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1	THE CHAIRMAN: We can begin. Mike, since
2	you're not here, why don't you leave?
3	MR. KAUFMAN: Your Pompousness is getting out
4	of control. Just for that, Larry, I'm going to have to
5	tell your wife what we do after the meetings. His
6	vanilla shake is very much in question now.
7	THE CHAIRMAN: We had no minutes completed
8	this month so there are no minutes to review. Jim, you
9	want to comment on our correspondence? MR. BAGG:
10	Yes. In your folders, there are two things from
11	correspondence. One is the Vector Control Pesticide
12	Committee annual report, and there is also a letter from
13	the commissioner in support of vector control annual
14	plan work for 2009.
15	THE CHAIRMAN: I understand there may be
16	somebody here to speak about the plan work, and we will
17	save that until we get to the vector control portion of
18	the agenda. Just like to remind everybody this is a
19	public meeting, that you're more than free to come to
20	the podium to express opinion, or whatever. We
21	ordinarily do this by a topic by topic basis rather than
22	one particular portion at a time. Historic Trust
23	report.
24	MS. SPENCER: Rich is not here. I don't

1	believe there is anything new to report.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Tabled project,
3	Gabreski Airport. Come on up.
4	MR. MACKEY: Mr. Chairman, maybe I don't hear
5	so well, but on the laid on the table, October 14, 2008
6	Resolution 1894, we started to discuss this once
7	before. We sent them back to the drawing board, I
8	believe. The questionnaire is Unlisted or Type I
9	action.
10	THE CHAIRMAN: We haven't gotten there yet.
11	We're starting with Gabreski Airport. On the agenda,
12	tabled projects, we are doing that first.
13	Please identify yourselves for the record.
14	MR. CEGLIO: Tony Ceglio, airport manager at
15	the Gabreski Airport. I have with me Bill McShane,
16	vice-president of Sheltair Aviation, and to answer any
17	questions we have the gentlemen here from McKlean
18	Associates, who can also answer questions on the EAF, if
19	necessary. His name is Jim DeKonig.
20	If you recall, this project was previously
21	submitted about a year ago under the name of Long Island
22	Jet Center. It's a project to develop, actually
23	redevelop seven point acres of property at Gabreski
24	Airport. The property is already developed as a fixed

1 base operation at the airport, fueling operations and 2 aircraft parking and services. A year ago, the council 3 and legislature determined that the project was an Unlisted Action that would not have any adverse 4 5 significant impact on the environment. 6 When the Jet Center, which is now called 7 Sheltair, was in the design process for the project, it was determine that the original location of the hangars 8 9 did not really make for an efficient flow for aircraft 1.0 and services on the ramp. Their engineer, McKlean 11 Associates, recommended that they shift one of the 12 hangars back and over to be more in line with the existing hangars in the airport. In order to do that, 13 14 actually, additional property was required, about one 15 point-o-eight acres. The existing property is currently 16 used as an aircraft ramp. It's immediately south of the 17 existing leased property. There is a small grass area 18 about a tenth of an acre between some hangars, an old 19 Air Force building built 1943 that is dilapidated, and 20 in the long range plans of the department was planned to 21 be removed. 22 As I mentioned, the additional property is developed currently as an aircraft craft parking apron, 23 24 tenth of an acre of grass, the relocation which we have

1 actually before and after pictures up over on the easels 2 to your left. I can point the information out in a 3 But it will be used to shift the proposed 4 hangar, which is going to stay on the same side, shift it to the south and west. 5 The modification will 6 increase parking by about sixteen vehicle parking spots, 7 increase some of the ramp space a little bit. general, creates a more efficient design for taxiing 8 9 aircraft along the paved portions of the airport. also creates a better situation for security because the 10 11 people in the FBO will be able to see across the entire 12 ramp again without a building blocking their view from 13 one end to the other. 14 In addition to that, the new location of the 15 building will create a better safety environment for the 16 air traffic control tower. The building in the original 17 location blocked the control tower's line of sight. 18 doing this proposal it will create a better safety 19 situation for the controllers to be able to see the end 20 of the runway. The existing developed area, of the FBO 21 of Sheltair Aviation is approximately three point six 22 four acres. That is indicated on Page 5 of the EAF. 23 The new development area is seven point three acres,

making the difference four point one nine acres.

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1	Our Airport Conservation Panel, which is a
2	group of community representatives, met last week on
3	this project. They are in support of it. I don't have
4	the paperwork with me now. They voted to recommended a
5	Type I action under SEQRA with a Negative Declaration on
6	the environmental impact. They went with the Type I
7	instead of an Unlisted Action based on 617.4(B)(10)
8	which states that any Unlisted Action that exceeds
9	twenty-five percent of any 617.(B)(10) which states
10	that any Unlisted Action that exceeds twenty-five
11	percent of any threshold in the section occurring wholly
12	or partially within or substantially contiguous to any
13	publicly owned parkland, recreation area or designated
14	open space should be a Type I action.
15	What that states is the entire airport is
16	contiguous to the core preservation of the pine barrens.
17	The property in question is probably about a half mile
18	away from middle of the core areas. I don't have an
19	aerial photo, but I believe that in the package there is
20	a photo that indicates where the area is. MR. BAGG: I
21	have one here. How far away is it?
22	MR. CEGLIO: I'm estimating about a half a
23	mile to three quarters of a mile. MR. BAGG: One
24	thousand two hundred eighty-eight linear feet. You have

1 to go across one of the airport roads. You have to go 2 through the industrial park. You're going to have to go 3 across 31 and across some commercial space to get to the 4 To say it's adjacent to parkland or core core area. 5 area I think is a little bit of a stretch. 6 MR. CEGLIO: Thank you, Jim. In any case 7 though, the Airport Conservation Assessment Panel determined that it would be a Neg Dec or insignificant 8 9 environmental impact. As stated in my memo, the project should be considered an Unlisted Action, but it is not 10 11 contiguous to any other space and does not exceed any 12 other threshold or any type of action. If you would 13 like, I can go up and point out those areas. 14 THE CHAIRMAN: You might bring those closer 15 to us so we can see it. 16 MR. CEGLIO: This is Bill McShane, by the 17 way, vice-president of Sheltair Aviation. The original 18 proposal on your left shows the leasehold area, seven 19 point five acres, the area that we're talking about, is 20 this hangar right here, nineteen thousand eight hundred 21 square foot hangar. When they designed the project, 22 they didn't realize the other hangar right next to it. 23 This was a conceptual layout. The hangar to the south 24 is about seventy feet to the west in front of this

1 hangar. 2 When they were going through the design 3 process, the engineer correctly noted that you should be 4 lining this up with the existing hangars so not to pose 5 any taxiing problem with the aircraft. They relocated 6 the hangar here back in line with this hangar here. 7 Because there was vacant property between the two 8 hangars and the county requirement for development is 9 twenty-five feet clear space for development, they asked 10 to maintain that twenty-five foot space, and by doing 11 so, they would need to lease additional space. 12 currently a paved aircraft apron anyway, which as an 13 airport manager, to me means more revenue; I can lease 14 more property on space that is already developed. 15 It also required them to lease space 16 immediately to the west, which was currently or is 17 currently an existing parking lot and old 1940's Air 18 Force building that is falling down and will be 19 demolished by the county at some future date. 20 photo right here is an existing aerial photo of the area

additional grass area that the hangar will be moved over to, which amounts to about a tenth of an acre.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Just a question on

showing where that existing old building is and the

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1 my recollection of what went on in the past. It seems 2 to me about a year ago or so the original proposal was going to be in excess of ten acres. 3 Then this dropped 4 down. Now it's built up again. Is this the final 5 plan? 6 MR. CEGLIO: It should be. The original plan 7 was a conceptual layout, which was seven point five This is the engineer's plan which -- this should 8 9 be the final build-out. They're looking to go to 10 construct this winter if they can. Yes, that should be 11 it. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: We wouldn't be postponing it and next year it will come back and it will be what the 13 14 original plan was, going to ten acres, which a lot of 15 people have concerns about. 16 MR. CEGLIO: This should be about seven point 17 five or eight acres. 18 MR. KAUFMAN: That is my concern also. 19 do we know that's the final design change? Admittedly, 20 this is mostly paved over the areas that you're talking 21 You're also talking about taking out a about. 22 dilapidated dated building; nevertheless, in the guise 23 of safety, things are proposed and safety is used as a 24 crutch.

1 I am, as Larry was just saying, very concerned 2 about is this the final situation. Frankly, if it starts expanding again, this is segmentation, in my 3 4 So we have heard your answer. I'm splashing 5 that on the record. 6 The next questions are directed towards Jim 7 and council. Question, what are we voting on today? 8 Are we voting on an eight acre parcel? We did a 9 previous Neg Dec on seven and a half acres. Is this 10 considered one acre addition to that or are we looking 1.1 at the old, if you will, smear all over again? I'm not sure what we're looking at technically. 12 That is the 13 first question. 14 MR. BAGG: Basically this is a somewhat of a It's an addition of approximately a little 15 redesign. 16 more than one acre of property for shifting the 17 buildings around on the site. The original Neg Dec as drafted applies. The only difference is, it's a little 18 19 bit different in a description of the action in terms of 20 property size. 21 MR. KAUFMAN: I don't see a problem with the 22 It's a heavily developed area and part of it 23 is going to be redeveloped. I'm not sure, are we 24 looking at one acre or eight acres?

1 MR. BAZATA: If you felt it was an Unlisted 2 Action with a Negative Declaration, you would have to 3 describe the project, which would include the full eight 4 point five eight eight acres. 5 MR. KAUFMAN: I'll consider it eight. My 6 next question, is it Type I or Unlisted? I was talking 7 with Bob Deluca yesterday. I'm looking at the SEORA 8 regulations here. Two things come up. Bob was saying 9 since the airport is entirely owned by the county and 10 the entire property is essentially contiguous to both a 11 critical environmental area and the pine barrens core, 12 which some, I believe, to be parkland, that under that 13 analysis, in a real estate sense or ownership sense it's 14 a Type I. I'm looking at this and I was listening to your linear description. There are buildings and roads 15 16 in between this project and CEA and also the pine 17 barrens. In that sense I see separation. I don't see 18 contiguousness between the two. I believe it's 19 Unlisted. 20 I was also listening to what Tony was saying 21 and looking at the site for Type I actions, the site 22 that he cited. Any Unlisted Action that exceeds 23 twenty-five percent of any threshold in the Type I 24 categories, flips it from Unlisted into a Type I.

1 Again, it's talking about publicly owned, so you have 2 the contiguous aspect. I'm looking at the other Type I descriptions, and I don't see that any of them apply in 3 4 this situation, below twenty-five acres. If vou divide 5 twenty-five by four acres, this is quote, an eight acre 6 project. So I'm not sure at this point in time whether 7 we're exceeding the twenty-five percent threshold. it talks about the contiguous aspects. 8 9 MR. BAGG: The physical alteration of ten or 10 more acres is a Type I action. There also is in there a threshold that if you redevelop a site and exceed more 11 12 than fifty percent of that ten acres, which becomes five 13 acres, then it becomes a Type I action, but this is 14 redevelopment of approximately four acres. Under that category, it would be an Unlisted Action. 15 16 The only other thing that Mr. Deluca is 17 saying, because the county owns the entire airport, that 18 it is contiguous to parkland. If that is the case, then 19 everything at this airport that is not a Type II action, 20 it becomes a Type I action. I don't think that is what 21 the state regulations are meant to do. 22 MR. KAUFMAN: I don't agree with you on that. 2.3 MR. BAZATA: We had a whole Environmental 24 Impact Statement done on the airport industrial site,

which is to the west of this site. That is going to be 1 2 developed during the process of being developed. This 3 site is to the east of that, in the center of the I don't see you can say it's contiguous. 4 5 MR. KAUFMAN: In a physical sense as opposed 6 to an ownership sense. 7 MS. GROWNEY: I had a question. I just had a 8 question about the building that is to be demolished. 9 What was the previous use and was it covered previously 10 your original application? 11 MR. CEGLIO: It was covered in the original 12 application but it wasn't part of proposed leased 13 The last use of the building was for a flight 14 school, probably about ten years ago. 15 MS. GROWNEY: What were the uses along the 16 way, anything of an environmental impact issue that 17 might be there? 18 MR. CEGLIO: I don't believe so. It was 19 probably an old office building. During the Air Force 20 days, I can only guess. It's only about twenty-two 21 hundred square feet. It's set up as an office layout. 22 MR. BAZATA: One other thing. The State 23 Office of Historic Preservation did a review of all the structures and deemed anything 24 it there was nothing on

1	site that would be considered historically significant.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion?
3	MR. MACHTAY: Unlisted.
4	MR. KAUFMAN: Second that.
5	THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? All
6	in favor. (Show of hands.) Opposed? Abstentions?
7	Motion carries.
8	DPW CR3 reconstruction, Pinelawn and
9	Wellwood.
10	MR. MACKEY: Russ Mackey, M-A-C-K-E-Y,
11	Suffolk County DPW consultant.
12	MR. BAZATA: James Bazata from Greenman
13	Pederson Engineers.
14	MR. MACKEY: We submitted the Part 1 of the
15	EAF along with answering further questions that the
16	council had at the last meeting.
17	MR. BAZATA: Good morning, council. I just
18	want to say, first off, that we had to come back again
19	since we didn't have all the answers for you last time.
20	I apologize for that. Hopefully, we can take care of
21	that today.
22	A quick review. Once again, that the project
23	that we're working with the county right now is CR3
24	Pinelawn Road and Wellwood Avenue, two intersection

redesign projects in two separate areas approximately a mile apart, one in the area of Ruland Road and Colonial Springs and the other one in the Wellwood Avenue, Long Island Avenue and Conklin Street. Both areas are intersection improvement areas projects.

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What we're looking to do is because of the traffic in the area, the congestion and high number of accidents in the area, we're looking to redesign the intersection to provide safety. This is really an intersection safety project in both cases. Down south at the Wellwood intersection we have basically two, three legged intersections. Because of that separation and because of the proximity to the railroad, we do have high congestion, mainly because of the left turn lane coming south on Wellwood onto Long Island Avenue. project is going to, as you can see on the board there, we're looking to resign this intersection to bring it together for a single intersection. It's a safer operation and also reduces that congestion.

Going back up north, what we're look to do, as we spoke last time, is similar to a jug handle. Not in the sense of these jug handles that you see in New Jersey, kind of a modified jug handle, if you will, where it actually provides an extension, two left turn

1	lanes heading south on Pinelawn Road to provide left
2	turns to make a different kind of maneuver other than
3	what they have now. Basically they come to the
4	intersection, they make a left turn in that short
5	segment, the northbound and southbound crossing of
6	Ruland Road and Colonial Springs Road. If we take away
7	those left turns and bring them into the jug handle, we
8	eliminate the safety issue of making the left turns
9	there and sitting in that short area.
10	That is what this project going to do,
11	redesign the intersection and take care of those safety
12	issues.
13	MR. BAGG: The project was tabled last month
14	for revisions in the EAF because the council had two
15	concerns. One dealt with the copper slash iron mine and
16	the other one was bicycle paths. Could you please
17	address those two issues?
18	MR. MACKEY: It happened to be a recent
19	retiree came back and directed me to an old project that
20	he had in 1989. We have included two letters from the
21	Town of Huntington stating that the copper mine in
22	question was well to the north of Colonial Springs
23	Road. That hopefully settled that issue.
24	As far as bicycle lanes go, we looked into it.

1	This is two intersection improvements. Bicycle lanes
2	are basically done on corridor improvements, so we have
3	one place that leads from one place to another. We
4	don't do this on this project because it's a short area
5	and you couldn't just have it through an intersection.
6	Basically you hook it up between two locations, from one
7	area to another. We couldn't do it under this project.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: You could not or would not?
9	MR. MACKEY: When you do that, you do it from
10	paths to bring one area of a bicycle path to another.
11	There is no path adjacent to the project. When you do
12	it, you do it through corridor projects and bring it
13	through the whole corridor. You could not do that.
14	THE CHAIRMAN: Looking to the future, maybe
15	this is the key, to have it on both sides of the
16	project.
17	MR. MACHTAY: First place, yes, the copper
18	mine is on the north side of Colonial Springs Road. On
19	the east side of Pinelawn Road south of the recharge
20	basin it's at the next corner, which puts it very close
21	to this intersection.
22	The next thing is, I happen to be a bicycle
23	rider. If I was going to work one morning in Melville
24	and I came to this intersection, what would I do if I

can't figure out what has been done here? I can't
figure out how to negotiate this intersection. The
worst part of this intersection right now, it's so wide
and there is no island in the middle. If you want to
make a left turn, you kind of are lost. You don't know
where to go.
Now, it seems to me, you want everybody to go
right so they can go left. Okay, I happen to believe
in jug handles, but if I was on my bicycle, what would I
do? I'm lost. I'm talking about the Pinelawn
Road-Ruland Road intersection, not the one further
down. So there is a shoulder on Colonial Springs, there
is some kind of shoulder on Pinelawn Road where I can
negotiate with my bike, but not when I come here.
The other thing that I would like you to do is
orient me on this aerial photograph. I think you have
it upside down.
MR. BAZATA: Are you talking about the
Pinelawn section?
MR. MACHTAY: Yes.
MR. BAZATA: Straight up is north. This
Colonial Springs Road.
MR. MACHTAY: Where is Newsday?
MR. BAZATA: Right here. There is the

1	raquetball court. (Indicating)
2	MR. MACHTAY: So the nursery is that way?
3	MR. BAZATA: Yes, that's correct. The Litman
4	property is right here. It's hard to see from up here.
5	This is the stone wall that goes down. You can kind of
6	vaguely make it out. I would assume you're talking
7	about this recharge basin.
8	MR. MACHTAY: The copper mine is down this
9	way.
10	MR. BAZATA: What we're doing is really
11	sticking very close to the existing with this proposed
12	area in here. In fact, the utility poles are just
13	beyond our curb line. So, it might need slight
14	adjustment.
15	MR. MACHTAY: I think what I said last time,
16	that there was a copper mine there, there had to be
17	inhabitants in the neighborhood. The nursery is
18	certainly no way to place, Newsday is no place to look
19	for it. This other corner down here where you're going
20	to be upsetting some land and taking down a lot of
21	vegetation, I don't know if there is anything there that
22	might connect it to the copper mine or not.
23	MR. BAZATA: Just so you know, we did write
24	a letter to the RFP. We're waiting for a response.

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1	THE CHAIRMAN: Can you point out where the
2	copper mine is alleged to be?
3	MR. BAZATA: I believe what Rich is saying
4	it's around here.
5	MR. MACHTAY: You're too far up. It's almost
6	at the corner. It's a hillock that it was cleared and
7	Mr. Litman planted some dogwoods.
8	MR. BAZATA: Mr. Litman has not only done
9	some very extensive planting, he also built that wall.
10	MR. MACHTAY: Otherwise it looked like clay.
11	It was clear. Nothing grew there, or not very much grew
12	there.
13	MS. SQUIRES: Are you going to take care of
14	Litman's wall so that you're not disturbing anything?
15	It's quite a gorgeous wall.
16	MR. BAZATA: It is. In fact, when the county
17	and my company discussed the wall, the county took the
18	position not to disturb the wall. We made sure that we
19	were far enough away from the wall so that during
20	construction we wouldn't affect it in any way.
21	MS. SQUIRES: I think that is one of the
22	reasons we keep hitting on the idea of a bike access. I
23	think one day that whole nursery, what Litman is doing

appropriate destination to go on a bike. That is why it 1 2 keeps coming back to me. Isn't it a shame that there 3 can't be some kind of a shoulder? 4 MR. MACKEY: A future capital project could 5 accommodate that. 6 This is being done. MS. SOUIRES: 7 MR. MACKEY: You can't do it for this 8 You have to understand bike lanes for the 9 whole corridor, you have to have it one from one destination to another, or one bike path to another. 10 11 MS. SOUIRES: I understand that this is in a 12 sense far sight so you have that so in the future you 13 can connect to it. 14 MS. RUSSO: In the future in a capital 15 project it can be looked at and it can be done. 16 MR. BAZATA: The hope is we can resolve this 17 quickly. 18 MR. MACHTAY: Jim, in your new package that 19 we reviewed for today's meeting, you have two sketches 20 of the intersection, Ruland Road intersection. 21 second one also says preliminary design. You have two 22 designs for this intersection. 23 I'm sorry, that was a MR. BAZATA: 24 preliminary, another design that we had looked back

1 earlier in the expanded project proposal. That was 2 another design that we looked at. However, it was very 3 Not only did it have that high cost but it 4 really didn't improve the intersection the way we wanted 5 to improve the intersection in terms of that level of 6 service I spoke about. It still didn't give us a better 7 level of service that we received with the jug handle. 8 That was one of the things we looked at, not 9 only accidents, capacity, which is the level of service 10 and cost. 11 MR. GULBRANSEN: To continue to close off the 12 bicycle path question, I still don't quite understand 13 the response fully. I understand the part of the 14 response that says because this is an intersection 15 project, it's just not suitable to do the whole bike 16 path thing because it doesn't go anywhere. 17 understandable. 18 Could you clarify whether the design of this, 19 the jug handles, is the kind of design that would 20 preclude bike paths in the future? Bike paths could be 21 part of this in the future without doing it now. you been able to determine whether this design precludes 22 it in the future or whether the design allows for it 2.3 24 when there is enough connectivity, as you were asked

Is it still viable or is it not viable because 1 before. 2 of the inherent layout? 3 MR. MACKEY: I'm not a bike lane expert. 4 Looking at the layout, I think it's viable to be done. 5 It would probably take additional markings and so forth, but it could be done. 6 7 MS. GROWNEY: Does that mean that you have actually looked at this in terms of a bike path? 8 9 seems to me there are several things on the table about 10 I think Joy's point is very important. bike paths. 11 of Long Island is looking at new ways to provide access 12 for people other than vehicular-wise. Bike paths are 13 being started in places that you wouldn't necessarily think are needed, and eventually are being hooked up. 14 15 I think this is an opportunity that I think 16 should not be missed. I think there should be a study 17 that shows that a bike path can happen. I think shoving 1.8 it to the side is not the way to go. It should be 19 looked at and at least considered and options shown for 20 the future, that it can be worked out, and then go 21 forward on this. Your opportunity is now to make sure 22 that it can happen; that there is a solid need, that it 23 can happen possibly down the road. 24 MR. MACKEY: The layout would not preclude

1	any bike lanes in the future to be done.
2	MS. GROWNEY: Does that mean you have looked
3	at that?
4	MR. MACKEY: In a general sense, yes.
5	MS. GROWNEY: Who is the expert that looked
6	at it?
7	MR. MACKEY: We have some people looked at it
8	from top to bottom, not to the extent that okay, go
9	ahead and design it.
10	MS. GROWNEY: A bike path expert hadn't
11	looked at this?
12	MR. MACKEY: No.
13	MR. PICHNEY: In addition to studying it you
14	should indicate on your plans, much the same way as you
15	would a future right-of-way, that would indicate where
16	the paths would be, their widths and so forth, so that
17	twenty years from now when, let's say the corridor is
18	improved and people from department go back and look at
19	things, they will actually see something that was
20	shown.
21	MR. MACKEY: You're talking about doing a
22	study, and studies like that are done with a corridor
23	study. This is just an intersection improvement.
24	MR. PICHNEY: Sorry to interrupt you. We all

1	understand that. I'm not a big fan of bike lanes
2	myself; I think there is an invitation to suicide the
3	way they're laid out here. It seems like a simple
4	request, to indicate how would you do that.
5	MR. MACKEY: You're asking for a design but
6	not to be built.
7	MS. GROWNEY: That is exactly what we're
8	asking. In many cases, whenever you're doing any kind
9	of building project, whatever the scope, whether it's a
10	building or space for a layout, many times future
11	conditions are taken into account and actually
12	delineated because there is a realistic potential, an
13	intention that something is going to go forward, and we
14	would like to see this accommodated wherever we can
15	along the way.
16	Long Island needs other ways of traveling
17	other than by vehicular transportation.
18	MR. PICHNEY: Land is set aside all the time
19	for future widenings. In a hypothetical sense that is
20	what we're asking.
21	MR. BAZATA: Has the Town of Huntington done
22	a bicycle study?
23	MR. MACHTAY: Not that I know of.
24	MS. SQUIRES: We have done several corridor

1	studies.
2	MR. BAZATA: Is this part of the study?
3	MS. SQUIRES: Not necessarily.
4	MR. BAZATA: Why not? Brookhaven and
5	Southampton have done studies.
6	MS. SQUIRES: Jim, I don't know, but I can
7	certainly find out and give you the answer. Right now
8	off the top of my head I cannot answer.
9	MR. BAZATA: We sent out the agenda and said
10	the CAC's, if they have questions, should check that out
11	before they come to the meeting. That's on your agenda,
12	number one. Number two, Suffolk County has done bike
13	path studies too. The county has implemented certain
14	bike path studies and marked the roads. That is not one
15	of the areas.
16	One of the things that you have consider is
17	what is the level of speed of these roads, what is the
18	traffic congestion and whether or not they are really
19	conducive to bike paths, or as Dan mentioned, are
20	suicide routes waiting for an accident to happen. Every
21	project you can consider anything, ad infinitum. The
22	point is this is a high accident location. This is a
23	congestion location that they want to get something

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	1	The point is, do we defer and delay projects
	2	waiting for some bike path that might never take place,
	3	and bike paths have been on, I guess, everybody's agenda
	4	for the last fifteen to twenty years, and why this road
	5	doesn't have some type of bike path study from the Town
	6	of Huntington or Babylon or other areas I don't know
	7	why. Other towns do have them.
	8	MR. ANDERSON: Gil Anderson, Commissioner of
	9	Public Works for the county. I wanted to echo
	10	Mr. Mackey's comments. What you're asking for here, and
	11	the next phase would be to prepare construction drawings
	12	for this project to go out to bid. To spend time
	13	developing a bike path for the entire corridor under
	14	this project would be a significant impact, not only to
	15	the time, but also to our funds which are available. If
	16	there is really a wish for the bicycle study, certainly
	17	that could be entered into the capital program under the
	18	normal processes that we do that.
Ì	19	This is not intended for that. Mr. Mackey
	20	stated there appears to be, visually from the inspection
	21	that we have done, sufficient room to add these things
	22	were it warranted. At this time, to go with this path,
	23	it really digressed from what we're here for.
	24	THE CHAIRMAN: What is the speed limit?
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MR. BAZATA: Right now it's posted at forty.
THE CHAIRMAN: What will it be?
MR. BAZATA: It will not change.
THE CHAIRMAN: It looks like such a pile of
spaghetti that it's going to be a very confusing. I
find jug handles, quite frankly, where they are just one
here, one there, can be more dangerous than anything
else because people suddenly cut across three lanes of
traffic to get to the point where they thought they had
to turn left and now they have to turn right. I wonder
if a jug handle is really the best option.
MR. MACKEY: There will be signs in advance
to indicate which direction you are going to be
heading. In addition to Gil's statement, in regard to
holding up the funds, if we had to again, the
federal this is a federally funded project. The
federal government has temporary pulled the funding
until we proceed past this step of the process so we can
go after the funds. If we delay this even more, there
is a good chance that the feds will pull the funds and
this project will have a hard time going forward.
THE CHAIRMAN: I guess since you're both
here, one of the things that maybe we would like to see
a little more of if the future is the alternative means

1 to the automobile. If you can't consider and design as 2 much as possible the use of bicycles wherever 3 appropriate, I think the council would appreciate getting back into that mode of thinking. I don't really 4 want to talk about bicycle paths any more. 5 6 MR. KAUFMAN: It's not bicycle paths exactly. 7 To put it bluntly, what we're seeing here today is 8 hypothetical driving burdens placed on the department 9 never placed on the department before. I'm echoing what 10 you're talking about. For this particular project, I 11 don't know that we have to -- I don't see the demand for 12 certain things coming up. I don't see the plans and 13 things like that, but it is something that we maybe 14 should look at. 15 You're a professional engineer. You stated to 16 us on the record that it's your belief, and I would 17 qualify you as an expert in any court in the land, it's 18 your belief there is enough land in the area for a 19 bicycle lane if the need should come up. That is good 20 enough for me. If the legislature wants to commit to a 21 capital project to build a bicycle lane at some time in 22 the future, that's good enough for me. But it I make a 23 motion Unlisted Neg Dec. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Second? Second by Gloria.

1	Any further discussion? All in favor? (Show of hands)
2	Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.
3	Thank you for your patience and listening to
4	us rant. Recommended Type II actions. Ratification of
5	recommendations for legislative resolution. Jim, do you
6	have anything you want to call to our attention?
7	MR. BAZATA: Yes. In your packet is
8	Introductory Resolution 1894, which is a reintroduction
9	of Mr. Schneiderman's bill with respect to fertilizers
10	near surface waters in Suffolk County. I'm calling your
11	attention to it. I assume it would probably need some
12	type of environmental assessment form submitted on it
13	and council could consider it at another meeting.
14	THE CHAIRMAN: We don't need a motion to
15	defer, do we?
16	MR. BAZATA: No. One thing that might be
17	noted in the dedication of the Flanders Gun Club,
18	Smithers property is in the packet going before the
19	legislature.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Any comments, questions of
21	Jim? Motion to accept the recommendations.
22	MR. KAUFMAN: Second.
23	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion carries. Proposed
24	installation of safety netting along driving range. Hi,

Nick.
MR. GIBBONS: Nick Gibbons, Parks
Department. This is a relatively straightforward
proposal to purchase and install approximately six
hundred feet of safety netting installation along the
existing driving range at the Riverhead golf course. I
included for you several attachments.
The aerial shows the approximate locations
where the attached photos that follow were taken from.
Photos 1 and 4, from the driving range perspective,
looking east out onto the driving range, and Photos 2
and 3 are along the maintenance road that runs right
through the middle of the golf course, and it's along
that northern edge of the driving range and southern
side of that maintenance road where that netting is
going to be installed, approximately six hundred feet
long, forty feet tall.
I believe this, for two reasons, to be a
Type II action. It's essentially purchased equipment.
More importantly, it's rehabilitation and upgrade of an
existing facility.
If you have questions, I'd be happy to answer.
THE CHAIRMAN: I thought I saw a letter,
somebody objecting. I might recall incorrectly.

1	MR. GIBBONS: Not that I have seen.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: I guess I'm dreaming.
3	MS. RUSSO: Does the netting require any
4	further pylons or any change to the lighting or it's
5	simply attaching netting to stanchions that are already
6	there?
7	MR. GIBBONS: There are no poles in the area.
8	If you look at Photo Number 3, those poles are not part
9	of the project. Those are existing lighting of the
10	range. In practice, we really never use them. The
11	poles will run along that road that shows in Photo 3,
12	not across the front of the range.
13	MR. MACHTAY: Is there netting now?
14	MR. GIBBONS: No.
15	MR. MACHTAY: Never has been?
16	MR. GIBBONS: No.
17	MR. MACHTAY: How tall will the netting be?
18	MR. GIBBONS: Forty foot, approximately.
19	MR. KAUFMAN: I wasn't going to ask this but
20	now that the question came up, this is part of the
21	Atlantic flyway. Where nets are to be installed
22	previously, with small mesh like this, are you aware of
23	any bird kills or bird trappings in the area; in other
24	words, do you see the birds stuck up there at all?

1	MR. GIBBONS: No, I don't. We have them at
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2	West Sayville, Bergen, in some limited areas in Timber
3	Point. If anything, the bird activity I have seen is
4	ospreys nesting on top of the poles we have both at
5	Sayville and Timber Point.
6	MR. MACHTAY: You're not replace the
7	netting?
8	MR. GIBBONS: That's right.
9	MR. MACHTAY: You're not rehabilitating
10	netting?
11	MR. GIBBONS: We're rehabilitating a driving
12	range.
13	MR. MACHTAY: You're not reconstructing the
14	netting. What I'm getting at is the section that you're
15	citing in SEQRA is usually used when you Jim, correct
16	me if I'm wrong when you are replacing a particular
17	item or element. I would love to give this a Type II
18	action, I really would. It would make life very easy.
19	MR. GIBBONS: I'll explain my point. I read
20	this to be intent. The example they give was including
21	upgrading buildings to meet building and fire codes. I
22	took that you can disagree; that's fine.
23	MR. KAUFMAN: Are you setting it on fire?
24	MR. GIBBONS: There is a public safety hazard

- we're looking to correct at a facility that has existed for approximately forty years.
- MR. KAUFMAN: I think this could be a (c) as
- 4 opposed to (C)(2). This may be a facility involving less
- 5 than four thousand square feet. You can probably slide
- 6 under that. I don't think there is much of a functional
- 7 difference. Gloria brings up a good point of fact.
- 8 We're just being technical on it.
- 9 MR. MACHTAY: I make a motion that this be
- 10 Unlisted.
- MS. SPENCER: Second.
- MR. MACHTAY: Do you need a short form?
- MR. BAZATA: We will fill that out. I don't
- think it's going involved.
- MS. GROWNEY: Have there been incidents that
- 16 prompted this to become an important feature to be
- 17 installed?
- 18 MR. GIBBONS: Had there been incidents,
- 19 safety? Yes.
- MS. GROWNEY: That have prompted this to
- 21 become an action.
- MR. KAUFMAN: They aim at Nick every time he
- goes by.
- MR. GIBBONS: Yes, this should have been done

1	at the time of construction.
2	MS. GROWNEY: There has been instances where
3	there have been safety issues?
4	MR. GIBBONS: Yes, people have been hit. Is
5	that the question?
6	MS. GROWNEY: Yes.
7	MR. GIBBONS: Yes.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and second.
9	All in favor? (Show of hands) Opposed? Abstentions?
10	Motion carries. Thanks, Nick.
11	Gabreski Airport, Project 5702.
12	MR. CEGLIO: Tony Ceglio. This is a capital
13	project to resurface a portion of the north perimeter
14	road of the airport. It involves repaving about three
15	quarters of a mile of an existing two lane road which
16	was originally built by the Air Force probably in the
17	'60's, from what I can tell. Much of the asphalt is
18	starting to crumble. Provides access to our north
19	general aviation area, which currently contains about
20	twenty-four hangars. Also provides security access for
21	the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office to patrol the
22	airport.
23	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion, Type II.
24	MS. GROWNEY: Second.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? (No
2	response) All in favor? (Show of hands) Opposed?
3	Abstentions? Motion carries. All right. I think we
4	have another one; 5738.
5	MR. CEGLIO: Capital Project 5738 to complete
6	the airport master plan. The project was started about
7	ten years ago. Many of the tables and forecast
8	information that was developed is now outdated. We have
9	involved the community. Master plan update has been the
10	topic of many public meetings over the past several
11	years and has been revised to consider the up put of the
12	community surrounding the airport.
13	We believe that should be a Type II action,
14	since it involves a continuing agency administration.
15	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion, Type II.
16	MR. MACHTAY: Second.
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions? All in
18	favor? (Show of hands) Opposed? Abstentions? Motion
19	carries. Thank you.
20	Sewer District Number 3, Bergen Point
21	Wastewater Treatment Plan, Southwest, ultraviolet
22	disinfection.
23	MR. WRIGHT: Ben Wright, with Public Works.
24	MR. WAGNER: Mark Wagner. Project 8132.

1 Prior to September of this year, when our permit was 2 modified, we had a requirement to minimize our total residual chlorine to three milligrams per liter or less 3 4 in the effluent. We feed anywhere between a thousand 5 and three thousand gallons a day of sodium 6 hyperchloride, which is a strong bleach; it's fifteen 7 minutes at the peak hourly flow of the treatment plant and contact chamber is basically our ocean outfall. 8 9 There is far more than fifteen minutes in our 10 peak flow. We monitor that continuously and we go to the barrier beach where there is a sampling chamber and 11 12 we take samples. We take the samples of residual 13 chlorine six times a day and coliform one time a day. As I indicated in the submission of the EAF, our permit 14 was modified on an interim basis. We are allowed to 15 16 keep three milligrams a liter because we're moving 17 towards replacing the process, ultraviolet disinfection 18 or dechlorination, take it down to a lower level, to 19 below two or possibly lower. That dechlorination would 20 have to be taken down to the barrier beach. 21 We're moving towards ultraviolet disinfection 22 where we have retained the services of Cameron 23 Engineering to do a sensitivity analysis and proceed 24 through that process. We are here to get a

determination, and Mark would give an explanation on the process and construction activity.

MR. WAGNER: Mark Wagner, Cameron

Engineering. Ben brought me here because I was the only one that could fit that board in the car.

As Ben said, the plant is getting a SPEDES modification from the DEC to reduce their action level of the residual chlorine down to two parts per million. What that means, it sounds very benign, reducing by one milligram per liter, but the plant has a challenge of maintaining not only proper chlorine levels but also coliform levels. Coliform, fecal coliforms are disinfected. It's not a sterilization process, it's a disinfection process. We lower, through the addition of the sodium hyperchlorinate, it's a bleach fifteen percent strength. Clorox that you get at your house is about three percent. It's three times what you have at your house to perform the disinfection.

The plant has to maintain coliform levels because of where it's discharged in the Atlantic Ocean. The reduction from a three to two is a challenge because at times they have to maintain greater than two parts per million to maintain the disinfection levels. While you lower the chlorine, you raise the risk of increasing

the coliform levels. It's a trade off, especially
during the summertime, the plant is typically up to two
and a half to three parts on a regular basis to maintain
the disinfection levels.

Dropping down to two means they have to lower the chlorine residual and hence Cameron Engineering was engaged by the county to look at what options are out there to lower the chlorine level or replace chlorine with an alternate process. With that we looked at a number of technologies and processes that are out there today. You can add dechlorination chemicals after chlorination, sulfur dioxide, sodium bisulfate. These would have to be added when you were assured that you performed the disinfection process.

As you can see by the exhibit, the outfall pipe travels approximately two and a half miles across the Great South Bay where it intersects the barrier island just west of the Cedar Beach marina. The plant uses the outfall pipe itself from the time the effluent leaves the plant to when it terminates in the Atlantic Ocean six times a day. It takes about fifty to sixty minutes for the effluent to travel from Bergen Point to Cedar Beach. That exceeds the minimum requirement of fifteen minutes and recommended time of thirty minutes.

1 That is a good time. So you would not perform 2 dechlorination or removal of the chlorine prior to the 3 barrier island. Obviously, after the barrier island, 4 the next option is somewhere out in the Atlantic Ocean, 5 which is not practical. 6 Looking at the addition of a dechlorination 7 chemical, that has to take place at the barrier island. 8 Other options is ozone, 03 by lightening, it's an 9 electrical process. We looked at other chemicals and we 10 looked at ultraviolet light. Ultraviolet light is now 11 practiced in twenty-five to thirty-five percent of waste 12 water treatment plants nationwide. It's being used by 13 New York City. I think it's under construction now, one 14 billion gallon a day ultraviolet light disinfection 15 process for the water coming down from the upstate 16 watershed area. Disinfection practiced in the City of 17 Glen Cove, Town of Riverhead, Oyster Bay Sewer District 18 and there are others in the works as we speak. 19 What the DEC has discussed, the wastewater 20 treatment plant discharges on the North Shore. They had 21 lowered the TRC to zero point five milligrams per 22 The state has determined that the marine biota liter. 23 is adversely impacted from chlorine. The by-product of 24 adding the hyperchlorate to wastewater is the formation

of chlorine compounds that are known carcinogenic 1 2 materials. Those discharge to the Great South Bay 3 estuary and Peconic estuary. Looking at Bergen Point, going from three to a two, my experience is that the 4 5 regulators never relax a limitation, it only gets more 6 stringent. What is the likelihood -- in all likelihood, 7 ten years down the street two becomes one point five. 8 It's quite likely. 9 With that in mind, our analysis has led to the 10 recommendation that ultraviolet light be considered, be 11 recommended for the Bergen Point facility. Looking at 12 the environmental benefits of ultraviolet light, you're 13 not talking about toxic chemicals. It's safe to the receiving waters. It's safe to the operators at the 14 15 facility. Chlorine, as Ben said, they use almost three 16 thousand gallons a day. That is made in facilities in 17 It's a very energy intensive process to North Jersey. 18 make chlorine. It gets loaded onto seven thousand 19 gallon tanker trucks, goes over the bridges and arrives 20 at Bergen Point. They get three or four deliveries a 21 week. 22 The by-products of chlorination are not good. 23 The storage of chlorine, although best efforts 24 containment, you're relying on tanks, pipes, pumps, et

1 cetera. Stuff happens. Not very often, but when it 2 happens, at least if it happens at Bergen Point, If we're talking about 3 containing chemicals. 4 constructing facilities out on the barrier beach, you're 5 talking about tanker trucks out there, you're talking 6 about the storage of dechlorination chemicals out on the 7 barrier beach, pumping, et cetera, wet weather 8 conditions. If there is a storm and the people can't 9 get out to the facility. There are security issues 10 relative to having a remote chemical storage facility. 11 In this particular situation, due to the sensitivity of 12 where this facility would be located, we have 13 recommended that the county not consider dechlorination 14 at the barrier road. 15 The downside to UV is that it does consume 16 additional resources to power the lights. 17 basically looking at a large tongue bed for wastewater. 18 The wastewater passes through these bulbs that are 19 immersed in the sewage in a contact tank. It involves 20 the construction of a concrete tank with channels of 21 approximately twenty-five hundred square feet for 22 concrete to have sufficient redundancy. The trade-off 23 of the straight up power, you're doing away with two 24 chemicals, with potential adverse impacts should those

7 chemicals be released in the quantities not desired. 2 The people in the public, I think, are better served 3 with the ultraviolet system rather than a two chemical 4 process. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Mark, it's good to see you 6 again. I applaud the county's effort to try and get rid 7 of the chlorine. I have two questions. 8 generate the power, since the county is going green, did 9 you not consider solar. 10 Secondly, my concern about the ultraviolet is 11 whether or not the large quantity of sewage, what you're 12 getting in this plant as compared to Glen Cove, will it 13 get enough contact time? One of the reasons I'm 14 concerned about that is we had some recent data 15 indicating that silver iodide is entering Fire Island 16 So there may be some transport of the effluent Inlet. 17 back towards Fire Island Inlet. I think we want to make 18 sure that coliforms aren't getting back in there. The 19 system has to work well. 20 That is my question. Is the volume too great 21 that it's going to be a problem? 22 Glen Cove is a much smaller MR. WAGNER: 23 facility, but the design of the UV system up there is 24 the largest on Long Island. It's designed to handle

1 twenty million gallons a day. UV is used well in excess 2 of twenty million gallons a day. It's an instant 3 This is direct contact of water passing by the 4 It's almost an instantaneous process. 5 a matter do we have to hold water in the tank a certain 6 amount of time. Well, it's that the system has to be 7 designed for the peak flow. 8 If the peak one time it hit seventy million 9 gallons for an hourly peak, the system would have to be 10 designed to handle that peak. As I said, we would be 11 adding redundancy and an additional fifteen percent 12 redundancy if they had to take it off line. 13 The beauty of the UV is you don't have to take 14 the entire thing. There are modules, that you can take 15 a rack out of service, yet the channel would still stay 16 on line. It's not that we adjust the whole ability to 17 disinfect. I feel quite comfortable on the size with I feel comfortable that we can provide 18 UVT code. 19 adequate size and redundancy at the Bergen Point 20 facility. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: How often do you have to clean 22 the bulbs? 23 It's a fixed surface, so stuff MR. WAGNER: will begin to adhere to it. Due to the technology, 24

1 there are mechanicals and automatic wipers that once 2 they see a reduction in the transmittance in the bulbs, 3 the mechanicals automatically come on and start cleaning the bulbs. 4 5 MR. KAUFMAN: If you're going to reduce 6 chlorine going through the pipe, is that going to help 7 the pipe go further; in other words, is there emission 8 coming from the chlorine at all? 9 MR. WAGNER: Two or three milligrams per 10 liter is not sufficient enough to attack that pipe. You can't even smell it when it 11 MR. WRIGHT: 12 goes by. It goes into a morning glory. 13 MR. KAUFMAN: The sodium bisulfate, if you 14 got it on the barrier beach, have any impact? 15 MR. WRIGHT: Well, it is corrosive, but if 16 you do it at the levels that we spoke about, it's not 17 going to have an effect. 18 MR. GULBRANSEN: You're just designing to 19 continue to meet the gross that you have. 20 MR. WAGNER: There is an expansion project 21 that is under evaluation right now that will increase 22 the flow to Bergen Point by as much as ten million 23 gallons a day. 24 This will not become a MR. GULBRANSEN:

1	limiting factor in the future?
2	MR. WRIGHT: No.
3	MS. GROWNEY: I'm concerned about the amount
4	of alteration in the facility that is going to happen.
5	How is that averted in terms of the visual design?
6	MR. WRIGHT: It's twenty-five hundred square
7	feet. It's on the pipeline that goes from the final
8	treatment process to a pumping and outfall process.
9	MR. WAGNER: This is a small snapshot of the
10	plant. There is additional space, not much, left in the
11	plant for expansion, secondary clarifiers. This is the
12	pipeline now. Effluent pipe leaving goes into the final
13	pump station. We're talking about adjacent to the
14	existing effluent pipe constructing the four by concrete
15	structure about twenty-five hundred square feet on the
16	southwest border of the plant.
17	MR. KAUFMAN: The things on the right is a
18	blowup of what you're talking about.
19	MS. GROWNEY: So it looks like a minor amount
20	of construction that has to happen. You're not going to
21	have to tear anything down or do any major alteration?
22	MR. WAGNER: No.
23	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion.
24	MR. KAUFMAN: I'll go with a Type II.

1	MR. BAZATA: If I might point out I think II
2	in this case does apply.
3	MR. KAUFMAN: I make a motion for Type II
4	action, (c)(7)
5	MR. GULBRANSEN: I'll second it.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? (Show of hands)
7	Can you use solar?
8	MR. WRIGHT: We're considering cogeneration
9	at the facility which would assist us in that
10	particularly.
11	THE CHAIRMAN: Good.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Vector control.
13	MR. KAUFMAN: Easy, Your Pompousness.
14	THE CHAIRMAN: Before you start because this
15	may last a little while.
16	(The meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. and
17	resumed at 11:04 a.m.)
18	MR. NINIVAGGI: Dominick Ninivaggi. The
19	county charter requires us to submit the vector control
20	annual plan of work at this time each year.
21	THE CHAIRMAN: State your name.
22	MR. NINIVAGGI: Dominick Ninivaggi. I'm the
23	superintendent of vector control in the Suffolk County
24	Department of Public Works. As you know, there is a

1 county charter that requires that the annual plan of 2 work be submitted to the legislature at this time each 3 It has been determined that this is an action 4 subject to SEORA. As we all know, as a result of this 5 the county prepared a vector control long-term plan and 6 Generic Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the 7 vector control program and evaluate all the 8 environmental impact under SEQRA. Since that EIS is, in 9 fact, in place from March 2007, this annual plan is 10 being submitted in conformance with that EIS. 11 It's the county's position that no further 12 SEORA is required because of that EIS. This is the 13 second vector control annual plan to be submitted under 14 the auspices of the EIS. Last year, the 2008 plan was 15 The 2009 annual plan of work is essentially the first. 16 identical to the 2008 plan of work. We would be 17 expecting a similar determination in terms of this plan being under the EIS. One of the requirements under the 18 19 findings of the EIS, it was a report on pesticide usage 20 or the division each year, and at the end of my plan I 21 have a little spreadsheet that describes the amount of 22 pesticide we used and I translate it into acres, so you

can get a feeling for how much area is actually

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treated.

1	Subsequent to submitting this report, my staff
2	informed me that we actually used a little bit less
3	pesticide than the spreadsheet shows. This spreadsheet
4	is based on looking at how much pesticide we have on
5	hand and we buy and how much is left at the end of the
6	year. It turned out we had a little bit more material
7	left at the end of the year. Most of it was minor. It
8	turns out we less Altosid concentrate on hand at the end
9	of the year, which translates into roughly twelve
10	hundred acres of pesticide use. So we actually used
11	less pesticide than the spreadsheet shows and I prepared
12	a corrected spreadsheet; I will leave copies with you
13	so we have that corrected for the record.
14	Other than that, that is all I have for you.
15	I'll be happy to answer any questions.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand it, you didn't
17	use any proscribed best management practices that were
18	identified in the long-term plan.
19	MR. NINIVAGGI: Say that again.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: We identified, as I recall in
21	the long-term plan, that only certain best management
22	practices I forget, we had one through thirteen or
23	something.
24	MR. NINIVAGGI: You're talking about the

1	wetlands best management practices?
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
3	MR. NINIVAGGI: We only did Items 1 through 4
4	as called for in the first three years of the plan. It
5	is all minor maintenance, upland ditches, taking up
6	structures and clearing those out. A couple of pipe
7	replacements that we did in conjunction with towns.
8	There are various pipes under town roads and we worked
9	cooperatively with the towns to replace them.
10	THE CHAIRMAN: We got a letter from the
11	Public Health Commissioners in Suffolk County outlining
12	some of the public health issues that actually took
13	place this year, and for the record could you summarize
14	what those are?
15	MR. NINIVAGGI: This year we had a higher
16	level of activity of West Nile virus. Forty-one
17	positive mosquito samples with West Nile virus. We had
18	to conduct some adult control in response to West Nile
19	virus. We were actually very fortunate this year in,
20	you see the overall number of forty-one samples. But
21	actually, the way the year was progressing, we found
22	virus very early in the season, which is generally an
23	indicator of a problem year. Virus activity accelerated
24	up until about the middle of August. Then we were

extremely fortunate that we had cooler than normal 1 2 weather that surpressed normal otherwise activity. Ιt 3 would have been far worse than it turned out to be. 4 Even with that, we had approximately six 5 human cases detected here in Suffolk County. 6 Fortunately, none of them proved fatal in Nassau County. 7 As I'm sure you're aware, they also have very intense West Nile activity. I don't have their number of 8 9 positive samples; there were approximately fifteen human cases with three fatalities. Nassau has their program 10 11 basically delayed any adulticide response to virus until 12 September while we try to respond with adult control 13 before people get sick. It prevents people from getting 14 They did not start applying adulticide until they 15 already had fatalities. 16 At that point, the situation was so bad that 17 they were obligated to treat approximately fifty-five 18 thousand acres with aircraft. By comparison, our 19 adulticide was approximately thirty-eight thousand 20 We feel comfortable that our response plan and 21 our methods of dealing with the virus, I think, proved 22 to be the right way to go about things. 23 There was an additional health threat that 24 appeared this year in Suffolk County, eastern equine

1 encephalitis, triple E. That is less common, but if you 2 have human cases, fatality rate is higher. In addition, 3 those that survive eastern or triple E tend to be 4 permanently mentally disabled. The typical victim is a 5 young child and you have cases where the child dies or 6 requires care for the rest of his or her life. 7 eastern very seriously. We had sections in Manorville. 8 We did do aerial adulticide in response to that. 9 The biology of triple E is that you don't see 10 it every year, it has cycles up and down. We had 11 periods of intense triple E activity from about 1993 to 12 1997, we didn't see it again until 2003. We found 13 moderate activity this year. There has been some 14 activity in New England this year. It's likely that we 15 will see some activity in the future, but we have a well 16 established program. 17 I'd like to have THE CHAIRMAN: 18 Dr. Chaudrey's letter entered into the record. 19 You want it read into the record? 2.0 THE CHAIRMAN: No, but I would like to have 21 it part of the official record of this here. 22 Yes, and it will also be 23 forwarded to the legislature along with the counsel's 24 recommendation and what else is in your packet.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Amy, along with the sort of 2 total package that we developed a few years ago where we 3 developed a wetlands management stewardship committee 4 that is part of the overall deal. When we come back and 5 see how you're progressing as we consider the annual 6 work plans, could you summarize where we stand with the 7 wetland stewardship committee and whether or not you 8 have been working with the public agencies and what have 9 you to review what is going on. 10 MS. JUCHATZ: Amy Juchatz. I'm an 11 environmental toxologist with the Suffolk County 12 Department of Environmental Energy. I'm primarily involved with the Vector Control Pesticide Management 13 14 Committee, which prepared the annual report that we sent 15 to you as part of your correspondence for this meeting. 16 The wetland stewardship committee, which is chaired by 17 our department, I'm not that involved with so I 18 apologize. It will be a little difficult for me to give 19 you too much of an update because I don't attend those 20 meetings, but I know they're meeting. We have kind of 21 kept my role a little bit separate from the wetland 22 management committee because I think they're focusing on 23 wetlands restoration and stewardship as opposed to 24 vector control activity. We have done that purposely.

1 There are other people with in the department 2 that would be better able to talk with you about that. 3 I know that they have been meeting and are working on a 4 an RFP or contract to try and get that out. Mavbe there 5 are people here who are on the committee and maybe can address it better. 6 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Gil or Dominick. 8 MR. NINIVAGGI: As far as the wetland 9 stewardship committee has been continuing to meet. The major development that we are working on, as you know, 1.0 11 we issued a Request for Proposals for a consultant for 12 the wetlands stewardship program. This would be a 13 consulting project of about five hundred thousand 14 dollars over three years, basically to expand upon the 15 EIS project to develop standards of evaluating wetlands 16 and determining the appropriate management practices. contractor has been identified and we are in the process 17 18 of putting together a contract for signing. 19 I have had a couple of excruciating meetings 20 going line by line over the contract. We expect to have 21 a contract signed by late this month or the first week 22 in November so we will have the contractor on board. 23 They will be starting the whole process, developing the 24 wetland stewardship program and they will be reporting

2 activities. 3 You have had continuing THE CHAIRMAN: 4 interaction with the environmental groups that were 5 originally identified as part of this stewardship 6 committee and also with review of the EIS several years 7 ago. 8 MR. NINIVAGGI: They have been continuing to 9 be in the -- we continue to have stewardship committee 10 meetings and they are involved in the formulation of the 11 RFP and had comments on the contractors we selected. So 12 that process has continued. We haven't had a meeting in 13 a few months, but once we have the contractor selected, 14 a couple of things are going to be happening. 15 Nature Conservancy, Seatuck Foundation have put together

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experts from all over the country in early November.

Our contractor will be at the meeting. We, of course,

will be attending.

After that workshop, one of the things we're asking the contractor to do is evaluate the results of that workshop and put together sort of a kick off meeting with the wetlands stewardship committee looking at -- basically introducing the contractor team and what

a workshop and wetlands management which will bring in

1 they will then doing for the program. That would 2 probably be in January or so. We're actively involved 3 in getting this going. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anybody here in the 5 audience that would like to speak about the proposed 6 2009 plan or the functioning of the wetlands stewardship 7 committee? 8 MR. NINIVAGGI: We have discussed whether you 9 wanted information on the wetland project for this 10 meeting. THE CHAIRMAN: 11 I'm sure you will have some 12 questions. 13 MR. KAUFMAN: I went over the vector control 14 wetlands management plan last night and I compared it to 15 your annual work plan, and as such, I believe that the 16 annual work plan is consistent which is what we're here 17 to discuss today. I don't believe that any further 18 SEQRA reviews are necessary, no EIS or anything like 19 that. I wanted to say that off the top. Eventually 20 I'll be making a motion on that. 21 What I found curious, it was an article that 22 was written by you, Dominick, and three other people, 23 all of whom are known to me and known to be eminent and 24 capable talking to detection of culex salinarius. For

1 the first time we have -- what blew me away the first 2 time you have proven that West Nile virus does have an 3 association with salt marshes. People were claiming that there was no association with salt marshes and 4 5 suddenly you're saying, at least in the article, that 6 there is an association, that you are finding one of the 7 bridge vectors in the salt marshes; you're not finding 8 it where people previously said it was found. 9 MR. NINIVAGGI: I happen to have reprints. 10 Our article was recently published in the Journal of the 11 American Mosquito Control Profession. Mr. Kaufman is 12 correct, one of the issues that came up repeatedly in 13 the long-term plan was how important the salt marshes 14 are in terms of West Nile virus. While we tend to think 15 of the salt marshes as producing species of Aedes 16 mosquito, which are moderately capable vector of West 17 Nile virus but are not generally found infected with the 18 virus, one of the things literature showed over the 19 years Culex salinarius is an important vector to people 20 because it's a mosquito that bites birds and people 21 pretty aggressively and is a pretty good transmitter. 22 It's a difficult mosquito for our surveillance program, 23 because it looks similar under the microscope to other 24 genus.

1 Our program is based on dealing with the 2 sources of the mosquitoes, not on dealing with them 3 after they're flying around. We went to work on this. The result was we found the adults are found throughout 5 The highest numbers seemed to be found in the county. 6 the coastal areas. Some of the highest numbers we found 7 of adults were right adjacent to salt marshes. 8 we started looking for the larvae, the highest number of 9 larvae that we found were in the upper parts of salt 10 marshes. The interesting thing about it is some of the 11 highest number of the larvae were actually found in the 12 relatively undisturbed salt marshes, Wertheim refuge and 13 Fireplace Neck wetlands. A high number of the adult 14 found next to the degraded salt marshes, but it's much 15 harder to find the larvae because of the dense 16 vegetation, and larvae are generally difficult to 17 find. 18 The implications are not only do we need to be 19 concerned about the traditional salt marsh species in 2.0 addition to the undisputed West Nile vector that is not

The implications are not only do we need to be concerned about the traditional salt marsh species in addition to the undisputed West Nile vector that is not generally much of a fighting nuisance is found in salt marshes. As we go forward with our wetland management and you look at the mosquito part of the wetlands management, we should look at the habitat of the species

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when we design. We should try and eliminate the habitat
if you can.
MR. KAUFMAN: What your article was saying,
there is a clear association between West Nile and salt
marshes. Because of the phragmites association, do you
do need a permit from the DEC?
MR. NINIVAGGI: We have the authority to do
this kind of survey work. One of the reasons we chose
the state property was partially because it was a
heavily degraded wetland and it's such a candidate for
restoration, and also we have been hearing from our
colleagues from the state that the wetlands are not
involved with West Nile, and we decided to look and he
see if vectors were present and we did find that.
MR. KAUFMAN: You're kidding me, the state
was wrong with some of their claims?
MR. NINIVAGGI: To be fair, the state
personnel are not trained entomologists, so we went out
and collected the data and published it.
MR. GULBRANSEN: Given the information that I
now published in peer review literature, given the
earlier statements that that information was not
available or perhaps asserted and contested during the
development of the plan, do you feel the plan that

1 you're working with now and the options available with 2 it are still adequate and allow you to be effective, or 3 is there a need to reconsider parts of that plan that 4 went through such an arduous process? Do you have what 5 you need? 6 MR. NINIVAGGI: Basically that confirms some 7 of the things that were already in the plan. already taken into account that the saltwater marshes 8 9 needed to be dealt with. I think there are things in 10 the plan that deal with Culex salinarius larvae sites. 11 When we did our Wertheim project, as part of the process 12 of eliminating larval habitats, some of them were 13 exactly the kind of larval habitats where you find the 14 species go. So some of the aspects of the plan that 15 dealt with larval habitats would deal with the habitats 16 of this species. 17 Keep in mind as you design projects I think there is a little more emphasis on the public health 18 19 aspect, which we always had in there. 20 MR. GULBRANSEN: As a somewhat related 21 follow-up along the same thing of what we know now, 22 teaching us what we thought we knew. You expressed some 23 numbers about cases and fatalities and sicknesses that 24 have been observed. As a firefighter, we get to talk to

1 the press about houses that almost burn down and houses 2 that we save from completely burning down, and we rarely talk about prevention, which is really where public 3 4 service is provided. Does your plan continue to think 5 that the cost benefit ratio of the amount of money being put to this is on par with the amount of health being 6 7 provided, the protection that is being provided? 8 Hearing about four or five faculties, hearing about 9 youth being impacted forever, people quantify that. 10 Economics; there are numbers that people put 11 to that. That is the after effect. Those are the cases 12 that did get found. Have you quantified enough the 13 prevention that you're accomplishing, not in the plan, in the proof now that we are seeing years forward. 14 15 you getting a better sense of how much we're avoiding? 16 MR. NINTVAGGT: The EIS estimates without a 17 vector control program, we would have on the order of a 18 hundred human cases of West Nile virus a year, and keep 19 in mind these are serious cases involving neurological 2.0 involvement, with a ten percent fatality rate. 21 move forward, one of the things that we have learned 22 about West Nile virus is the non-fatal cases are not 23 Very often people have long-term disability, 24 in some cases permanent disability from West Nile virus.

1 So the information that has been developed 2 that has come out post-plan basically reinforces what 3 the plan has been saying, with eastern virus it's very 4 difficult to know how many cases we have prevented. The 5 most official known vector for eastern virus is the 6 sollicitans Aedes, is the salt marsh species. A lot of our efforts are directed towards preventing that 7 It's hard to know if we had eastern running 8 9 species running wild. We came close to that in 1994 10 when we had eastern activity and at that time we were 11 not allowed to use methadone to control the mosquitoes 12 and we had ten times as many mosquitoes flying around as 13 now. 14 MR. GULBRANSEN: What you learned hadn't 15 fundamentally changed or multiplied or caused you to 16 want to go back and reinstate. It's reinforcing the 17 basis that it was already agreed upon in that process. 18 MR. NINIVAGGI: I think basically we looked at all 19 these possibilities when we created the plan. 20 time we were writing the plan, we knew from the literature that this salinarius would be coming out of 21 22 the salt marsh and we did the study in order to 23 basically demonstrate this in a better way and to get 24 this out in the peer review literature.

1 MR. KAUFMAN: Larry and I had insisted upon, 2 during the development, of this flexibility to be built within the plan so the county could respond to emerging 3 4 The plan the way it's set up is a generic dangers. 5 plan. It has quite a lot of detail, but it's set up so 6 you can respond to different areas, different types of 7 species that come in, to new information. 8 essentially set up techniques to deal with these 9 things. 10 The county ran a number of studies or 11 possibilities in terms of infection rates, et cetera, 12 that is the number that Dom was quoting. There is also 13 a historical factor. Until the 1910's and 1920's, 14 disease was endemic along the coastline; yellow fever, 15 in terms of malaria, red bone fevers. Some of those 16 diseases were so endemic that coastal communities could 17 not be well settled unless they eliminated the wetlands 18 or settled on hills. 19 Jamestown, which was once wiped out by typhoid 20 fever and malaria, is historic. We have seen in Nassau 21 where there was a toppling effect. Larva sighting alone 22 in Nassau was shown to be infective, the larva sighting 23 and water management. Larva sighting alone was shown to 24 be very dangerous.

1 The other side of that would be MR. PICHNEY: 2 nature's way to say don't settle here. 3 MR. KAUFMAN: The problem is we're here. 4 MR. PICHNEY: I want to make sure I 5 understand something correctly. Did you say one of the 6 species of marsh mosquito that you found West Nile in is 7 a non-biting species? 8 MR. NINIVAGGI: Culex bites people, it 9 doesn't fly as far as some of the other species, and it 10 tends to bite primarily at night. When people are 11 calling my office and screaming about how they can't get 12 out of their house, it's usually other species that tend 13 to be more aggressive in the daytime. It's a species 14 that can cause a problem, but it's not as much the 15 nuisance factor. 16 Health contractor, there are three main 17 species of culex restuans and culex pipiens, and 18 restuans is a known primary bird biter. Pipiens also 19 bites primarily birds, about ninety percent. 20 primarily bites people. Unfortunately, through a 21 microscope, especially when they have been through a 22 trap, it's hard to tell them apart. We actually had to 23 grind up mosquitoes and look at the DNA to see what 24 species were present. You would find some cases when we

would send mixed culex, all three species were there. 1 2 So that is some of the complications of trying to do the 3 surveillance. 4 MR. KAUFMAN: I'm going to make a motion, if 5 that is okay with you. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Please. 7 MR. KAUFMAN: I'm going to make a motion that the 8 2009 annual work plan is consistent with the findings of 9 vector control and vector management long-term goal and EIS back in 2007 that no further compliance under SEQRA 10 11 is required at this time for this particular plan. 12 other words, it is in conformance under what has been 13 previously adopted and decided. Pichney: 14 Second. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments? All in 16 favor? (Show of hands) Opposed? Abstentions? Motion 17 carries. A lot different than two years ago. 18 There has been a lot. MR. KAUFMAN: This 19 article and some recent events and have disproven a lot 20 of controversy from two years ago. Your article, for 21 example, shows for the first time that there is a salt 22 marsh invasion. 2.3 MS. JUCHATZ: We're are trying to look for 24 partnering, not funding it all on the county's back.

There were some concerns that were raised by that. 1 2 I don't think it was totally excluded. But looking at 3 various avenues. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: We did have the vector control 5 pesticide management annual report. It's there for you 6 to look at. Do you have comments on it? I think it 7 conforms with everything. We will move on. 8 for your time. 9 Proposed extension of an existing maintenance 10 building and construction of two additional structures. 11 MR. GIBBONS: The proposal here is that the 12 Charles R. Dominy County Park, West Sayville Club. attached a short EAF and series of photos and I believe 13 14 an aerial, and a plan view. This is a proposed 15 extension to an existing maintenance building. I think it's best to take this somewhat 16 want to take --17 out of order and go to the overall aerial view which 18 shows a photo key and elements in this proposal. 19 You can see that the location is in the northeast corner of the park. It's bounded by Montauk 20 21 Highway to the north and West Avenue to the east. 22 site is largely impacted, has a series of buildings, it 23 serves a few purposes. The building to be extended is 24 the primary maintenance building for the grounds keeper

and his operation that run and maintain the golf course.

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The proposed addition is to the south of that building. Approximate size of that is seventy by sixty-five, give or take. That plan view shows both the existing and proposed extension. That is the primary feature element of that proposal. There are two out buildings which I wasn't sure how to classify for purposes of the short EAF. What is labeled a short bin area, if you can envision block, where materials can be kept open here, sand, stone, top soil. These are the kind of materials used during the year by the crew. They're kept in mounds.

The other element is a turf wash rack as labeled there. That is a prefabricated unit purchased individually. It's a recycling apparatus. You drive equipment up onto a pad. It reclaims the rinsate that is used for washing down of equipment. That is entirely self-contained system. According to the literature I looked at, and I don't claim to know much about golf course operations. It's totally recyclable material, which I don't understand. I would think at some point you have to pump it out and send it out for treatment.

Anything is better then what we have now which

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is not unlike you washing off your car in the driveway 2 where anything you use runs off to the lowest point. 3 That is the entirety of the proposal. The square footage alone exceeds Type II thresholds for parkland 5 setting ed, as the extension itself is four thousand 6 five hundred fifty square feet approximately. I did not 7 calculate the square footage. It's somewhat vague of 8 the other two elements. 9 The other point I want to make before we begin 10 a discussion is that the historic, meadow edge is on the 11 site, although it's on the far southern end of the property and fronts Great South Bay. 12 This is quite a 13 distance away. However, there is an element of the historic estate that is within close proximity to the 14 15 site that is a planting of evergreens, not native, for 16 what that is worth, and somewhat failing in health,

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Rich Martin and I talked about this at length and he and I both agree that some plantings to help restore and rejuvenate that pinedom, I debated the existence of that word. Rich explained that referred to the evergreen plantings that were part of the estate those would be established and enhanced. We would put some plantings between the golf course and overall

along West Avenue that somewhat shows up on the aerial.

1 maintenance area. It's not very visible at all from the 2 golf course. 3 I don't think I missed anything. Aside from 4 that photo that I was just describing, the individual 5 photos on the side were taken a month ago roughly. 6 Photo 1, if you can look at that, that is a steel Man 7 Product building. Pretty typical structure that would be either moved or demolished. 8 It would come right 9 In Photo 2, it's looking to the southeast. 10 can see a few of the scotch pines that extend a little 11 taller than the native vegetation that is around it. 12 Those trees are roughly eighty years old. Photo 3 shows 13 the existing storage of equipment and materials that 14 will be more formalized and tidied up as a result of the 15 project. 4 and 5 are really more of the same. 6 shows 16 where that pad would be put in for the rinsate 17 facility. 7 and 8 are more of the existing conditions 18 of storage, outdoor storage and materials and equipment. Any questions? 19 20 THE CHAIRMAN: What is the runoff on Picture 21 Number 8? 22 MR. GIBBONS: That is just the impaction of 23 the property. That is just standing water. 24 pictures were taken in the rain. The current rinsate,

1	if you look at Photo 2, to the right of the photo
2	somewhat centered you see two white we have a gas
3	pump there. Just beyond that there is a plow. Beyond
4	that we have a cut in the woods where the current
5	rinsate drains into.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: You don't contain
7	MR. GIBBONS: No, we don't.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any reason why we
9	should be concerned that you're not containing it?
10	MR. GIBBONS: Yes, you should. That is why
11	we're using capital funding to purchase and properly
12	rinse and reclaim that material from the equipment.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Any comments?
14	MR. PICHNEY: Nick, did you say that you were
15	going to be removing some of those scotch pines?
16	MR. GIBBONS: Actually, if you look Photo 1,
17	just to it extends above and behind that Man building
18	there. That one is shot, as are most of them actually.
19	They have really lived their useful lives at this
20	point. We lose a couple each year, either storm damage
21	or disease. For a tree of that age it doesn't show much
22	growth. That is really a product of the environment.
23	This is Rich's concept of what the pinedom
24	would be are probably white pines. They're faster

1 We will do a better job of pleasing our neighbors on West Avenue. 2. 3 MR. GROWNEY: Nick, I just want to ask, this Δ looks like in building here, it will be not been using 5 much energy. Where the dog leg, crux of the dog leg, 6 the office, there is a secure storm building, there are 7 a couple of little rooms, the mens' and women's toilets. Those are the only rooms that have any kind of use. 8 9 MR. GIBBONS: Heated storage. 10 MS. GROWNEY: It looks like half the building 11 is unheated and half is --12 MR. GIBBONS: (Interposing) That's correct. 13 Typically we have gas fired blowers in the maintenance 14 There is gas at the site already. areas. The 15 fertilizer, it was originally proposed to be a straight 16 building. I asked them to incorporate that into the 17 expansion of this building, so we can get away from 18 having this collection of buildings, kind of colonizing the area, trying to get away from that and tighten 19 20 everything up somewhat. I don't expect there would be a significant increase in energy use. 21 22 MS. GROWNEY: What standards are you working 23 with for energy conservation? 24 MR. GIBBONS: Couldn't say. It's really

governed by the scope of work and the specs that DPW 1 2 writes for the project. As a capital project we can 3 explore that, but the materials are going to be the same, that is the existing building is blocked the 4 5 expense will be blocked. 6 Ideally, insulation is the MS. GROWNEY: 7 cheapest way to reduce your energy usage, so since the 8 county is trying to up its ante in terms of 9 environmental and energy control, I would really like to 10 see you explore methodology that is more efficient per 11 dollar. The insulation is the least expensive 12 construction item. I think I would ask, suggest they 13 look for greater than 24R in the roof. That is where 14 the greatest loss of heat occurs. 15 MR. GIBBONS: I'll also look to see if, as a 16 result of this project, we're going to replace the roof 17 on the existing maintenance building. I'm sure that that building, which dates from the late '70's, early 18 19 '80's is not energy efficient. I'm not sure what the 20 existing capital item for this project is. 21 MS. GROWNEY: There are several products on 22 the market, some of which are completely green, baked 23 soybean and there are other petroleum based products 24 that are meeting certain standards. Not looking to

1	force you in a forced compliance to lead, I would like
2	you to consider the roof.
3	MR. GIBBONS: We're going through lead at
4	Scully. That has been an education, both good and bad.
5	This project does not exceed a threshold that requires
6	us to be lead compliant. That is something to explore.
7	Unidentified Voice: MR: BAZATA: The legislature did pass a
8	resolution that says any construction in excess of a
9	million dollars has to be the lead standard. The
10	Department of Public Works proposed to do a study on how
11	to conserve energy county-wide, so that is under way.
12	MS. SPENCER: Unlisted action.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: You have a motion.
14	MS. SPENCER: Yes.
15	MR. KAUFMAN: I'll second.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Opposed?
17	Motion carries. Now, Raynor Beach County Park, Lake
18	Ronkonkoma.
19	Unidentified Voice: MR. BAZATA: One more thing, parking.
20	MR. GIBBONS: This project you can probably
21	argue potentially as a Type II, I guess. I went with
22	the Unlisted and short EAF primarily because it requires
23	some clearing an area that is otherwise undisturbed.
24	For those of you not familiar with the site, it's

1 located in the southeast corner of Lake Ronkonkoma. 2 Lake Ronkonkoma itself, the county park holdings 3 somewhat circumvents the entire lake; it's a patchwork 4 of maybe fifty or seventy different parcels of which two 5 constitute Raynor Beach. It's located on Ronkonkoma Avenue and bounded 6 7 by Lake Shore Road to the west, Ronkonkoma Avenue to the 8 Somewhat located in a residential neighborhood. 9 I have included some photos of the site. It was the 10 neighborhood of an extensive capital improvement project 11 about five or six years now. It took an area that was 12 somewhat a degraded site and made it beautiful and 13 appealing site for the residential area surrounding 14 communities and also the installation of several 15 significant athletic fields. 16 With all the improvements come additional 17 usage of the site. The additional parking. We only did 18 the initial phase of the parking at the time. 19 wasn't money available, although it was contemplated. Τ 2.0 guess it's three years, and at this time, additional 21 parking was contemplated. The proposed parking 22 expansion is a hundred seventy feet long and approximately sixty-five feet wide or so. 23 24 MR. KAUFMAN: Where on the photo, couple of

1	us can't figure it out, the aerial photo.
2	MR. GIBBONS: It's in the southeast corner,
3	right in that area. This shows the approximate entrance
4	to the park. In that corner that wedge formed by
5	Ronkonkoma Avenue, that residential home in the
6	southeast corner of the property. You pull into the
7	parking and it's right there. It's right to the road
8	that shows in the aerial. The proposed parking is to
9	the south of that. Some of it will be contained, maybe
10	a third, will be in the existing area, but the remaining
11	two thirds of the property will require clearing. A
12	buffer will be maintained along Ronkonkoma Avenue. The
13	additional parking accommodates the usage that we're
14	seeking as a result of the project.
15	MR. KAUFMAN: Your Pompousness, may I request
16	to ask a question? Permeable, impermeable?
17	MR. GIBBONS: It will be paved.
18	MR. KAUFMAN: You have to go for catch basins
19	because you're right near Lake Ronkonkoma and you have a
20	relatively high water table in the area. You will have
21	drywells in there?
22	MR. GIBBONS: Yes.
23	MR. KAUFMAN: Why the expense of paving as
24	opposed to gravel or something like that?

1	MR. GIBBONS: Maintenance. We prefer to use
2	the stone in other places that don't see the kind of
3	usage that we expect and have seen currently.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: It looks to me that you're
5	really going to be destroying some rather nice
6	property.
7	MR. GIBBONS: Yes, that's true. However,
8	given the use of the site as a formal recreational use,
9	given that we have other sites within the area that are
10	dedicated, if not formally, unofficially, to a nature
11	preserve or giving of open space, given a hundred acre
12	lily pond preserve which is in the general vicinity of
13	Lake Ronkonkoma, it's to the north of where our formal
14	park is.
15	This site really warrants additional parking.
16	It's not something that we do lightly. We try to use
17	the most impacted area, it's somewhat clear, it's some
18	what plat. It's bounded by public residences, formal
19	road. The habitat is not significant but actually we
20	are proposing to cheer what is shown best probably by
21	photos one, four and seven.
22	THE CHAIRMAN: If you build a parking lot,
23	they will come.
24	MR. GIBBONS: If you build a soccer field,

We did that; now we have to put them 1 they will come. 2 This is really after that. We have no other somewhere. 3 place to expand parking, given the topography and 4 improvements already on the site. You're right in the 5 sense that there are other places where the parking 6 limits are in use. 7 That really isn't in a bad thing. 8 example is Nissequogue County Park. We have a limited 9 number of spots; it's always full. People come early. 10 But a lot like this. This was contemplated in the 11 original scope of work. There wasn't money at the 12 This is what we considered the completion of the 13 project. 14 MR. KAUFMAN: Meaning that you have the money doesn't a priori justify a deforestation. 15 MR. GIBBONS: 16 I'm making the point that that was 17 always part of the project and sometimes things come in 18 stages. 19 I remember the discussion. MR. KAUFMAN: The 2.0 one thing that worries me which is something Larry 21 brought up and I brought it up last month. 22 progressive deforestation of the entire county. 23 Homeowners rip their yards to shreds. They cut down 24 anything standing taller than a foot. I have seen in my

1	hometown, Nissequogue and Head-of-the-Harbor.
2	Just as a policy statement, it worries me. I
3	know there is a lot of stuff in Ronkonkoma. I know
4	stuff has been added. There is a group that wants to
5	make it into a nature preserve or that is the only
6	worry I have. What you give with one hand is taken away
7	with another hand. I'm not exactly sure how much
8	deforestation is occurring here, but it's a concern.
9	MR. GIBBONS: Quarter acre, approximately.
10	MS. GROWNEY: I'm also very concerned about
11	taking away the forest also. If I were the resident I
12	wouldn't want to have the forest taken away from my
13	visit. I think the park should look more like a park.
14	Most parks have some sort of treed growth to kind of
15	designate them visually as a preserved area. It seems
16	to me there are other areas on the property that have
17	already been deforested. I'm not sure why they haven't
18	been explored to use as a parking lot.
19	MR. GIBBONS: I'm not sure what you're
20	looking at to come to that conclusion.
21	MS. GROWNEY: I'm looking at the aerial.
22	MR. GIBBONS: It's not a good representation
23	of current conditions. The entire cleared area on this
24	aerial is now improved with athletic fields.

1	MS. SPENCER: Counterpoint A. If you don't
2	provide parking, the cars that come with the soccer
3	activities will park on the forested planted nice lawn.
4	B, for everyone who deforests a piece of property in
5	Suffolk County, there are two or three other residents
6	that forest their properties.
7	I really feel that this is a natural stage two
8	of a plan in that area, that it should go forward.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: Just to go forward with that.
10	When we originally reviewed the plan, did we approve
11	parking?
12	MR. GIBBONS: I'm not sure. I don't remember
13	being the one to take the project to the council at the
14	time. It's entirely possible that we did not come to
15	CEQ at all for the entire project.
16	Unidentified Voice. MR. BAZATA: Twice.
17	MS. GROWNEY: Is it possible to get a better
18	picture on that?
19	THE CHAIRMAN: I presume it's possible, but
20	do we really want to go there?
21	Unidentified Voice:
22	forty-five or fifty-five thousand acres of parkland, of
23	which about forty-five is dedicated to the public
24	trust. There are very few activity parklands, and this

1	is one of them. And you have whole Suffolk County park
2	system in perspective because the vast majority of our
3	parkland is open space preserve.
4	MR. PICHNEY: You said that the site is
5	developed and you said there are no other areas where
6	you can put a parking lot.
7	MR. GIBBONS: I mean formal recreational
8	improvement.
9	MR. PICHNEY: Is there a place to cut the
10	parking lot which is less convenient for the soccer moms
11	and the kids, moms and kids, and they would have to walk
12	across the fields?
13	MR. KAUFMAN: I actually know the park. It's
14	actually nicely landscaped.
15	MR. MACHTAY: Make a motion.
16	MS. SPENCER: Second.
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion? All in favor?
18	Opposed? Motion carries.
19	Proposed acquisition of open space, Riker
20	property, Town of Huntington.
21	MS. FISHER: Good afternoon. Loretta Fisher,
22	Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County
23	Department of Planning. Before you today is a proposed
24	acquisition. It's an area of Cold Spring Harbor north

1	of Pulaski Road. It's two lots, two subdivision lots
2	totaling five point one one acres, approximately two and
3	a half acres each adjacent to and contiguous to our
4	holdings to the east and south.
5	Also included are the flag lot roadway
6	extensions coming into the site, which are the southern
7	portions of which are adjacent to our holdings as well.
8	This is being proposed for acquisition for
9	passive recreational used and accessed through our
10	holdings to the south. So there will be no accessways
11	or roadways into this property.
12	MR. KAUFMAN: No bike paths?
13	MS. FISHER: No bike paths.
14	THE CHAIRMAN: There is currently nothing in
15	the flag lot portion?
16	MR. FISHER: No, it's all wooded at this
17	time. There is one little segment of the western most
18	property that has some clearing, and there is a small
19	shed which shall be removed by the owner before we
20	acquire it.
21	THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions? Motion?
22	MR. KAUFMAN: On the motion, Unlisted Neg
23	Dec.
24	MS. GROWNEY: Second.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? (Show of hands)
2	Opposed? Motion carries.
3	Thank you. Other business. I'd like to make
4	a comment about conflict of interest. We have gone into
5	this issue in the past. I want to remind everybody that
6	you're involved in a project, even in a very peripheral
7	way, that it is most appropriate thing to do to recuse
8	yourself, not enter the discussion, leave the table,
9	and then come back after the discussion and any
10	appropriate action has been taken. It's a messy thing
11	to go through a challenge of conflict of interest. On a
12	personal level, I can tell you from experience.
13	Secondly, it has the potential of negating any
14	action we have taken if that is not done, including
15	getting involved in discussion. So I want to remind
16	everybody of that. Don't always know when people are
17	involved in an issue, so I can't say anything to them.
18	Keep that in the back of your mind because we could run
19	into problems. All right. CAC concerns.
20	MS. SQUIRES: I have nothing.
21	THE CHAIRMAN: What
22	MR. KAUFMAN: (Interposing) Stop while
23	you're ahead.
24	THE CHAIRMAN: The symposium hadn't taken

1	place?
2	MS. SQUIRES: The conference is taking place
3	Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Pete Grannis, the
4	commissioner, is going to be there all afternoon and
5	evening, so if anybody has anything specifically that
6	they would want me to ask the DEC commissioner, I will
7	be spending a lot of time with them.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion to adjourn.
9	MR. KAUFMAN: Motion.
10	MR. MACHTAY: Second.
11	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor? Opposed?
12	(Time noted: 12:15 p.m.)
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3	STATE OF NEW YORK)
4) ss:
5	COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)
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7	I, JUDI GALLOP, a Stenotype Reporter and
8	Notary Public for the State of New York, do hereby
9	certify:
10	THAT this is a true and accurate transcription
11	of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental
12	Quality meeting held on October 15, 2008.
13	I further certify that I am not related,
14	either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties
15	in this action; and
16	I am in no way interested in the outcome of
17	this matter.
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
19	hand this 15th day of November, 2008.
20	Judi Grelop
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