

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Corwin	Chairman, Member at Large
Al Colina	Vice Chairman, Town of Southampton
Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Trustee, Town of Islip
John Fritz	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Gary Olsen	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Todd Stebbins	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Terrence Pearsall	Member of the Board
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PARKS DEPARTMENT

John W. Pavacic	Deputy Commissioner
William B. Sickles	Sr. Superintendent of Parks
Terry Maccarone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Cameron Alden	Suffolk County Legislator
Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Janet Longo	Deputy Director, Real Property Acquisitions and Management
Jennifer Kohn	Assistant County Attorney

Chairman Corwin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2007

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Fritz. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. Colored site maps were distributed describing the property.

Carlls River County Park Addition – Wheatly Property

The acquisition of .89 acres in Wyandanch, Town of Babylon. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program – 12-5E(1)(a).

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Fritz and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

PUBLIC PORTION

Arlyne McMullin: I'm hear to talk about Blydenburgh Dog Park. I'd like to welcome the new Commissioner and also to thank him. We had a problem a few weeks ago with parking at the dog park and it was handled so quickly. He came, he saw, he fixed. We cannot thank you enough. We are happy people.

Ed McMullin: I'd like to welcome the new Commissioner and thank him for what he did at Blydenburgh. I'm sure you are all aware there have been a few problems in terms of dog fights. I feel a large number of these problems could be solved with some sort of educational program. Could we meet with you (Commissioner) after the meeting for a few minutes?

Deputy Commissioner Pavacic: Sure.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Deputy Commissioner Pavacic reported that he is meeting with the legislators and finding out their concerns. He also reported he is getting up to speed on many projects across the County.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Corwin thanked Legislator Alden for coming to the Trustees meeting.

Legislator Alden: I'd like to thank the Trustees for all their work. It makes our jobs a lot easier.

Chairman Corwin announced this was his last meeting as Chairman and the Trustees need to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. He thanked Vice Chairman Colina serving as Vice Chair and for assisting on a number of Committees.

Vice Chairman Colina thanked everyone and said he was going to miss all of us.

Chairman Corwin offered a resolution of thanks to Trustee Colina.

A motion for a resolution of thanks to Trustee Colina was made by Chairman Corwin and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Election of New Chairman

A motion to nominate Trustee John Fritz as the new Chairman was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Colina. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Election of New Vice Chairman

A motion to nominate Trustee Cardillo as the new Vice Chairman was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

ROUND TABLE

Chairman Corwin: I'd like to thank everyone for the help they provided to me in both my current Chairmanship term as well as my previous one. I wish the new folks good luck. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chair. I think the Trustees play a significant role in communicating with our friends in the Legislature, the County Executive's office and the Presiding Officer's office.

Trustee McKay suggested we clear our '08 Trustees meeting dates with the Legislative calendar. The Trustees 2008 meeting schedule will be confirmed in January after we review the Legislative calendar. The January Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th, 2008, Meadowedge.

Trustee McKay said he had a couple of concerns with the Town of Huntington he would like to discuss with Deputy Commissioner Pavacic when Deputy Commissioner Pavacic has the opportunity.

Trustee Fritz asked about the status of the fishing pier at Smith Point.

Deputy Commissioner Pavacic responded that all the permits have now been obtained and we have everything we need from the County Attorney's office. At this point we are arranging a meeting with DPW to go over the next step – what we need to do to actually get this off the ground.

Trustee White reported we have to go to CEQ next week (re GATR site). One of the things that Tracey Bellone had worked out was that someone from the Attorney's office would be there. The stumbling block last time for the approval was the question of alienation of park property. We have jumped over everything that's been required. Hopefully, this is the last step in this critical communication site.

Deputy Commissioner Pavacic informed the Trustees that Nick Gibbons will be at the next CEQ meeting.

Jennifer Kohn informed Trustees that Christine Malafi will also be attending the next CEQ meeting.

Trustee Cardillo informed Trustees that Bill Sickles will be doing his "polar bear plunge" for charity on December 15th.

Bill Sickles informed Trustees that Trustee Cardillo is doing a "plunge" for charity for the Town of Riverhead on December 1st.

The meeting participants wished the new Commissioner good luck and extended their best wishes to retiring Trustee Al Colina.

Deputy Commissioner Pavacic announced that he signed off on the Indian Island RFP. It was awarded to Jack McGown. Maryellen Houghtalen is working on the final paperwork. The next step will be to execute a contract.

Chairman Corwin announced that the next Trustees meeting will be at Meadowedge in West Sayville on Thursday, December 20, 2007.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Fritz. Unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Ann Rothenberg.