

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 22, 2004

TIME: 9:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

PRESENT: Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice Chairman; Tom Cramer, Adrienne Esposito, Lance Mallamo, Nancy Manfredonia, Jack Finkenberg and Michael Kaufman

ABSENT: Jay Schneiderman

Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst

Penny Kohler, Secretary

Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive Office

Adam Santiago, County Executive Assistant

Suffolk County Legislator's Office

Charles Bender, Legislator Aide

Kevin LaValle, Legislator Aide

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Planner

Thomas Isles, Director

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services

Nick Gibbons, Sr. Environmental Analyst

Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Jeff Dawson, Civil Engineer

Laura Feitner, Engineer Aide

Conservation Advisory Councils:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

Guests:

Bruce S. Hopper, General Forman of DPW, Inc. Vill. Of Amityville

LOCATION

H. LEE DENNISON BLDG. - 4TH FLOOR
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Chairperson Elkowitz opened the meeting at approximately 9:35 a.m.

MINUTES:

The following corrections were made to the CEQ minutes: May 19, 2004 meeting minutes, page 8, item 12 should read “for” instead of “by”. August 18, 2004 meeting minutes page 1, item 2 should read “paving existing roads that have potholes”. On a motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Cramer the May 19 and August 18, 2004 minutes were approved as amended. The July 28, 2004 CEQ meeting transcript from the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office was not available for review and comment.

Because it is a Legislative Committee week, the Legislature’s court stenographer was not available to take a verbatim transcript of the CEQ meeting. The service will only be available in the legislative auditorium when there is no legislative business scheduled. It was noted that the Suffolk County Planning Department would be taking the CEQ minutes pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order as set forth in the Council’s by-laws. The meeting was tape-recorded, which will be kept in the Council’s files for future reference, if necessary. Ms. Elkowitz asked that all members and attendees identify themselves before speaking.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. *Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions laid on the Table – August 24, 2004.*

The members reviewed the recommendations of the CEQ staff regarding the August 24, 2004 Legislative introductory resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to accept staff recommendations, seconded by Mr. Cramer. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Proposed Improvements to Active Parkland Recreation Areas at Maxine Postal County Park, CP #7178.413, Village of Amityville.*

A presentation on this project was given by Mr. Bruce Hopper, with the Incorporated Village of Amityville. The action includes 1.125± acres of vacant land to be used as a recreational park including small parking area, brick promenade, gazebo, kayak/canoe launch, benches, bike rack and landscaping with indigenous species. Bulkheading is also proposed, and it was noted by Ms. Esposito that it will need NYSDEC, Department of State and Army Corp approvals. . It was recommended that rip rap be used in place of bulkheading. Chairperson Elkowitz noted that the of EAF needs corrections. Mr. Bagg will correct EAF.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action, with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Unanimously approved subject to Suffolk County pesticide and fertilizer restrictions, the consideration of using rip rap and Mr. Bagg correcting the EAF.

3. *Proposed Nautical Park, Greenways Program, SCTM #'s 101-007-8-4,5,6 and 8, Village of Amityville.*

An overview of this project was also given by Mr. Bruce Hopper, with the Incorporated Village

of Amityville. The project includes 1.3± acres to be used as a community/senior citizen center park. The main building will be a senior citizen center and the other building will be used for coast guard training courses. The two buildings will generate sewage. Mr. Bagg will correct the EAF. Ms. Manfredonia noted that the project should be dark-sky compliant. Lighting fixtures are nice, but appear to be open at the top. No lighting is planned for the present project. Ms. Esposito questioned the landscaped area, pesticides and fertilizer. Landscaping will use indigenous species. The plan also includes parking, walkways, gazebos and varied park equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action, with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Unanimously approved subject to hooding on lights if they are used, compliance with the Suffolk County pesticide and fertilizer restrictions and Mr. Bagg correcting the EAF.

4. *Proposed Stormwater Remediation to Peconic River at CR 63, Peconic Avenue – Phase 3B, NYS Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act, CP #8233, Town of Riverhead.*

An overview of this project was given by Mr. Jeff Dawson, Civil Engineer, with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, stating the existing drainage system which discharges directly to Peconic River from Main Street is failing and needs to be replaced. The action will repave the road, replace sidewalk in kind, replace pipe, put in leaching ponds and a filter system similar to a vortex system prior to discharge to the Peconic River. Overflow is designed for a 1.3” per hour storm event. This is in conformance with DEC stormwater standards, which cover about 90% of the storms. Everything is within the County right-of-way. The system will be cleaned out about once a year or as needed. There will be 50% of State Funding from NYS Clean Water and Air Bond Act for this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Ms. Esposito to recommend this project is an Unlisted action, with a Negative Declaration. Unanimously approved.

5. *Proposed Stormwater Remediation to Peconic River at CR 94, Nugent Drive – Phase 3C, NYS Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act, CP #8233, Town of Southampton.*

An overview regarding this proposal was also given by Mr. Jeff Dawson, Civil Engineer, with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. This action includes eliminating six of the eight points that directly discharge stormwater runoff to the Peconic and Little Peconic Rivers from three Suffolk County roads and a portion of the Riverhead County Center and creating a combination of decorative retention ponds and naturalized retention areas in the center medians of CR 94 and CR 51. The remaining two points will continue to serve as overflows for the proposed retention system, but stormwater treatment systems will be installed to prevent pollutants from entering the Peconic River. The affected portions of sidewalk, curb, and roadway will be restored. The NYS Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act will reimburse \$120,000 of this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Unanimously approved.

6. *Proposed Acquisition of Goldsmith Inlet County Park Addition, Peconic Land Trust Property, Town of Southold.*

A presentation regarding this proposal was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Planning. This action includes the acquisition of 1.0 acre of waterfront property with bluffs and beach on the LI Sound by Suffolk County under the New SC Drinking Water Protection Program. It is adjacent to Goldsmith Inlet County Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Ms. Esposito. Unanimously approved.

7. *Proposed Acquisition of Goldsmith Inlet County Park Addition, Palmer Property, Town of Southold.*

A presentation regarding this proposal was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Planning. This action includes the acquisition of 1.0 acre of waterfront property on the LI Sound by Suffolk County under the New SC Drinking Water Protection Program. It is also adjacent to Goldsmith Inlet County Park and the previous property discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Ms. Esposito. Unanimously approved.

8. *Proposed Acquisition of McQuade Property for Open Space Preservation Purposes, Town of Riverhead.*

An overview regarding this proposal was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Planning. This action includes the acquisition of a conservation easement comprising 55.8 acres by Suffolk County under the New SC Drinking Water Protection Program, for open space purposes. The site is adjacent to the Long Island Sound. The owner's home on 17.5 acres will be excluded.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Unanimously approved.

9. *Proposed Acquisition of Bluepoints Upland Property for Parkland Purposes, Town of Islip.*

Ms. Esposito excused herself from this project review.

A presentation regarding this proposal was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Department of Planning. This action includes the acquisition of 5.07 acres of property associated with the historic maritime industry. Mr. Swanson questioned if the County will keep the buildings. Ms. Fischer said she wasn't sure, but the county would like to use the complex for marine education purposes. Mr. Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services said the buildings are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Swanson said MSRC questioned the potential use of the buildings for research purpose, since they are in poor condition. The property is proposed for development with condominiums. The

County is currently looking into adaptive reuse – but doesn't really know what will happen to the buildings.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to recommend that the project is an Unlisted action with a Negative Declaration, seconded by Mr. Mallamo. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

HISTORIC SERVICES – Director's Report

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services in the Suffolk County Parks Department advised the CEQ that the Deepwells Fall Fair will be on October 10, 2004 – the rain date is October 11, 2004.

The Historic Trust meeting will be on October 12, 2004 at 9:30 am at the Timber Point Clubhouse. The agenda includes:

- restoration plans for the second floor of the clubhouse will be looked at.
- The Friends of LI Heritage issue will be discussed by Commissioner Foley.
- Monies from the hotel/motel grants will be put in a special Park's fund for restoration projects or channeled through the Friends of LI if they are kept on.

CAC Concerns

Ms. Squires wants an overview of Suffolk County Bond Act proposal. Request Legislator Fischer to give presentation at the October meeting.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m. Motion to adjourn was by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Ms. Esposito.