

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SUMMARY OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

David L. Calone
Chairman

Sarah Lansdale, AICP
Director of Planning

Date: April 4, 2012
Time: 12:00 Noon
Location: Rose Caracappa Legislative Auditorium
North County Complex
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Members Present (8)

David L. Calone – Babylon
Michael Kelly – Brookhaven
Matthew Chartrand - Islip
Linda Holmes – Shelter Island
John J. Finn – Smithtown
Barbara Roberts - Southampton
Adrienne Esposito – Village Over 5,000 Population
Glynis Margaret Berry – At Large

Staff Present (6)

Sarah Lansdale – Director of Planning
Thomas Young – Assistant County Attorney (Counsel to the Commission)
Andrew Freleng – Chief Planner
Theodore Klein – Senior Planner
Andrew Amakawa – Research Technician
Dotty Sonnichsen – Account Clerk Typist

Call to Order

- The meeting of April 4, 2012 was called to order by David Calone, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Minutes

- The Motion to adopt November 2011 Meeting Minutes, subject to corrections, made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Chair Esposito, vote Approved 8-0.
- The December 2011 Meeting Minutes were tabled without objection.
- The Motion to adopt February 2012 Meeting Minutes Summary, made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Chair Esposito, vote Approved 8-0.

Public Portion

- None

Chairman's Report

- THE COMMISSION'S PRIORITIES FOR 2012:
 - Overseeing the development of Suffolk's first true Comprehensive Plan;
 - Encouraging Economic Development;
 - Protecting Natural Resources;
 - Supporting Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency;
 - Promoting Housing Options for all Suffolk residence;
 - And continuing to improve the way that the Planning Commission functions.

Director's Report – Planning Director Sarah Lansdale informed the Commission about developments in the Division.

- Department of Economic Development and Planning will be welcoming a new Commissioner this month, to join new Deputy Commissioner Vanessa Pugh.
- As part of a HUD funded TDR study, staff has been meeting with Towns in order to understand their Transfer of Development Programs.
- \$490,000 of federal funding has been secured to have staff do a Congestion Mitigation Plan for Commack Road.
- A Land Bank application has been submitted to the Empire State Development Corporation to allow the County to sell brownfield properties for less than the taxes owned on the property.
- A June 29th Parking Summit is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Port Jefferson Village Hall.
- Work on 2 key components of the County's Comprehensive Plan is being done; 1) Conduct a comprehensive inventory of both public and private sewage Infrastructure; 2) Report on Suffolk's natural assets and agricultural resources, both as a "stand alone study – Agriculture Report" and as part of the Comprehensive Plan.
- A Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) Grant has been submitted the N.Y.S. Department of State, this will be in conjunction with the proposed Land Bank program.
- At the Legislature's request a sewage infrastructure bank feasibility study is being conducted by the staff.
- Lastly, informed the Commission about a "Small Farm Summit" on April 14th at Hofstra University, and then fielded several questions from the Commission.

Section A14-14 thru A14-25 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code

- **The change of zone application of Carlson, et al**, referred by the Town of Smithtown, received on March 5, 2012 – the Commission considered the request for a change of zone from R-43 (Residential on 1 acre) and LI (Light Industrial) to WSI (Wholesale Service Industry) on 25 assembled tax lots comprising 84.63 acres in the hamlet of Kings Park. The Commission resolved to approve the change of zone application, and offered six (6) comments to the Town for their consideration.

The motion to approve the applications with the six (6) comments was made by Commissioner Finn and seconded by Commissioner Chartrand, vote Approved; 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Guest Speakers

- **Long Island Economist- Thomas Conoscenti, Ph.D.**
 - Dr. Conoscenti presented his outlook of the Long Island economy for 2012-2013, indicating how he measured the current state of the economy, and what he believes makes the economy grow. He also identified and discussed what he feels are some of Long Island's strengths and weaknesses regarding its economy.

Other Business

- **Draft Copy of Commission's 2011 Annual Report**

Meeting Adjourned (1:55 p.m.)

- Chairwoman Holmes motioned to adjourn
- Commissioner Roberts seconded
- All in favor