

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2001

TIME: 9:35 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

PRESENT:

Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice-Chair, Legislator Joseph Caracappa, Tom Cramer, Mike Kaufman and Nancy Manfredonia, Jack Finkenberg and Lance Mallamo

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst
Kathleen Rigano, Secretary
Gail Calfa, Secretary

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension
Bill Sanok
Suffolk County Executive's Office
Todd Johnson
Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Amy Juchatz, Toxologist
Suffolk County Legislature
Meghan O'Rielly, Presiding Officer's Office
Clark Gavin, Presiding Officer's Office
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Paul McMahan, Sr. Civil Engineer
Tedd Goedek, County Architect
Ralph Borkowski, Landscape Architect

Conservation Advisory Councils

Steve Brown, Brookhaven Conservation Advisory Council
Joy Squires, Huntington Conservation Board
Stephanie Henrich, Smithtown Conservation Board

Guests:

Russ Ehasz, Architect, Ehasz Giacalone Architects
Jim Havrilla, Architect, Ehasz Giacalone Architects
Richard Geiger, Sydney Bowne & Son
Melanie Awe, Old Field Farm County Park
Sally Lynch, Old Field County Park

MINUTES:

On a motion by Larry Swanson, seconded by Michael Kaufman, the minutes of the July 18, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction:

Page 3, paragraph 2e should be changed to "Town of Southampton."

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions:

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table July 27, 2001; August 7, 2001, and September 11, 2001.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to ratify the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed with a majority vote (1 abstention - Michael Kaufman).

2. Proposed Construction of Stump Pond Boardwalk at Blydenburgh County Park, Hauppauge, Town of Smithtown.

After a presentation by Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, it was decided by the CEQ members to table the project until more information is available. Specifically, the long EAF should be supplemented to include a description of the types and quality of freshwater wetlands involved, as well as any sensitive wildlife known to be in the area. The impact of using CCA lumber on water quality, as well as the possibility of using plaster lumber should be discussed. How and where piles will be placed should also be included.

3. Proposed Construction of Equestrian Sand Ring at Old Field Farm County Park, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was given by Sally Lynch and Melanie Awe of Old Field Farm County Park who stated that the project involves expanding the existing turfgrass equestrian ring by 6,000 sq. ft., converting it to a sand ring, moving an existing building and landscaping improvements adjacent to the ring at Old Field Farm County Park, Town of Brookhaven.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, with modifications, to include that all run-off will be retained on site with no discharge to adjacent wetlands. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a majority vote (3 nays-Larry Swanson, Michael Kaufman and Nancy Manfredonia).

4. Proposed Reconstruction of CR 48, Middle Road, from Horton Lane to Main Street, Greenport, Town of Southold, Suffolk County CR 5526

A presentation was made by Paul McMahon, Sr. Civil Engineer, in the Department of Public Works, and Richard Geiger, Sydney Bowne & Son, who stated that this project involves the reconstruction of CR 48, Middle Road from Horton Lane to Main Street, Greenport, Town of Southold, including widening the road from 40 ft. to 46 ft.; safety alignment improvements; rehabilitation of roadway pavement; installing curbing medians and left and right turn lanes; upgrading shoulder and sidewalk areas for bicyclists and pedestrians; as well as constructing two additional recharge basins and preventing direct discharge of run-off to surface water wherever possible.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Proposed Rehabilitation of the former Suffolk County Infirmary, Yaphank, Town of Brookhaven, CP 2771

A presentation was made by Tedd Goedek, Architect, in the Department of Public Works, who stated that this project involves the rehabilitation of the former Suffolk County Infirmary in Yaphank for adaptive reuse as office space, restoring and preserving the building facade, and historic murals and other historic fixtures inside the building as well as expanding the parking. Mr. Goedek stated that his office would submit the architectural details, landscape plan and parking layouts to the CEQ before finalization

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to issue Suffolk County Historic Trust approval and classify the project as a Type I action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Lance Mallamo and passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Relocation of Coindre Hall Caretakers Apartment, Town of Huntington

A presentation was made by Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who stated that this project involves the relocation of Coindre Hall Caretaker's apartment to the servant's wing and restoration of the existing apartment rooms to the estate era which was a kitchen use.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to issue Suffolk County Historic Trust approval and classify the project as a Type I action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Construction of New Sanitary Facilities at Theodore Roosevelt County Park, Montauk, Town of East Hampton

A presentation was made by Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, who stated that this project involves the construction of new sanitary facilities next to the stables at Theodore Roosevelt County Park. It was requested by Michael Kaufman that real wood be used and not plywood as well as a gabled roof. A list of required specifications is attached.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to issue Suffolk County Historic Trust approval and classify the project as a Type I action with a Negative Declaration, which includes the list of specifications. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by a unanimous vote.

Historic Services - Director's Report

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

- a. Coindre Hall: The Splashes of Hope have started tours at Coindre Hall on Saturdays at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM year round. Thursday tours will begin this week at those same times. There will be an Open House on October 25 at 7:00 PM where a large Paint-By-Number mural will be painted with hopes of going into the Guinness Book of World Records.
- b. Deepwells: There is good attendance at the Annie Oakley show. The Fall Fair is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday of Columbus Day weekend with a rain date of Monday.
- c. Old Field: The Antique Show is scheduled for September 29, and September 30, 2001. The opening party is scheduled for September 28, 2001. Proceeds of this event will go toward the restoration of the grounds.

CAC Concerns:

Joy Squires advised the Council members that the date listed on the flyer about an EMC conference is incorrect. The correct date is November 9 - 11, 2001, at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga State Park.

The conference on the environment for 2002 will be on Smart Growth in Corning, New York.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Amy Juchatz, a Toxicologist in the Department of Health Services, addressed the Council on the Pesticide Phaseout Law. Recommendations for amendments, a copy of which are

attached, have been submitted to the Legislature in an effort to extend the phaseout for an additional 18 months. Other suggestions were submitted to fine tune the law, which would include containerized baits for insects as well as rodents, exemptions for medical treatments and practices, as well as allowing for temporary exemptions for "special use property," such as historic properties and the jails.

Thomas Cramer made a motion to support the recommendations for amendment to the phaseout law as submitted to the Legislature. The motion was seconded by Joy Squires. This motion was passed by a majority vote (3 abstentions - Michael Kaufman, Lance Mallamo and John Finkenberg).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.