's see, Chris said the 133 in 2019, suicides; many were not
55 reported.

1 I suffer from depression and I take a walk almost every day in
2 Coindre Hall Park for over 30 years. I love that place and I saw a
3 little fledgling the other day, birds and everything. It's very
4 good for my attitudes and -- what does this say, emotional,
5 psychological and well-being and stress. Noise causes stress and
6 it just is -- it affects your -- how we feel, act, how we handle
7 stress and how we make healthy choices to not be in a peaceful,
8 quiet, tranquil place. You can hear the birds there. There's many
9 birds and turtles. And I just so much wildlife the other day. I
10 was the only in the park for a little while but then -- with my
11 little dog. And anyways, this just -- you know, CDC says taking
12 walks in a peaceful, quiet place will help with mental health
13 issues. And also, 50 -- also it states that 50% of humans at some
14 point in their life will become affected by mental health issues,
15 and these are facts.

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17 I just -- I don't know what you really plan to do, but it reminds
18 me of a song *Big Yellow Taxi* from the '70s, Joni Mitchell, "*Paved
19 paradise and put up a parking lot,*" and I just don't think a
20 parking lot's needed and I think we need to preserve it as a nature
21 preserve and a wetland preserve. Thank you very much.

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23 ***Applause***

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25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

26 Thank you, Ma'am. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you, Ma'am.

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28 Next up, Dawn -- I'm sorry, I'm going to try this, Ribadeneyra.

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30 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

31 Yes. Thank you so much. Hi.

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33 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

34 Hi, good morning. Thank you for coming out. You have three
35 minutes, Ma'am.

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37 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

38 Thank you for affording me the opportunity to speak.

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40 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

41 My pleasure, thank you.

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43 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

44 I was here the last time. I don't want to say exactly the same
45 thing, although the gist might be familiar.

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47 I also have -- do enjoy Coindre Hall on a regular basis, walking
48 through the trails and sometimes walking our dog, etcetera. It
49 would be nice to have access to the waterfront, although that's
50 been not very possible the past couple of years because of all the
51 construction that's going on. I'm not a hundred percent sure what
52 the plan is, but I do know that the landscape has changed very much
53 in the last year or two and many trees have been taken down and
54 trails where it used to feel like there was a lot of trees around
55 you and you were more removed from the road and the outside world
56 really have been destroyed. And I just want to make sure that, you

1 know, we have a voice in this and what is actually going to happen
2 in the park, and is there a clear plan that really benefits
3 everybody.

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5 Last time I was here we were talking about Coindre Hall being a
6 Suffolk County park and not only being for the benefit of people
7 who reside in Huntington. And I agree with that. There is no
8 reason why anybody from Suffolk County can't come right now and
9 enjoy Coindre Hall as is. I just really hope that, you know, the
10 nature can be preserved a little bit more, because it does feel
11 like a little slice of heaven for many of the people that go there.
12 I don't know if things were being mentioned the last time about a
13 pier and like an active -- passive and active, and it didn't really
14 sound -- it almost seemed like an oxymoron because we're talking
15 about the park being for everybody in Suffolk to enjoy but then
16 only certain people were going to have a key to the pier. It
17 seemed a little bit foggy.

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19 So, I'm not quite sure exactly what the plan is. It does seem like
20 there's a little bit of private interest going on here; certain
21 people must want certain things. I don't know that everybody's
22 voice is being heard; I hope that it can be. You know, less is
23 more sometimes, so hopefully we can all come to an agreement where
24 everybody -- you know, everybody is satisfied. Any questions?

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26 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

27 Thank you very much for your time. Any questions?

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29 **DAWN RIBADENEYRA:**

30 Thank you.

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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

33 Thank you, Ma'am. Appreciate it.

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35 Any -- would anyone else today -- I have no more speakers.
36 Would anyone else like to address the Legislature?

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38 *(No Response)*

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40 Seeing none, thank you very much. We're going to move into our
41 agenda.

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43 **Appointment Resolutions.**

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45 Appointing member -- *IR 1521(-23) - Appointing member of the*
46 *Suffolk County Water Authority John M. Porchia, III (Presiding*
47 *Officer McCaffrey).* Mr. Porchia?

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49 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

50 Motion.

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52 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

53 Motion to -- by Legislator Caracappa; second by myself. On the
54 motion, Mr. Porchia, would you like to tell us a little bit about
55 yourself?

1 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

2 Sure.

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4 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

5 And then we'll have some questions. Thank you, sir.

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7 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

8 I would like to start by just thanking the committee for giving me
9 the opportunity to speak here today.

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11 I know some of you briefly, but just to let you know who I am.
12 I'm a lifelong Suffolk County resident; graduated from North
13 Babylon High School. I went to Boston College; graduated there
14 with Honors and with a Degree in Economics & Finance. And I went
15 to law school at Touro in Huntington and graduated there with
16 Honors; and been a practicing private attorney in West Islip for
17 the last 20-plus years. And I live in Shoreham Wading River; got a
18 wife and two kids.

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20 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

21 I won't hold that you're from Babylon against you.

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23 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

24 Okay (*laughter*).

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26 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

27 Any questions?

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29 **LEG. TROTТА:**

30 I have a question.

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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

33 Legislator Trotta.

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35 **LEG. TROTТА:**

36 The cost of living is very -- over here (indicating). The cost of
37 living is very expensive here. And, you know, we want to keep all
38 of our -- all of our costs to a minimum. So I guess when you're on
39 the Board you'll be approving rate increases. We do not; you do.
10:41AM 40 So we just want to make sure you're, you know, fiscally
41 conservative and make sure that you're watching out.

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43 While I think we're one of the cheapest -- Legislator Caracappa
44 could probably tell me that it's one of the cheapest waters around,
45 we want to keep it as affordable as possible. I mean, I think
46 everyone at this horseshoe knows the water bill is the cheapest
47 bill we pay.

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49 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

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50 I'm a hundred percent on board with that.

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52 **LEG. TROTТА:**

53 Yeah. And I didn't like the -- as a gardener, and I'm sure Al
54 is -- well, actually you probably use well water to water your
55 fields. We got really hit hard with -- if you go over X amount of
56 water, what do they call it, Nick? A --

1 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
2 You get a water charge if you use surplus amount. There's a --

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4 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
5 Conservation pricing?

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7 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
8 Yes, that's it.

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10 **LEG. TROTТА:**
11 What's it called?

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13 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
14 Conservation pricing.

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16 **LEG. TROTТА:**
17 Yeah, conservation pricing; good word.

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19 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
10:42AM 20 Well, I'm a hundred percent on board with keeping the rates low.

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22 **LEG. TROTТА:**
23 All right. The rates are --

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25 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
26 It's about \$500 on average per household, which is some of the
27 lowest rates in the country, I believe.

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29 **LEG. TROTТА:**
10:42AM 30 A year?

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32 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
33 A year.

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35 **LEG. TROTТА:**
36 Not at my house.

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38 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
39 Yeah.

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41 **LEG. TROTТА:**
42 I pay 500, 600, \$700 a --

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44 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
45 We all don't live in a mansion, Legislator Trotta.

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47 **LEG. TROTТА:**
48 Well, I'm a big gardener, I don't -- believe me, I don't shower
49 that often, it's the garden. Tomatoes.

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51 All right, look. That's all -- I'm concerned about, you know,
52 being fiscally responsible and making sure that the people can
53 afford to live here, like those gentlemen sitting there and the
54 ladies and gentlemen, the interns who want to buy houses here.
55 Thank you.

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1 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

2 I understand that it's very expensive to live on Long Island and
3 I'm definitely, definitely going to be supporting any way possible
4 to keep the prices fair and low.

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6 **LEG. TROTТА:**

7 Great. And in my district I have a 26-acre uncapped landfill which
8 has nothing to do with the Water Authority but it is polluting the
9 water in my district and I just -- I may ask you at some point to
10 do some water testing.

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12 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

13 Okay.

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15 **LEG. TROTТА:**

16 Thank you very much.

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18 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

19 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. On deck, Legislator Hahn.

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21 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

22 Thank you. And just to comment on -- before I ask Mr. Porchia a
23 question, just to comment on the water pricing, I mean, it is -- I
24 know it is expensive, and I guess Legislator Caracappa could speak
25 to it a lot better than I could. To operate in Suffolk County and
26 develop wells and move that water around and do all the testing
27 that they do, it's not cheap. And then if people aren't -- the
28 conservation pricing was because people are putting it on their
29 lawns and a lot of times when the wind blows, it's running down the
30 street, you know, so the wind affects the sprinklers. So, a lot of
31 that water -- and that's treated, potable water that's being pushed
32 around like that. So, it's not -- you know, it's an expensive
33 business to be in, certainly. So that's why the conservation
34 pricing was an effort to try to control that use. Not for potable
35 water for someone's home but for the use on lawns and sidewalks and
36 pavement.

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38 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

39 Sure.

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41 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

42 So, Mr. Porchia, thank you for being here today. There's a big
43 proposal by the Water Authority to bring a 24-inch main to the
44 North Fork. And I would just hope that you would be willing to
45 work with all the involved partners on -- on how they intend to use
46 that water and where -- you know, the whole development of that
47 project.

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49 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

50 Yeah, I'm willing to work with whatever parties are necessary. I
51 know the water main has to go through Riverhead which has its own
52 water district. It's also got to go through, from my
53 understanding, a couple of the Suffolk County parks. So, I'm
54 willing to work with whatever party is necessary to make that
55 happen.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
I appreciate that. Thank you.

JOHN PORCHIA:
You're welcome.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Thank you, Mr. Chair.

LEG. TROTТА:
Okay. Legislator Hahn?

LEG. HAHN:
Hello. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

JOHN PORCHIA:
Thank you.

LEG. HAHN:
I, however, do not think fiscal responsibility is the most important aspect of a member of the Water Authority Board. Water is life, people drink it. The most important thing that we are making sure happens is that the water that is transmitted to Suffolk County residents receiving Suffolk County Water Authority water is clean. We have emerging contaminant concerns, one for Dioxane, PFOA, PFOS. You've seen -- I mean, civilizations have fought and ended over water concerns throughout history. And we've seen what happens when pipes are not replaced, when you're not on top of it. People die; children get sick.

So, as much as we want to keep our water prices low, you have a very important job in making sure that our residents get clean -- the best water possible here on Long Island, which we have, we have an extraordinary process.

JOHN PORCHIA:
Yeah.

LEG. HAHN:
But there's 3,000 new chemicals that are produced every year that are not tested for nationally. We test for more than we're required at the Suffolk County Water Authority, but we have to continue to increase those testing. It's on you to make sure people are safe. So I just -- I'm hoping you can talk a little bit about what you know about clean water and how important that is to you.

JOHN PORCHIA:
Well, very important. One of the main reasons I want to do this is to keep the water clean. I care about the environment; I care about the aquifers which are very important; and I care about making sure that our drinking water, you know, maintains a level, a high level of safety. You know, it's important; it's important for all the things you just said.

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2 And really, Suffolk County Water Authority has tested the water
3 above and beyond what the normal standards are. I mean, I think
4 most people know on the committee that they test for like 400
5 compounds at the moment, which sounds high but over the years
6 there's going to be more testing required. But there's only --
7 there's only approximately like 150 compounds that they require to
8 test for.

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10 So like the Suffolk County Water Authority is really above the bar
11 in terms of trying to keep the water safe and clean, but that's
12 going to be a bar that continues to rise over the next couple of
13 years. And I think it's very important. I think it's important
14 for the people that live here. And I also think it's important for
15 preserving and protecting the aquifers for the future. And like
16 you said, there's pollutants that are -- you know, the pollutants
17 are being created faster than we can react. So there's a lot of
18 treatment facilities that are going to have to be updated. There's
19 going to be more treat -- more treatment facilities that have to be
20 implemented. And they have to be done on a cost-effective basis,
21 but I think the number one goal would be not so much fiscal
22 responsibility, but making sure that the water is clean and that
23 the aquifers are safe.

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25 **LEG. HAHN:**
26 That's what I needed to hear.

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28 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
29 Yeah.

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31 **LEG. HAHN:**
32 Just, you know, we started out with the talk of money --

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34 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
35 Right.

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37 **LEG. HAHN:**
38 -- and how important it is to be fiscally responsible, but it's not
39 worth it --

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41 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
42 No.

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44 **LEG. HAHN:**
45 -- to skimp on protecting our water --

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47 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
48 Yes.

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50 **LEG. HAHN:**
51 -- and the treatment that's necessary. Thank you.

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53 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
54 You're welcome.

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 Thank you, Legislator Hahn. Legislator Fleming.

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4 **LEG. FLEMING:**

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, sir, for your willingness to
6 serve. I'm glad to hear your concerns about water quality.

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8 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

9 You're welcome.

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11 **LEG. FLEMING:**

12 My district -- I represent the South Fork and my district has had
13 more hits for water contamination following the previous Governor's
14 directive that airports and other places that might be using, for
15 instance, the fire fighting foam conduct monitoring to try to
16 detect whether there are perfluorinated compounds, those forever
17 compounds in and around the airports. That happened and we've done
18 quite a bit of work. The Water Authority was extremely responsive
19 and helpful including a \$20 million project that they've found
20 grant funding for and worked with the Health Department on in
21 Wainscott in East Hampton. I'm particularly concerned about a
22 plume in Speonk in the Town of Southampton that's been there for
23 many, many years.

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25 One of the challenges that we find when these poisons are
26 discovered in the water supply is how do you pay for remediation.
27 And, you know, the Superfund effort obviously is very important in
28 that you want to find the responsible party, you know, and have
29 them foot the bill. Unfortunately, the Speonk plume, a responsible
30 party has never been identified. However, the Water Authority is
31 really active in the effort and I just wanted to bring it to your
32 attention and ask for your commitment to the continued efforts
33 here. These are folks who for decades have known, including
34 hydrogeologists who live in the area who have known that volatile
35 organic compounds are present in their water supply.

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37 But luckily, because of this perfluorinated compound effort,
38 luckily or unluckily, there's also PFOA in that water supply. And
39 so they were able to get funding, the Water Authority was able to
40 get over a million dollars to try to -- to begin to remediate.
41 That's where we are on that project and I would ask for your
42 assurances that you would support the continued efforts to the
43 Water Authority to bring some relief to this community.

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45 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

46 You have my assurance. One of my main goals to be on this Board is
47 to continue to remediate.

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49 **LEG. FLEMING:**

50 And I appreciate that and it's not easy, especially when we hear,
51 you know, priorities being cost, there's no avoiding the fact that
52 some of these things are very costly. Luckily the perfluorinated
53 compounds can be remediated with simple carbon treatment and that's
54 not expensive, but the 1,4 Dioxane, for instance, which we've only
55 had one hit in my district, but up west there's been more, it's
56 very expensive. And so I would ask for your commitment as well.

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2 We worked -- my team worked hard to try to reduce the maximum
3 contaminant load of some of these compounds, as you probably know,
4 for the perfluorinated compounds. It went from 70 parts per
5 trillion to 10 parts per trillion at the State level and now EPA is
6 saying anything is dangerous. That's expensive but it's important,
7 because we have these mysterious cancer rates on Long Island. And
8 if we know there's poison in the water, I hope that you'll continue
9 the good commitment to try to strike that balance, find out how to,
10 you know, sort of keep a lid on the burden on ratepayers, but at
11 the same time recognize poison is poison and it's got to go.

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13 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
14 I will and I do.

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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**
17 Okay, thank you. I really appreciate it. We have special needs on
18 the South Fork because of -- you know, for years and years I think
19 people just dumped stuff where there were, you know, not a lot of
20 -- in the woods or where people weren't and we're paying the price
21 now. So thank you for your willingness to serve.

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23 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
24 You're welcome.

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26 **LEG. FLEMING:**
27 And don't mean to lecture, but I do appreciate your understanding
28 on these important issues.

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30 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
31 Thank you and you're welcome.

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33 **LEG. FLEMING:**
34 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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36 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
37 Thank you, Legislator Fleming. The Chair recognizes the Majority
38 Leader, Legislator Caracappa.

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40 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
41 Good morning, John. How are you?

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43 **JOHN PORCHIA:**
44 Good morning.

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46 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
47 So, we talked earlier about some of my concerns and we can leave
48 that there. You know, you're about to go over to an authority that
49 I spent 34 years working at, you know, as head of the labor union
50 there, Local 393, but that's not what I'm getting at. We have
51 great employees over there. We lead the -- I think we lead the
52 nation in our water quality. We have the awards to prove it.
53 We have a state-of-the-art laboratory over there that continues to
54 exceed State limits on what to test for. We create methods over
55 there, that's how brilliant our employees are. We create the
56 methods for, you know, household chemicals and hair care products

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1 down to, you know, a fraction of the levels that are required by
 2 the State. As far as the 1,4 Dioxane, Suffolk County Water
 3 Authority employees came up with the treatment for that and that's
 4 what the rest of the State and the rest of the country are modeling
 5 after. But it takes a partnership. You know, we have some -- we
 6 have some great employees over there, both in administration and in
 7 the union, and that's where I need to ensure that that bond and
 8 that relationship is appreciated.

10:54AM 10 For years it was a culture there since 2006 that didn't seem to be
 11 that way. And I can speak candidly because I was there; I
 12 witnessed it. And as you're well aware, happy employees are
 13 productive employees, right?

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 15 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

16 Yep, I agree.

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 18 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

10:54AM 19 And the State works safer and they go the extra limit. I don't
 20 want to get too far into that but, you know, everything up here my
 21 colleagues are speaking about, from the cost perspective that
 22 Legislator Trotta talked about, it's important. I mean, probably
 23 in 2006 there wasn't a rate hike for 16 years from the Water
 24 Authority; post 2006 it was an average of 4% per year.
 25 That is setting a tone. If you look at the rates in Nassau County,
 26 we will be getting to that level if we continue on that trend.
 27 Granted, we have come up with some challenges in the, you know,
 28 present day with the 1,4 Dioxane and some other things and that is
 29 a challenge. But we also have to be very cognisant of the
 10:55AM 30 progression on how that 4% on top of 4% on top of 4%.

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 32 I used to come here and go to the public hearings. I was the only
 33 one lobbying against the rate hikes, and it seems -- it seems odd
 34 for a labor President to lobby against rate hikes because we want
 35 pay raises and all, so I get the conflict. But I wanted
 36 transparency. I wanted to know why for 16 years prior to that
 37 there wasn't a rate hike and then all of a sudden an average of 4%.

10:56AM 39 But -- so just be cognisant of that. And then we have the \$20 per
 40 household surcharge for the 1,4 Dioxane. I know there's a pending
 41 lawsuit like we did with some of the other plumes over the past
 42 years and the Water Authority received millions of dollars in
 43 settlement money. What's going to happen with the \$20 fee once we
 44 get the settlement into the County? I mean, these things have to
 45 be, you know, transparent with the customers.

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 47 Most importantly, the Water Authority and this County have to
 48 remain partners in supporting water quality. We up here at the Leg
 49 are working very hard with the County to put more sewers into the
 10:56AM 50 ground, sewers that will reduce the nitrogen levels in our sole
 51 aquifer which is the Lloyd Aquifer; sewers that will protect our
 52 coastal communities. We're on an Island; we're surrounded by
 53 coastal communities.

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 55 Right there in Oakdale where the Suffolk County Water Authority
 56 main office is, in Legislator Piccirillo's district, there's a huge

1 problem. The groundwater levels, every time there's a rainstorm of
2 a certain magnitude, those cesspools raise up, overflow and gets
3 washed back into the waterways. It's a problem. It's causing fish
4 die-offs, plumes, the death of our eel grasses.

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6 We have to remain vigilant in partnership. We're doing our part.
7 We want to continue to make sure the Water Authority does their
8 part when called upon to come out, be a voice, protect our water,
9 protect our coastal waterways. You know, it's important to every
10 Legislator up here because we depend on that; our families depend
11 on that; our residents depend on that.

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13 So, John, I guess wrapping up I'm just going to say I think every
14 aspect of what you're going to do on that board is important from
15 rate hikes; to quality of water; to protecting our coastal
16 waterways; to educating our public on water quality and the
17 importance of that. There are states out there right now that have
18 dropped the ball; the past being proactive and they're being
19 reactive now. Their quality water sources are no longer there and
20 they're dependent upon bottled water. We will not get to that
21 point here on Long Island. And that's going to be with your help
22 and the help of the Suffolk County Water Authority.

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24 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

25 I agree with everything you just said. And I'm going to do
26 everything I can to try to further those objectives.

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28 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

29 Well, I said a lot, hopefully you were taking notes (*laughter*).

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31 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

32 (*Laughter*)

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34 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

35 Listen, it's near and dear to me, it really is.

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37 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

38 Yeah.

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40 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

41 And we can sit and talk. I covered a lot of ground. I touched on
42 a few things, but the most important thing is the partnership
43 between the County and the Water Authority on water quality.
44 That's number one. All these other things we can discuss off the
45 record, all right, and not take up everybody's time here.

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47 So, thank you for your willingness to serve on that Board. I have
48 no problem with your background. You seem like an excellent
49 candidate to do this and I'm confident that you will serve well.
50 So, thank you.

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52 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

53 Thank you. And you're welcome.

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55 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

56 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa, for your over three decades of

1 work at the Water Authority. Your points are well taken.
2 The Chair recognizes Legislator --

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4 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

5 For the record, I started when I was 10.

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7 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

8 *(Laughter)*

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10 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

11 *(Laughter)*

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13 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

14 We're all getting there, pal. The Chair recognizes Legislator
15 Thorne.

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17 **LEG. THORNE:**

18 Thank you so much. And thank you, Mr. Chairman, as I don't sit on
19 this committee. I did have a couple of quick questions for you.

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21 What I have seen since I have been in the County is a lot of
22 farming out of projects. I, of course, don't necessarily believe
23 in it unless it's absolutely necessary because I want to keep our
24 people here in Suffolk County working. Would one of your goals be
25 to keep -- as much as possible keep projects in-house instead of
26 farming it out to a company that may not even operate in the
27 County?

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29 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

11:00AM 30 I would think so. I'm pro -- I'm pro Suffolk County workers being
31 employed. And the Suffolk County Water Authority, from my
32 understanding, has plenty of employees. They got almost 600.

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34 I'm not sure what projects they farm out exactly. I'd have to be
35 honest with you. I don't know what projects you're referring to,
36 I don't know what ones they're hiring independent contractors or
37 outside help for, but I'm sure there's certain things they can't
38 do. But I am pro hiring as many Suffolk County Water Authority
39 employees and Suffolk County employees as possible to do any kind
11:00AM 40 of project.

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42 **LEG. THORNE:**

43 That's outstanding and I appreciate that.

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45 From time to time, Suffolk County Water Authority's employees have
46 to be called out in the middle of the night for emergencies,
47 obviously, like any other public service. Would you -- you know, I
48 think Legislator Caracappa covered it when he said, you know, a
49 happy employee is a good employee, or something to that extent.
11:00AM 50 Would you consider looking at where employees are stationed in
51 comparison to their home? And here's why I'm getting to that
52 point. At the end of the day, when somebody has to get called out
53 in the middle of the night, we want a quick response, but we need
54 the person that's responding to be somewhat close to their work
55 location to do that. And I know that people have been moved
56 around, for whatever reason, mostly --

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2 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

3 Legislator, I must interject. You're getting into contractual
4 language there, not something the Board can work on changing.
5 They've got to -- it's not like they have to respond. It's almost
6 like the fire departments, they've got to respond to their work
7 location and then get into the trucks and get the necessary
8 equipment and then head out on the road, so.

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10 11:01AM Location. Most employees bid, bid jobs closest to where they live.
11 We have many, many offices across Suffolk County: East Hampton,
12 West Hampton, Coram, Oakdale, Bay Shore, Brentwood. So, that's
13 usually how it typically works, so our response time has never been
14 in question.

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16 **LEG. THORNE:**

17 And it wasn't about response time, though I appreciate you
18 expanding on your knowledge. All right, you know what? I'm going
19 to retract the last question, but try to keep as much in-house as
20 possible.

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22 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

23 I will.

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25 **LEG. THORNE:**

26 And we can talk off-line about some of the (inaudible) I know that
27 went out instead of the Suffolk County employees doing it, and I
28 was concerned about that, so.

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30 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

31 Okay.

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33 **LEG. THORNE:**

34 So, thank you so much.

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36 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

37 Thank you.

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39 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

40 11:02AM Thank you, Legislator Thorne. Any other questions from the
41 committee? We have a motion and a second to approve the
42 appointment of John Porchia. Anyone -- all those in favor?
43 Opposed? Abstentions?

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45 **CLERK TASSONE:**

46 *Seven.*

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48 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

49 *1521 is approved (VOTE: 7/0/0/0). Congratulations.*

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51 **JOHN PORCHIA:**

52 Thank you.

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54 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

55 You do not have to appear at the General Meeting. We appreciate
56 your time at the committee.

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LEG. HAHN:
I'm not sure --

JOHN PORCHIA:
Thank you very much and I thank the committee.

LEG. HAHN:
Haven't we required Water Authority people to come before?
I thought we did.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
I don't remember ever doing it, but if -- I mean, that's up --

LEG. HAHN:
Because it's paid; right? This is a paid position, correct?
I'm pretty sure we've required that in the past, but you can check.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
We'll let you know.

JOHN PORCHIA:
Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
If you do need to, you'll be here on Tuesday, but usually we don't.
We'll let you know.

JOHN PORCHIA:
And thank you to everyone on the committee.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
You're welcome. Thank you for appearing.

(Off the record discussion)

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
We'll move into our agenda. We'll start with **Tabled Resolutions.**

Tabled Resolution **1921(-22) - Authorizing the appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, 2384 Belmont Ave., LLC property - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM Nos. 0200-159.00-02.00-008.002 and 0200-159.00-02.00-008.003) (Hahn).** Legislator Hahn, what is your pleasure?

LEG. HAHN:
That has to be tabled. Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:
Second. We have a motion by Legislator Hahn; second by myself. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Legislator Hahn. I do believe I spoke to Counsel beforehand. This is going to die. It's the last time it's going to be able to be here, just to let you know in case you want to reintroduce it. All right?

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2 **LEG. HAHN:**
3 It's a voluntary program.

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5 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
6 You got it. No problem.

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8 **CLERK TASSONE:**
9 *Seven.*

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11 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
12 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. *1921 is tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

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14 *Tabled Resolution 1387(-23) - Adopting Local Law No. -2023, A*
15 *Local Law to amend Chapter 643 of the Suffolk County Code to*
16 *update language to accurately reflect the licensing procedures*
17 *for parks facilities available for residential use and to*
18 *Incorporate HUD-established Fair Market Rent based on bedroom*
19 *size and household income into those procedures (County Executive).*

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21 **LEG. TROTTA:**
22 I'll make a motion to table just for discussion. If the Parks
23 Commissioner could come up, we have some questions.

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25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
26 All right, I'll second; just for discussion I'll second the motion
27 to table and then we'll see what happens.

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29 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
30 Yeah, on the motion, please.

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32 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
33 Yep. Legislator Trotta, then Legislator Caracappa. Good morning,
34 Commissioner. Thank you for appearing.

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36 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
37 Good morning.

11:04AM

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39 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
40 Always a pleasure.

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42 **LEG. TROTTA:**
43 So, we -- I read this and it doesn't really talk about the
44 qualifications of the person, like the -- that you would consider.
45 What are their -- what is the financial? I don't know, it doesn't
46 say. Counsel advises that it doesn't go into detail or anything;
47 it doesn't even speak about, you know, who gets it, the
48 qualifications for getting it, the amount of money they make.

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50 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
51 So the intent of the law is to have it so -- we accurately
52 reflected certain changes, like I said, changing *lease* to *license*
53 and things like that. But then it's pretty much that if an
54 individual qualifies to meet the affordable housing income, which
55 is set under HUD's AMI, so it would follow other sections of our
56 law like -- of the County Code like A-36 which pretty much says if

1 you make under the area median income you, therefore, would qualify
2 for the affordable kind of rents. And the affordable rents,
3 therefore, kind of restricts it or caps it from going above a
4 certain amount. So I can get into --

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6 **LEG. TROTТА:**

7 I don't think it says that in the bill, that's the point.

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9 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

10 So --

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12 **LEG. TROTТА:**

13 Is Counsel here? I mean, he had the -- if you can get him.

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15 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

16 So it says that, "And/or based upon the applicant's eligibility for
17 a reduced license fee in accordance with a HUD-established fair
18 market rent for the Nassau-Suffolk Primary Metropolitan Statistical
19 Area based on bedroom size," and then it goes into how they're
20 going to be income qualified. Is he looking for, like, an exact
21 income percentage to actually put the 100% of AMI or below?

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23 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

24 Yeah, I think -- over here (indicating), Jason. I think the
25 question was is there a threshold?

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27 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

28 Yeah. So it would be that if you make below the 100% threshold of
29 AMI, therefore, you would meet it. If the Legislature believes
30 that's not clear we could add that language.

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32 Again, the goal is to make this correlate with what we're actually
33 doing and then accurately portray that. So, if you'd want us to
34 put in the 100% or if the Legislature wants us to put it up to 120%
35 which --

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37 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

38 No.

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40 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

41 -- I know that we are allowed to fund some units up to that. So
42 it's -- any discussion you would want to have in regards to what
43 you would support we can -- we can look into that.

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45 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

46 Well, I think that's the information we were looking for.
47 That wasn't in there, so I think, you know, we have to have better
48 communication when it comes to information like that, Commissioner.
49 So, yeah, that would be important. I mean, I don't think we have
50 to table at this point, but if you're going to tell us what -- what
51 that AMI is and what that -- you know, how much the median income
52 is we can work with that.

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54 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

55 Uh-huh. Yeah, so we could put just the specific language to make
56 it clearer so the applicant's eligibility of a hundred percent AMI

1 or below; therefore, that would kick in the restricted rents.

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3 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

4 I think you've got some backup.

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6 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

7 Huh?

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9 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

10 Behind you.

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12 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

13 Oh.

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15 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

16 Commissioner Lansdale.

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18 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

19 Commissioner Lansdale, how are you?

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21 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

22 Good morning.

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24 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

25 The brain trust is here. Here we go.

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27 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

28 I'm not a window, so I apologize.

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30 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

31 I'm not a window. *(Laughter)*

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33 **COMMISSIONER LANSDALE:**

34 I'd be happy to e-mail the members of the committee the current
35 breakdown of the AMI and send that as a follow-up, and look at the
36 different income bands of 80%, a hundred percent and below, if
37 that's helpful.

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39 **LEG. TROTТА:**

40 I mean, if you could just explain, like, so if a Parks worker, I
41 think they're the first people on the list --

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43 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

44 That's correct.

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46 **LEG. TROTТА:**

47 -- makes \$30,000, \$50,000 a year, they would get it over anybody.

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49 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

50 So it doesn't change the order of who it's offered to. So it's
51 offered to Parks employees. And then if no one responds for that,
52 then it would go to public safety, which is Police, Sheriffs,
53 Corrections Officers. And if no one responds from that band, then
54 it would go to all County employees. And then there is other
55 categories after that. It lastly would be the public, it actually
56 would go out to. We've never gotten to that point, though, it's

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1 normally taken in-house by County employees.

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3 **LEG. TROTТА:**

4 Okay. So this -- this discount would be offered to all those
5 groups --

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7 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

8 So --

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10 **LEG. TROTТА:**

11 -- starting with Parks employees?

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13 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

14 If you make below that certain amount and then annually you would
15 be income qualified. So, because, again, the goal is with any type
16 of affordable housing, the goal is to get you to live in a certain
17 area, build roots in that area. And then when you can afford to no
18 longer be in that affordable housing rental unit, what you're
19 saying when your income climbs above the area median income, then
20 you would be able to go out and then get your own place.

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22 **LEG. TROTТА:**

23 So a Parks employee who's making less than whatever that is, the
24 number is, would get it before the cop who makes less than them.

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26 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

27 That's correct, just because they would be responsive in that first
28 band.

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30 **LEG. TROTТА:**

31 So it's basically just the same people giving them a break if
32 they're making less money.

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34 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

35 That's absolutely correct. And it just makes sure that no one's
36 receiving the benefit who's making well above the area median
37 income. But like I said, if you want us to put the percentage in
38 there, we absolutely can.

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40 **LEG. TROTТА:**

41 I mean, I don't -- Counsel, is that --

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43 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

44 Well, that was just my only concern. Because the only references
45 to the fair market rent, which just gives a rent amount, it doesn't
46 even actually say what the eligibility levels were.

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48 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

49 Yes. So we could actually put just the actual income band
50 restriction, which would be a hundred percent of AMI, as it seems
51 that's what the Legislature is confirming they would like to see it
52 at. And then we can send you the information of what that would
53 be.

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55 **LEG. TROTТА:**

56 Yeah, it's a short turnaround. It's next week; we're back in

1 committee meetings.

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3 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

4 No, there's no issue, again, for this to be tabled.

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6 **LEG. TROTТА:**

7 Okay, so we'll table it and then we'll come back to it next week
8 and take care of it. All right, great.

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10 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

11 I'm following you.

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13 **LEG. TROTТА:**

14 You're in charge.

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16 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

17 No, please.

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19 (*Laughter*)

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21 I'm just a pretty face. We have a motion to table. Do we have a
22 second to table? We do.

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24 **CLERK TASSONE:**

25 You do.

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27 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

28 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**

31 *Seven.*

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33 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

34 Okay, *1387 is tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)*

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36 *IR 1418(-23) - Authorizing use of Southaven and/or Smith Point*
37 *County Park for a Holiday Light Show and Holiday Village fundraiser*
38 *(County Executive). Legislator Thorne, motion to approve -- oh,*
39 *you're not on the committee. Legislator Caracappa, motion to*
40 *approve. I'll second that.*

11:11AM

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42 **LEG. TROTТА:**

43 And put on the Consent Calendar?

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45 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

46 Yep, and to move to the Consent Calendar. All those in favor?
47 Opposed? Abstentions?

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49 **CLERK TASSONE:**

50 *Seven.*

11:11AM

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52 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

53 *1418 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE:*
54 *7-0-0-0).*

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56 All right, *Introductory Resolutions:*

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2 **IR 1443(-23) - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements**
3 **to Commerdinger County Park (CP 7514) (Kennedy).** Motion by
4 Legislator Kennedy. Second by Legislator Trotta. Anyone on the
5 motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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7 **CLERK TASSONE:**
8 *Seven.*

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10 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
11 **1443 is approved. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

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13 **IR 1453(-23) - Authorizing use of the Long Island Maritime Museum**
14 **in West Sayville by the Rotary Club of Sayville for their Annual**
15 **Beefsteak Fundraiser (County Executive).** I'll make that motion.
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17 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
18 *Second.*

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20 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
21 *Second by Legislator Caracappa. Anyone on the motion? Seeing*
22 *none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?*

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24 **CLERK TASSONE:**
25 *Seven.*

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27 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
28 **1453 is approved. (VOTE: 7-0-0-0)**

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30 **IR 1454(-23) - Authorizing use of Montauk County Park in Montauk by**
31 **the Montauk Historical Society for its 27th Annual Sprint Triathlon**
32 **(County Executive).** Motion by Legislator Fleming. Second by
33 Legislator Krupski.
34

35 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
36 *Motion to put that on the Consent Calendar.*

37
38 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
39 *Yes, sir. Anyone on the motion?*

40
41 **LEG. FLEMING:**
42 *Are you saying I should make that motion? Oh, yes, I'll --*
43

44 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
45 *Would you like it on the Consent Calendar, Legislator Fleming?*

46
47 **LEG. FLEMING:**
48 *I'll make that motion to put on the Consent Calendar.*

49
50 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
51 *Duly noted. Second by Legislator Krupski. All those in favor?*
52 *Opposed? Abstentions?*

53
54 **CLERK TASSONE:**
55 *Seven.*
56

11:12AM

11:12AM

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
2 *1454 is approved and placed on the Consent Calendar*
3 *(VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

4
5 *IR 1456(-23) - Authorizing a Custodial License Agreement with the*
6 *Babylon Town Historical Society for the Van Bourgondien House*
7 *Property, West Babylon (County Executive).*

8
9 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
10 Motion.

11:12AM

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12 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
13 Motion by Legislator Caracappa.

14
15 **LEG. TROTTA:**
16 Second.

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18 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
19 Second by Legislator Trotta.

11:12AM

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21 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
22 On the motion.

23
24 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
25 On the motion, Legislator Caracappa.

26
27 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
28 Who can we speak to see if we have the agreement on this?
29 I didn't see it in the backup.

11:13AM

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31 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
32 So, it hasn't been the practice of Parks to supply these
33 agreements, but we can supply it and make sure that it's there if
34 you want to table for one cycle.

35
36 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
37 Well, you're telling us you have it, right, Commissioner?

38
39 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
40 Yeah, we have a draft agreement that all these agreements are based
41 off of that we would attach to these resolutions.

11:13AM

42
43 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
44 Yeah, if you could just make it a habit to attach them from now on.

45
46 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
47 Uh-huh.

48
49 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
50 So we have all the information we need in the backup instead of
51 asking these questions?

11:13AM

52
53 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
54 Yeah, absolutely.

1 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
2 Great. Thank you.

3
4 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
5 Thank you, Legislator Caracappa. Thank you, Commissioner Smagin.
6 Do -- we don't have an issue approving this and then they'll --

7
8 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
9 I don't have an issue with it.

10
11 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
12 Okay, fair enough. We have a motion to approve, Mr. Clerk?

13
14 **CLERK TASSONE:**
15 Yes.

16
17 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
18 And a second?

19
20 **CLERK TASSONE:**
21 You do.

22
23 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
24 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

25
26 **CLERK TASSONE:**
27 *Seven.*

28
29 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
30 *1456 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

11:14AM

31
32 *IR 1459(-23) - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements*
33 *to Gardiner County Park/Sagtikos Manor (CP 7164) (County Executive).*
34 I'll make that motion to approve. Second by Legislator Caracappa.
35 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
36 Abstentions?

37
38 **CLERK TASSONE:**
39 *Seven.*

40
41 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
42 *1459 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

43
44 *IR 1461(-23) - Appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with*
45 *Restoration of Smith Point County Park (CP 7162) (County Executive).*

46
47 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
48 Motion.

49
50 **LEG. HAHN:**
51 Just on the previous motion, just quickly, point of personal
52 privilege.

53
54 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
55 Legislator Hahn.

1 **LEG. HAHN:**
2 There's a Peonies, I think it is, show coming up at Sagtikos Manor,
3 right? This -- in the next week or two?

4
5 **UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER:**
6 I would have to look.

7
8 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
9 Could we say that again? What is it? I missed that.

10
11 **LEG. HAHN:**
12 *(Laughter)* Peonies.

13
14 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
15 Can we -- I would have to look it up on the calendar.

16
17 **LEG. HAHN:**
18 Peony. Did I say it wrong? The flower show. The flower show,
19 it's June 7th, I thought it was.

11:14AM

20
21 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**
22 I would have to confirm on the calendar.

23
24 **LEG. HAHN:**
25 Coming up. They looked beautiful when I toured it earlier, so I
26 just want to bring that to the attention. I'm sure on the website
27 they have all the information, but anyone at home who cares, it's
28 coming up.

29
30 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
31 Thank you, Legislator Hahn, for that information.

32
33 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
34 They're going to come out in droves now the for the peonies.
35 Is that Peonies hour?

36
37 **LEG. HAHN:**
38 All the people.

39
40 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
41 Peonies hour. We had that at the wedding the other night.

42
43 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
44 Do we have a motion and a second on 1461?

45
46 **CLERK TASSONE:**
47 We do not have a motion or a second.

48
49 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
50 I'll make a motion to approve.

11:15AM

51
52 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
53 Second.

54
55 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
56 Second by Legislator Krupski. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,

1 all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

2

3 **CLERK TASSONE:**

4 *Seven.*

5

6 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

7 *1461 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).* The only committee we can have
8 fun in.

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11:15AM

10 *IR 1463(-23) - Authorizing the appraisal of land under the Suffolk*
11 *County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law*
12 *No. 24-2007 Historic and/or Cultural Park Component West Hills*
13 *County Park addition (SCTM No. 0400-191.00-03.00-016.000) Town of*
14 *Huntington (County Executive).*

15

16 **LEG. TROTTA:**

17 Motion.

18

19 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

11:15AM

20 Mr. Kerr, I see you. Second. Motion by Legislator Trotta; second
21 by myself. On the motion, the Chair recognizes Mr. Kerr.

22

23 **MR. KERR:**

24 Hi, good morning. Mikael Kerr with the Farmland & Open Space Unit
25 in Division of Planning.

26

27 So this is a 5.2-acre Park parcel located in West Hills in the Town
28 of Huntington. It's adjacent to the -- to West Hills Park. There
29 is a house on the property that's evaluated by the Parks Department
30 and determined to be of historic value and it'll be going into the
31 rental program. The property is located within the Town of
32 Huntington's Historic Whitman Heritage Corridor, and it received a
33 rating of 36 out of a hundred points.

11:16AM

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35 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

36 Any questions? Legislator Krupski.

37

38 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11:16AM

39 Thank you. So you said we're going to appraise the land with a
40 building on it. Isn't it the current protocol to have the owner
41 remove the building before we take ownership?

42

43 **MR. KERR:**

44 Not if it's for historic purposes. And the Parks Department
45 determined it was a historic property that they'd be putting into
46 their rental program.

47

48 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11:16AM

49 So I guess the question would be for the Commissioner to see what
50 the cost would be to restore this to historic -- its historic
51 glory, or whatever, however you put that.

52

53 **MR. KERR:**

54 Yeah. We can work on that, you know, once we -- as we're working
55 on the appraisal, we can work on putting together a scope of work.

56

1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

2 That would be helpful, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3
4 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

5 Any time, Legislator Krupski. Anyone else on the motion?
6 Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

7
8 **CLERK TASSONE:**

9 *Seven.*

10
11 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

12 *1463 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

13
14 Okay, the next nine resolutions all need to be tabled for a Public
15 Hearing.

16
17 So we'll start with *1483(-23)*, we'll do same second, same vote,
18 please. *Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
19 *existing certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
20 *Suffolk 2023 South Haven Farm LLC (SCTM No.*
21 *0200-876.00-03.00-002.005) (County Executive)*

22
23 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

24 Motion.

25
26 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

27 Motion by Legislator Krupski. Second by Legislator Fleming.
28 Anyone on the motion? This is to table for a Public Hearing.
29 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

30
31 **CLERK TASSONE:**

32 *Seven.*

33
34 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

35 *1483 is tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

36
37 *1484(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
38 *existing certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
39 *Suffolk 2023 South Haven Farm LLC (SCTM No.*
40 *0200-876.00-03.00-002.005) (County Executive).*

41 Same motion, same second, same vote.

42
43 **CLERK TASSONE:**

44 *Seven.*

45
46 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

47 *1484 is tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

48
49 *1485(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
50 *existing Certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
51 *Suffolk 2023 GKLF LLC and GKLF II LLC (SCTM Nos.*
52 *1000-101.00-01.00-019.001 and 1000-101.00-01.00-019.002)*
53 *(County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote.*

54
55 **CLERK TASSONE:**

56 *Seven.*

1
2 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
3 *1485(-23) is tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

4
5 *1486(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
6 *existing Certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
7 *Suffolk 2023 473 Woodbury LLC (SCTM No.*
8 *0400-089.00-02.00-018.000) (County Executive).*
9 Same motion, same second, same vote.

11:18AM

10
11 **CLERK TASSONE:**
12 *Seven.*

13
14 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
15 *1486 is tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

16
17 *1487(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
18 *existing Certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
19 *Suffolk 2023 Cedar Croft Farm LLC (SCTM No.*
20 *0400-055.00-03.00-021.000) (County Executive).*
21 Same motion, same second, same vote.

22
23 **CLERK TASSONE:**
24 *Seven.*

25
26 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
27 *1487 is tabled for a public hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

28
29 *1488(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an*
30 *existing Certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
31 *Suffolk 2023 GC Properties & Development Inc. (SCTM No.*
32 *0500-144.00-01.00-010.000) (County Executive). Same motion,*
33 *same second, same vote.*

34
35 **CLERK TASSONE:**
36 *Seven.*

37
38 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
39 *1488 is tabled for a public hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

40
41 *1489(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into*
42 *an existing Certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of*
43 *Suffolk 2023 Meagan and Thomas Zegarelli (SCTM No.*
44 *0900-350.00-01.00-054.001) (County Executive). Same motion,*
45 *same second, same vote.*

46
47 **CLERK TASSONE:**
48 *Seven.*

49
50 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
51 *1489 is tabled for a public hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

52
53 *1501(-23) -- we can't do same motion, same second, same vote --*
54 *Authorizing the disapproval of new parcel(s) into an existing*
55 *certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of Suffolk 2023*
56 *Narrow Way 2 LLC (SCTM No. 0200-434.00-01.00-004.000) (County*

1 **Executive**). Motion by Legislator Krupski. Second by myself.
2 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
3 Abstentions to table for a public hearing?

4
5 **CLERK TASSONE:**
6 *Seven.*

7
8 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
9 You good?

10
11 **LEG. HAHN:**
12 Yeah.

13
14 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
15 Okay.

16
17 **LEG. HAHN:**
18 But I want to say something.

19
20 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
21 Legislator Hahn.

22
23 **LEG. HAHN:**
24 The Peony Path at Sagtikos Manor starts on Sunday, June 4th. Not
25 the 7th. Sunday, June 4th.

26
27 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
28 Thank you for that correction, we'll make sure it gets out in the
29 publication.

30
31 **1501 is tabled for public hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

32
33 *(*Laughter*)*

34
35 **1502(-23) - Authorizing the inclusion of new parcel(s) into an**
36 **existing certified Agricultural District(s) in the County of**
37 **Suffolk 2023 Horseblock Road LLC (SCTM Nos.**
38 **0200-656.00-04.00-007.001, 0200-657.00-02.00-001.001 and**
39 **0200-657.00-02.00-002.001) (County Executive).** Motion.

40
41 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
42 Motion.

43
44 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
45 Motion by Legislator Caracappa. Second by Legislator Krupski.
46 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
47 Abstentions?

48
49 **CLERK TASSONE:**
50 *Seven.*

51
52 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
53 **1502 is tabled for a Public Hearing (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

54
55 **IR 1504(-23) - Authorizing the appraisal of land under the Suffolk**
56 **County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law**

1 **No. 24-2007 Carmans River Watershed (SCTM No.**
2 **0200-401.00-02.00-021.000)Town of Brookhaven (County Executive).**
3 Motion by Legislator Caracappa. Second by Legislator Krupski.
4 Anyone on the motion? Mr. Kerr, do you want to -- oh, no, this is
5 just authorizing appraisal. We're good, okay. All those in favor?
6 Opposed? Abstentions?

7
8 **CLERK TASSONE:**
9 *Seven.*

10
11 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
12 *1504 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

13
14 *IR 1510(-23) - Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement with the*
15 *Town of Brookhaven and the County of Suffolk for Improvements to*
16 *Forge Road Culvert (County Executive).*

17
18 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**
19 Motion.

20
21 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
22 Motion by Legislator Caracappa. Second by Legislator Krupski.

23
24 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
25 On the motion.

26
27 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
28 On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

29
30 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
31 Has this work been done and --

32
33 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
34 Michelle, you want to come up? Come on down, the price is right.
35 Good morning.

36
37 **DIRECTOR ZARIFIS:**
38 Good morning, Legislator. Apologies. I did not realize that the
39 Department of Public Works had actually submitted this resolution,
40 so I do not have a member of Public Works here at committee.

41
42 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
43 So I'm familiar with the project, but I just wanted the status of
44 it. So I guess I would ask the Department of Public Works at
45 two o'clock?

46
47 **DIRECTOR ZARIFIS:**
48 Yes. Yep, we'll have members here then.

49
50 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
51 Great, thank you.

52
53 **DIRECTOR ZARIFIS:**
54 Apologies for that.

11:21AM

1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
2 No worries. Thank you.

3
4 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
5 Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing none, all those in favor?
6 Opposed? Abstentions?

7
8 **CLERK TASSONE:**
9 *Seven.*

10
11 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
12 *1510 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

13
14 *1513(-23) - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County*
15 *Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No.*
16 *24-2007, Melnick property Town of Smithtown (SCTM No.*
17 *0802-011.00-02.00-019.000) (Trotta).*

18
19 **LEG. TROTTA:**
20 Motion.

21
22 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
23 Second.

24
25 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
26 Motion by Legislator Trotta. Second by Legislator Kennedy. Anyone
27 on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Opposed?
28 Abstentions?

29
30 **CLERK TASSONE:**
31 *Seven.*

32
33 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
34 *1513 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

35
36 *1514(-23) - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County*
37 *Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No.*
38 *24-2007, Squires property Town of Smithtown (SCTM No.*
39 *0802-011.00-02.00-018.000) (Trotta).*

40
41 **LEG. TROTTA:**
42 Motion.

43
44 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
45 Second.

46
47 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**
48 Motion by Legislator Trotta. Second by Legislator Kennedy.
49 Anyone on the motion.

50
51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
52 That's not squire Trotta's property, is it?

53
54 *(*Laughter*)*
55
56

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

3
4 **CLERK TASSONE:**

5 *Seven.*

6
7 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

8 *1514 is approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).*

11:22AM

9
10 *IR 1515(-23) - Authorizing the acquisition of land under the*
11 *New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (effective*
12 *December 1, 2007) Hamlet Park/Historic and/or Cultural Park*
13 *Component - for the 39 South Country Road, LLC property Swan*
14 *River County Park addition (Town of Brookhaven SCTM Nos.*
15 *0200-977.60-03.00-015.002 and 0200-977.60-03.00-017.004) (Thorne).*
16 *I'll make that motion.*

17
18 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

19 *Second.*

20
21 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

22 *Second by Legislator Kennedy. On the motion, Legislator Krupski.*
23 *Mr. Kerr, do you want to just come up real fast? Thank you, sir.*
24 *Legislator Krupski.*

25
26 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

27 *I might have a question -- it might be more for the Commissioner*
28 *because this came up at the Parks Trustee meeting last week.*
29 *And I wonder about the extent of the liability of the County's*
30 *restoration efforts here and the fate of the buildings and how much*
31 *money we plan to spend and to lease it out to someone and what*
32 *that -- what -- if the lessee would be responsible for any of the*
33 *upgrades. So do we have any cost? I know, and I brought this up*
34 *last week or two.*

11:23AM

35
36 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

37 *So currently I cannot state that there is a set operator who is*
38 *going to be operating out of it. I know the local Legislator has*
39 *had multiple discussions with different groups who are interested.*
40 *Normally when we do structure a relationship where we have stewards*
41 *operating out of the facility, they would be required to make a*
42 *certain amount of capital improvements just like the, you know,*
43 *Sagtikos Manor, just like the Brookhaven Bicycle Co-Op who's*
44 *operating out of there, the amount of, you know, capital they've*
45 *had to invest into these facilities.*

11:23AM

46
47 *So I know there's ongoing discussions. I believe that's been held*
48 *out the entire time is that there is going to be an outside*
49 *operator and that property does have potential to have multiple*
50 *outside operators, as we do believe the barn would have a special*
51 *interest from groups as well. But I don't know if the --*
52 *Legislator Thorne would like to add anything.*

11:24AM

53
54 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

55 *The Chair recognizes Legislator Thorne.*

1 **LEG. THORNE:**

2 Thank you for your question, it's wildly important. First off,
3 just so you understand the significance of this particular
4 property, and I know, Al, you're very educated on it, but for the
5 record, the property itself, early 1900s, late 1800s, this property
6 was one of the first deeded properties from the King of England to
7 the Avery Property -- to the Avery Family itself. The significant
8 importance of this location who currently has been a blighted
9 property in my district for well over 30 years, just ignored the
10 property as much as the caretaker took care of it. We did, in
11 fact, tour the main structure of it, it is very livable. We saw
12 all of it. There were some pipes and things that had to be removed
13 to make it safe which the Commissioner made sure got done before we
14 took it on.

11:25AM

15
16 The Patchogue Historical Society has definitely expressed an
17 extreme interest in it because of the 1800 building that is
18 partially still standing there. So there are several entities that
19 are currently very eager to get involved in this property. Number
20 one and first and foremost near and dear to my heart is the
21 preservation of the site itself -- excuse me, is the site itself.

11:25AM

22
23 The second part of it, you know, the barn in the back is
24 structurally sound. There was a new roof put on it not that long
25 ago and there was no leaks or anything in the building. No
26 structural integrity issues. Though I'm not an architect, I could
27 certainly tell if a wall was leaning.

28
29 So we actually are on a good progression, but we will continue, as
30 I have from the very beginning of this property, to ensure that we
31 get good partners that certainly if they're going to make any money
32 off it, we would make it a point to make sure that we are made
33 whole as best as we can. But significantly, historically, this is
34 such a wildly important project and will undoubtedly be if not the
35 oldest, one of the oldest structures, historical in the County of
36 Suffolk right in my district.

11:26AM

37
38 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

39 No, it's important that -- and it's kind of a unique opportunity to
40 preserve this kind of history there. So, thank you.

11:26AM

41
42 I have a question for the Parks Commissioner as soon as we're done
43 with this resolution. I believe it's the end of the agenda.

44
45 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

46 It is, Legislator Krupski, and I'll recognize you as soon as we
47 vote on the resolution.

48
49 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

50 Thank you.

51
52 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

53 Do we have a motion and a second, sir?

54
55 **CLERK TASSONE:**

56 We do, Mr. Chairman.

1
2 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

3 We do. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

4
5 **CLERK TASSONE:**

6 Six.

7
8 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

9 Oh, I'm sorry. The Chair recognizes Legislator Hahn. I'm sorry,
10 Kara.

11
12 **LEG. HAHN:**

13 And it is slightly off topic but you did bring it up. Brookhaven
14 Bicycle --

15
16 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

17 Is this Peonies again?

18
19 **LEG. HAHN:**

20 -- Co-Op, hoping we can get a ribbon cutting?

21
22 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

23 Yeah, I will look into the actual status but I know things have
24 been progressing very well between Parks and the private entity
25 there.

26
27 **LEG. HAHN:**

28 That's very good to hear. And I -- and from my understanding and
29 the photos I've seen, the church really looks extraordinary.

30
31 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

32 Yes, they have been a wonderful partner there in, you know,
33 handling the construction that was needed for that parcel. I think
34 it's a wonderful example of the private/public partnership that
35 exists within our system.

36
37 **LEG. HAHN:**

38 Excellent. Thank you.

39
40 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

41 Thank you, Legislator Hahn.

42
43 **LEG. THORNE:**

44 By the way, Legislator Hahn, at the Avery property they have
45 beautiful flowers, you may want to take a look.

46
47 **LEG. HAHN:**

48 Excellent, will do. Thank you.

49
50 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

51 We took the vote; right, Mr. Clerk?

52
53 **CLERK TASSONE:**

54 We did.

1 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

2 Thank you. The Chair recognizes Legislator Krupski.

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4 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

5 Thank you. And the Parks Department and the bicycle group did a
6 magnificent job. I've been to the church a couple of times to take
7 a look at it, it's really -- what an improvement.

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9 So, is there -- I just wondered, Commissioner, is there any
10 proposal to run a utility across County parkland in Riverhead?

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12 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

13 A utility? Do you have any more details in regards to --

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15 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

16 Water pipe.

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18 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

19 So I think there's been discussions with the Water Authority in
20 regards to potential to have homes connected. But again, any type
21 of work that would be done, if the pipe is going through County
22 parkland, as we've seen just like at the property of Meschutt, we
23 needed to do an alienation. So, anything like that would require
24 an alienation. So I think there's been discussions, but nothing
25 yet in regards to bringing it forward to request anything like
26 that.

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28 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

29 And when -- who's having the discussions?

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31 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

32 So I believe -- I know the environmental team has had some
33 discussions with the Water Authority, but I think it's only kind of
34 been minimal. Like I said, I think it's just early discussions of
35 the Water Authority's interest in possibly connecting homes in
36 certain areas, but nothing that is finalized or recommended to be
37 brought before the Legislature at this time.

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39 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

40 And who in your department would make a recommendation or not a
41 recommendation for such a proposal?

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43 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

44 So our environmental unit would be evaluating it in regards to the
45 actual ask and what type of impact it would be to the different
46 parkland. And then we would have to go before the Administration
47 with a set plan and then the process would then be speaking to the
48 local Legislator regarding this is the recommended plan by the
49 entity that has been approved or this is by Parks, whether it be
50 recommended.

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52 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

53 Is there a map showing a proposed route?

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55 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

56 So, there's nothing finalized or anything like that. Again, I do

1 believe this is just the early discussions of the possibility.

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3 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

4 Are you involved with those discussions?

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6 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

7 I have not -- my team is reporting back to me, but I have not been
8 in said discussions.

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10 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11 Would you keep this committee informed about any discussions like
12 that? Because it is alienation of parkland.

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14 **COMMISSIONER SMAGIN:**

15 Absolutely. You know, and again, there's been early discussions in
16 regards to that, but nothing that's ready to come forward for any
17 type of voter alienation as of yet.

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19 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11:30AM 20 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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22 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

23 Any time, Legislator Krupski.

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25 Okay, folks, we are done with our agenda.

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27 We have no **Procedural Motions**, no **Home Rules Messages**. We do have
28 Executive Session so I would ask that the chamber be cleared and
29 that we can enter into Executive Session right here. Commissioner
11:31AM 30 Lansdale, yeah.

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32 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

33 Make a motion.

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35 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

36 Motion -- Yeah, I gotcha. Motion by myself, second by Legislator
37 Trotta. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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39 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11:31AM 40 Seven.

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42 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

43 We are now in Executive Session. Thank you, folks.

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47 *(*Executive Session: 11:31 a.m. - 11:49 a.m.*)*

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51 **CHAIRMAN PICCIRILLO:**

52 Okay, folks, we're out of Executive Session. The committee has
53 asked to make offers on four properties: Artist Lake Group,
54 Virginia {Engle} Beaver Damn Creek; Virginia Engle Beaver Damn
55 Creek II; and Esther Heard Hunt Third Creek Woods. Without --
56 seeing no further business in front of this committee, we stand

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(*The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. *)
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