

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: January 11, 2023
TIME: 9:31 AM – 10:54 AM
LOCATION: ZOOM Video Conference

PRESENT:

Frank De Rubeis
Anthony Graves
Thomas Gulbransen, Chair
Mark Haubner
Kaetlyn Jackson
Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair
Hon. Anthony Piccirillo
Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Rob Carpenter Jr
Herbert Strobel

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner, Suffolk County Dept. of Eco. Dev. and Planning
John Corral, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Dept. of Eco. Dev. and Planning
Christine DeSalvo, Administrative Assistant, Suffolk County Dept. of Eco. Dev. and Planning
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Departments of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Jennifer Kohn, Asst. County Attorney, Suffolk County Attorney's Office

GUESTS:

Nick Gibbons, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Michael Brown, Suffolk County Dept. of Eco. Dev. and Planning

Joseph Iannucci, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Daniel Siegel, Suffolk County Dept. of Eco. Dev. and Planning

Michael Smith, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Tony Panzarino

Susan Leach

CEQ Chair Tom Gulbransen read the following opening Meeting statement:

“This is the regularly scheduled CEQ meeting for January 11, 2023 meeting of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality and for the record we do have a quorum present.

In accordance with Suffolk County Local Law No. 26-2021, the CEQ, as an Advisory Body to the Legislature, will hold this meeting electronically via Zoom. Instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person, members of the public may listen to or log into the video conference. Public comments may be provided during the Meeting’s public portion. We will be using ZOOM and will be recording the entirety of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will also be posted on the Suffolk County CEQ website.

Additionally, we will be following the voting protocol used by the Suffolk County Legislature at its March 17, 2020 meeting. All voting on Board Actions and Resolutions will be done via a roll call and we ask that all Board Members clearly state their name when making a motion and clearly state their vote when their name is called.”

Minutes:

- December 14, 2022 Meeting Summary

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the December 14, 2022 CEQ minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Rubeis. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

John Corral, Staff to the CEQ, noted that the CEQ staff received an email correspondence with attachments on December 16, 2022 from Desiree Benn, President of Coindre Hall Park Community. Ms. Benn provided this correspondence as a follow up to her public comments at the December 14, 2022 CEQ meeting. Mr. Corral noted that CEQ staff forwarded this correspondence to the CEQ members.

Public Portion:

Susan Leach, read a statement into the record that was written by Mr. Richard C.

Koopman, who was unable to attend the CEQ meeting. Mr. Koopman's comments were in regards to Coindre Hall property and the nature of the environmental review that he believed should be completed for future improvements at Coindre Hall.

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites:

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services with Suffolk County Parks, updated the CEQ on Suffolk County Parks' four housing vacancies. The four vacancies include: a property at Southaven County Park, a property at Old River Road in Manorville, a property on River Road in Manorville, and a property at Cedar Point County Park. Mr. Martin noted that the County should have the appraisals completed for these housing units by the end of January. Once the properties are appraised, the Parks Housing Committee will hold a meeting in February and review the appraisals. The Parks Housing Committee will then make its recommendations to the Parks Commissioner. The housing properties will then be made available for rental.

Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Mr. Martin noted that he did not have any new updates regarding the custodial agreements.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Capital Project 1834- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Installation at Various County Facilities

Joseph Iannucci, Electrical Engineer and Capital Project Manager for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The proposed project involves the design and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), electrical upgrades to buildings to support EVSE, parking lot alterations and other infrastructure improvements required to support Suffolk County's electric vehicle (EV) fleet. Planned EVSE will be installed within paved existing parking lot areas at County-owned facilities and while modification of parking lot areas may be required, alteration of the overall footprint is not expected.

The planned EVSE installation will require trenching through portions of the existing parking lot as well as through County-owned property for EVSE and interconnection to electrical utilities (PSEG Long Island). All EVSE installation projects will be closely coordinated with PSEG Long Island and will be permitted by the Suffolk County

Department of Public Works. The trenching work is anticipated to take place in previously disturbed areas (paved areas, landscaped areas around buildings, etc.). Any projects requiring trenching work through non-previously disturbed land (i.e. forested land, wetland areas, etc.) will require additional environmental review.

The proposed ESVE Installation Capital Project will be a phased project with Phase 0 involving Review and Feasibility Study Update, Phase 1 involving the initial buildout including approximately (500) Level 2 and (32) Level 3 charging stations to be located at the Suffolk County North County Complex, the H. Lee Dennison Building, the Yaphank County Center and the Riverhead County Center Complex, Phase 2 involving the additional remaining installations with the quantity and locations still to be determined, and Phase 3 involving a final project program review and recommendations.

After reviewing the whole project, the CEQ decided to limit its SEQRA recommendation to the Project's Conceptual Plan and Project Phase 0 and Project Phase 1 with the understanding and agreement from the Project Sponsor that Suffolk County Department of Public Works will return to CEQ to receive a specific SEQRA recommendation for Phase 2 and Phase 3 when more Project specifics are known for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

After the above noted CEQ discussion, Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend that that the Conceptual Plan for the proposed Capital Project 1834 – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Installation at Various County Facilities and Phase 0 and Phase 1 of the Capital Project was an Unlisted Action that will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Motion included that additional SEQRA review will required prior to any Phase II ESVE installations. The Motion was seconded by Mr. De Rubeis. Motion Carried.

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

- Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table December 20, 2022

After CEQ discussion on the December 20, 2022 resolutions, Mr. De Rubeis made a motion to accept the staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table December 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried. Legislator Piccirillo voted No. Mr. Kaufman abstained from IR 1985-2022 and 1986-2022.

- Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table January 3, 2023

After CEQ discussion on the January 3, 2023 resolutions, Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept the staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table January 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- Election of Officers

Ms. Spencer nominated Mr. Gulbransen as CEQ Chair and Mr. Kaufman as CEQ Vice Chair for 2023. Both Mr. Gulbransen and Mr. Kaufman accepted the nomination.

Legislator Piccirillo made a motion to elect Mr. Gulbransen as CEQ Chair for a term of one year and Mr. Kaufman as CEQ Vice-Chair for a term of one year. Mr. De Rubeis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Gulbransen abstained.

- 2023 Meeting Calendar

Mr. De Rubeis made a motion to accept the 2023 CEQ Meeting Calendar. Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The CEQ also discussed the public comments that the CEQ received from Ms. Benn at its December 14, 2022 CEQ meeting. After discussing these comments, the CEQ decided that the Chair of the CEQ would write a letter to the Chair of the Suffolk County Legislature's Environmental Parks and Agriculture (EPA) Committee. The CEQ agreed that the letter would indicate that the CEQ has reviewed Ms. Benn's comments as well as the CEQ's recommendations to the Suffolk County Legislature on Coindre Hall and that the CEQ stands by its SEQRA recommendations to the Legislature. The letter will also note that no further action is expected by the CEQ at this time.

CAC Concerns:

None

The CEQ adjourned the Meeting