

# 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: November 5, 2014  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Maxine S. Postal Auditorium  
Evans K. Griffing Building, Riverhead County Center  
300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York 11901

### **Members Present (11)**

Michael Kelly – Town of Brookhaven  
Samuel Kramer – Town of East Hampton  
Matthew Chartrand – Town of Islip  
Carl Gabrielsen – Town of Riverhead  
John Finn – Town of Smithtown  
Barbara Roberts – Town of Southampton  
Nicholas J. Planamento – Town of Southold  
Michael Kaufman – Villages Under 5,000  
Kevin Gershowitz – At Large  
Glynis Margaret Berry – At Large  
David Calone – At Large

### **Staff Present (5)**

Andrew Freleng – Chief Planner  
John Corral – Planner  
Ted Klein – Senior Planner  
Christine DeSalvo – Senior Clerk Typist  
Robert Braun – Assistant County Attorney (Counsel to the Commission)

### **Call to Order**

- The Suffolk County Planning Commission meeting of November 5, 2014 was called to order by Chairman David Calone at 2:05 p.m.

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adoption of Minutes** - Tabled

**Public Portion** – Three members of the public spoke to the Commission about the application on the agenda.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Calone updated the Commission as follows:

- On Sewer Infrastructure Funding the Chair stated that the County Executive continues to emphasize the need to protect water quality and has asked the Planning Commission to play a leading role in that effort. And this past week several members of the Commission were at the press conference where the Governor announced that Suffolk County would get nearly \$400 million in funds for wastewater treatment – particularly in vulnerable areas along the south shore in Babylon, Islip and Brookhaven. In addition, the Chairman indicated that the IBM Smarter Cities Report on wastewater in Suffolk County has now been completed and will be released in the near future.
- On Agriculture; The Chair mentioned that the Planning Commission has two initiatives in the works 1) the County should be hearing this month about the exact amount of state funding we will receive for the proposal the Planning Commission initiated to provide financial assistance for new farmers to purchase equipment they need to get started. The County could receive at least \$500,000 possibly up to \$1 million. Along with our partners in the county Executive's office, the State, the L.I. Farm Bureau, and the Peconic Land Trust we will be working on finalizing the program once the final amount is set. 2) An effort has been launched by the County Executive's office to improve education opportunities to get more people interested and prepared to farm The Chair recognized and thanked Commission members Carl Gabrielsen who has been attending the meeting on behalf of the County Planning Commission.
  - Commission member Gabrielsen informed the Commission that he has been in talks with Suffolk BO.C.E.S., as well as the local school districts and colleges to look into offering a curriculum that included agricultural education including farm field trips, internships – particularly summer programs, and other ways to generate interest in farming in Suffolk County. He also noted that the Wyndanch School District secured a grant this month to build a greenhouse, and the Commission will be guidance.
- On 'Housing', the Chair stated that the Commission has been working to finalize a plan for the County Planning Commission to start collecting data from Suffolk's municipalities on an annual basis on housing starts so we can better establish regional housing strategies and goals. This will build on the data that the County Planning Department staff is already collecting, and the Chair asked each of the Commission members to personally ask their Towns to help with this effort.

**Chairman's Report** (continued)

- On the "Public Security" initiative the Chair stated that the Commission already has several Towns, including Brookhaven and Babylon, where the supervisors have expressed an interest in taking our public safety design code and providing guidelines for their town planning boards to keep public safety principles in mind when evaluating site plans. The Chairman indicated that the Planning Commission conceptually approved this plan last month and now it will incorporate stakeholder feedback before finalizing it. He stated that he has received input back from some Town Planning Directors this past week, and also that Governor Cuomo's recently departed head of Public Safety also sent a number of suggestions. The Chair reminded the Commission that State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is eager to roll this out state wide once we finalize it, which expects will be by the end of the year.
- Regarding the 'Economic Development Conference', in conjunction with the administration and the County IDA, Chairman Calone stated that the agenda has finally been finalized for the event; and that talks are on with Canon about hosting the event at their U.S. Headquarters in Melville. He indicated that the Commission would be looking to finalize the plans for the conference right after the new year.
- On the 'Geothermal Model Code'; Chairman Calone mentioned that the Commission adopted the Code last month and he went on to acknowledge the fine work of Commission member Michael Kaufman who also put together an overview memo for the municipalities. The Chair stated that the code and the overview went out to the town board members that morning and hopes to get them out to the planning directors today or tomorrow. Chairman Calone indicated that another exciting aspect is that PSEG will be providing financial incentives to the towns to adopt the new code and the Town of Brookhaven has already agreed to do so.
- Regarding 'Green Methodologies for Storm-water Management', the Chair announced that the Commission is working with Citizens Campaign for the Environment and the National Wildlife Federation on an update to its storm-water run-off guidance document. He also stated that Maureen Dolan Murphy will giving a presentation to the Commission at today's meeting, and that the Commission will seek to incorporate any additional edits and have the Commission consider adopting the revisions at its December meeting.
- On the Comprehensive Plan; Chairman Calone confirmed that the County's Comprehensive Plan was completed, and indicated that Planning Department staff will make a presentation of it at next month's Commission meeting.
- Regarding other Commission business;
  - Chairman Calone announced that the next Commission meeting is to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Legislature Auditorium in the Hauppauge at 2 p.m. He also reminded the Commission members to note that they are scheduled to have lunch with County Executive Bellone at 1 o'clock on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the H. Lee Dennison Building.
  - The Chair thanked all the Commission members who volunteered to moderate the various panels at the annual Fall Planning Federation event, and also congratulated the Planning Department staff for their work on making it a success.
  - The Chair restated that the Commission has discussed creating a "regionally valuable" designation to affirmatively support development projects that are strong from a regional perspective; and we hope to work on some draft criteria based on our existing guidelines for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

**Chairman's Report** (continued)

- The Chair restated the Commission's idea of having a Village Innovation Awards, and indicated that Commission member Mike Kaufman and he have worked on coming up with some categories and are running them by the Village Officials Association.

**Guest Speaker** – Hon. Anna Throne Holst, Supervisor of the Town of Southampton, gave a presentation overview of the Town's planning activities including the Hampton Bays Corridor Study, various requested Planned Development Districts (PDDs), state of the art septic treatment, and the proposed County Road 39 Corridor Land Use Plan.

**Guest Speaker** – Maureen Dolan Murphy, of Citizens Campaign for the Environment gave a presentation overview of an update to the Commission's storm-water run-off guidance document 'Green Methodologies for Storm-water Management'.

**Section A14-14 thru A14-25 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code** (continued)

- **CR-39 Corridor Land Use Plan;** the application is referred by the Town of Southampton, received on September 2, 2014 - the Commission's jurisdiction for review is that the application is a Land Use Plan/Comprehensive Plan. The Town of Southampton proposes to create a gateway corridor with commercial concentrations, managed access to and from the roadway, and visual upgrades for the County Road 39 corridor.

**Guest Speaker** – Kyle Collins, the Town of Southampton Planning and Development Administrator, gave a presentation overview of the County Road 39 Corridor Land Use Plan.

The staff report recommended approval of the Land Use Plan, and offered eight (8) comments for consideration and use by the Town of Southampton. After deliberation the Commission resolved to generally agree and approve the applications subject to ten (10) comments.

The motion to approve the Land Use Plan, with the ten (10) comments for their consideration and use by the Town of Southampton was made by Commission member Kramer and seconded by Commission member Roberts, vote to Approve; 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 recusal (Berry).

**Meeting Adjournment** (4:00 p.m.)

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commission member Finn and seconded by Commission member Kelly. The motion was approved.