

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES**

DATE: August 19, 2015

TIME: 9:30 am to 10:35 pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

James Bagg, Vice-Chair

Eva Growney

Thomas Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Michael Kaufman

Dan Pichney

Larry Swanson

### ABSENT:

Mary Ann Spencer

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

### GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks,  
Recreation and Conservation

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Tony Ceglio, Airport Manager, Gabreski Airport, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning  
Adam Santiago, Deputy Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning  
Andre Bermudez, Industrial Development Assistant, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning  
Bill McShane, VP Business Development, Sheltair  
April Converse, Properties, Sheltair

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the July 15, 2015 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bagg. Ms. Russo and Mr. Swanson abstained. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- Housing Program:  
Mr. Martin stated that there is nothing new to report on the housing program and that all of the housing units are occupied.
- Custodial Agreements:  
Mr. Martin stated that the Parks Department is still in the process of finalizing a template for the Historic Trust Custodial Agreements. Mr. Martin noted that the template should be completed this month and then the Parks Department can proceed to the new contracts. This will apply for all historic organizations at Suffolk County Park Historic Trust sites.

Mr. Martin also discussed the progress made relating to the restoration of the Homan House in Yaphank. Mr. Martin noted that there has been a three year effort to obtain County funds for the restoration. Last year 300,000 dollars was appropriated and this fall the Parks Department is working to get the bonding approved. In addition, the Yaphank Historic Society is applying for matching funds from the Gardner Foundation. Mr.

Martin noted that with this funding and donated services from the Yaphank Historically Society the Parks Department should be able to complete the restoration.

Mr. Pichney wanted to note that there have been issues with young people loitering at the Meadow Croft Estate after its closure as well as ongoing vandalism. Mr. Martin noted that the Parks Department is looking into getting cameras for the facility and has staff check on the property and repair any vandalism as quickly as possible. In addition, there is a tenant living on the property who does call the police to report problems. After a discussion of the issues and possible solutions Ms. Russo recommended that the CEQ staff draft a letter to the Parks Department and Legislator Hahn noting the issues and possible need for additional Park Police presence.

### **Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #1 - Port Jefferson - CP8169, Town of Brookhaven, Village of Port Jefferson

Mr. Ben Wright, Principal Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation regarding the improvements to Sewer District #1. The proposed action is for the installation of additional screening to be contained within a new approximately 14 foot by 25 foot building located between an existing Headworks Building and a settling tank at the Suffolk County Sewer District # 1 wastewater treatment facility in Port Jefferson. The additional screening will satisfy high sewage flows and provide redundancy at the wastewater treatment facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #1 – Port Jefferson – CP8169 Project be classified as Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gulbransen. Motion carried.

Proposed Sheltair Lease Amendment and Hangar Redevelopment at Suffolk County Francis Gabreski Airport, Town of Southampton.

Mr. Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager for Gabreski Airport gave a presentation regarding the hangar redevelopment and the Sheltair Lease Amendment. The proposed action is for an amendment to the Sheltair Westhampton, LLC (Sheltair) Fixed Base Operator lease at Gabreski Airport and for the demolition of old hangers and an outdated building and the construction of two new hangers with attached office space. The redevelopment would be located in an area that has previously been developed for aviation purposes and is in conformance with the Francis S. Gabreski Airport's adopted 1990 Airport Master Plan Update and the 2008 Airport Master Plan Draft Update.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend the Sheltair Lease Amendment and Hangar Redevelopment at Suffolk County Francis Gabreski Airport Project be classified as Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

### **Recommendations for LADS Report:**

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table July 28, 2015

Mr. Corral noted that the Staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the July 28, 2015 LADS report. Mr. Corral noted that IR1660-2015 related to the sale of John J. Foley Nursing Home. Mr. Corral stated that the sale of the Nursing Home had previously been reviewed by CEQ in 2010 and 2012 and the CEQ had recommended that the sale be classified as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Mr. Corral noted that its staff recommendation that IR 1660-2015 be classified as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration and that the EAF be updated to reflect the current sale.

Legislator Hahn, provided the CEQ with background information on three of her sponsored resolutions on the July 28, 2015 LADS Report. These resolutions included IR 1564-2015, IR 1606-2015, and IR 1661-2015.

Mr. Bagg made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the July 28, 2015 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

Ms. Russo noted that this is Mr. Bagg's, last meeting. Ms. Russo thanked him for his contributions to the Council and noted that his knowledge and participation on the Council has been invaluable. The Council wished him all the best in his new endeavors and informed him that he will be sorely missed.

Mr. Kaufman noted that Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, wanted to invite any of the Council members who were interested to join her on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Laura Court in Nesconset for the installation of a new demonstration septic system.

### **CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned