

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2001

TIME: 9:35 a.m. - 10:10 A.M.

PRESENT: Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice Chair, Tom Cramer, Michael Kaufman, Jack Finkenberg, Hon. Joseph Caracappa

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst
Gail Calfa, Penny Kohler and Kathleen Rigano, Secretaries

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office

Todd Johnson, County Executive Assistant

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Peter Scully, Commissioner

Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services

Suffolk County Planning Department

Thomas A. Isles, Director

Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Tom Rogers, Associate Civil Engineer, P.E.

Pauline Mize; Manager, Gabreski Airport

Conservation Advisory Councils:

Joy Squires, Chairperson, Huntington CAC

Steve Brown, Brookhaven CAC

Guests:

Robert F. Kozakiewicz, Supervisor, Town of Riverhead

Richard Hanley, Director of Planning, Town of Riverhead

Edward Densieski, Town of Riverhead

Kenneth Testa, Town of Riverhead

Monique Gablenz, Town of Riverhead, IDA

The CEQ meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elkowitz at 9:35 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Elkowitz introduced Thomas A. Isles, new Planning Director, to the Council members.

Chairperson Elkowitz announced that Lance Mallamo has been recommended for appointment to the Council on Environmental Quality. He presently is a member of the Historic Trust Committee.

The next scheduled Historic Trust Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Deepwells. At that time, a room at Deepwells will be named in honor of Mrs. Barbara Van Liew who recently retired from the Council of Environmental Quality. She will remain a member of the Historic Trust Committee, which she both founded and Chaired since its inception.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Swanson, the minutes of the February 21, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 27 and March 13, 2001.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to ratify the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and passed unanimously.

- b. Proposed Construction of a Check-in Building at Cedar Point County Park, Town of East Hampton

A presentation was made by Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who, in addressing the Council, said that the project involves the construction of a 390 sq. ft. check-in building. Since it is a structure or facility involving less than 4,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities, the project should be considered as a Type II action.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to classify the project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and passed unanimously.

c. Proposed Construction of a Check-in Building at Cupsogue County Park, Town of Southampton

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A motion was made by Mr. Swanson to classify the project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and passed unanimously.

2. Proposed Reconstruction of Quogue Canal Bulkhead, South Side, Town of Southampton

A presentation was made by Mr. Tom Rogers, Associate Civil Engineer, P.E., in the Department of Public Works. Mr. Rogers stated that the project was to reconstruct the south side of the Quogue Canal Bulkhead. The work consists of placing approximately 500 l.f. of new timber bulkhead 18" seaward of the existing, deteriorating bulkhead in order to avoid erosion of the banks. A permit has already been secured from the Corps of Engineers and application has been made for a permit from the N.Y.S.D.E.C.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Reconstruction of Deer Lake Spillway, Towns of Babylon and Islip, CP #5376

A presentation was also made by Mr. Tom Rogers, Associate Civil Engineer, P.E., in the Department of Public Works. In addressing the Council, Mr. Rogers stated that the project involves the replacement of the deteriorated Deer Lake Spillway with a new concrete spillway. A new steel sheet pile cut-off wall will also be installed through the earth dam around the spillway because of the concern for leakage. This steel sheeting will be 20 ft. deep, 60 ft. on one side and 40 ft. on the other side.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and passed unanimously.

4. Proposed Stotzky Park Expansion, Active Recreation/Greenways, Town of Riverhead

A presentation was made by Mr. Robert F. Kozakiewicz, Supervisor, Town of Riverhead, who stated that the Town is looking to expand the existing Stotzky Park which now consists of two softball diamonds, 4 little league fields, a children's playground, associated parking and a structure which houses the recreation department and building and grounds departments.

The Town of Riverhead is looking to acquire additional property to the east of the present park area for additional recreational facilities. Mr. Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst in the Planning Department, stated that he and Legislator Caracciolo visited the site in question and found it to be an old sand mine area that is very clean, without dumping and would make a nice addition to the existing park. There are no plans to have lighting installed at this time. In the event lighting is to be installed at a later date, it was requested that refractors be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as a Type I Action and that a Negative Declaration be recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman and passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Replacement of Electrical Feeder for Sewer District 18S - Hauppauge Industrial, Hauppauge, Town of Smithtown

Chairperson Elkowitz read the description of the project as provided by Mr. Ben Wright, P.E., Division of Sanitation, in the Department of Public Works, which involves the replacement of an electrical feeder at the Sewer District 18, Hauppauge Industrial Facility. This replacement will eliminate any catastrophic events relating to long-term power outages due to failure.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson and passed unanimously.

6. Proposed Removal and Replacement of Existing Cable and Lighting Fixtures on Runway 6/24

A presentation was made by Ms. Pauline Mize, Manager at Francis A. Gabreski Airport who, in addressing the Council, stated that the project involves the removal and replacement of cable and lighting on Runway 6/24. The present cabling is in unstable condition and the Instrument Landing System has been out of service since August 1999. The FAA has awarded the project a grant of \$1,150,000.

A motion was made by Hon. Joseph Caracappa to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson and passed unanimously.

HISTORIC SERVICES: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, addressed the Council and updated the members on the following:

a. Timber Point and the Hard Estate (West Sayville Golf Course): The trees that line the entrances to both golf courses will be replaced. Both tree-lined drives have been dedicated to the Historic Trust. Four species of trees will be used and the planting will begin in April 2001.

b. Biographies on Stage at Deepwells highlighting Juliette Gordon Low has been very successful with the Girl Scouts. The exhibit and show would be of interest to adults as well.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Van Liew will be presented with a proclamation at the next Historic Trust Meeting which is scheduled to be held at Deepwells on May 22, at 9:30. A room at Deepwells will be named in her honor. Legislator D'Andre will participate in the presentation.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

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