

## SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: August 1, 2001

Place: Shelter Island, New York

Present: Donald Eversoll, Chairman (At Large)  
Robert Martin (Smithtown), Vice Chairman  
Edward Rosavitch (Brookhaven)  
Thomas Thorsen (East Hampton)  
Linda Petersen (At Large)  
George Dickerson (Shelter Island)  
William Cremers (Southold)  
David Casciotti (Southampton)  
Richard London, (Village 5,000 & Under)  
Basia Braddish, Esq., Counsel  
Harold Withers, Deputy Director  
Gerald Newman, Chief Planner  
Andy Freleng, Principal Planner  
Kathleen Rigano, Principal Stenographer  
Claire Chorny, Sr. Clerk Typist

Absent: Ronald Parr (At Large)  
Michael Macco (Huntington)  
Louis Dietz (Babylon), Secretary  
Richard O?Dea (Riverhead)  
Laure Nolan (Village 5,000 & Over)  
Frank Tantone (Islip)  
Thomas A. Isles, Director

Guests: Valerie Scopaz, East End Transportation Council  
Suzanne Donovan, EET Council  
Hank de Cillia, EET Council & Village of North Haven  
I. Bernard Jacobson, EETC and Shelter Island  
Gerard Siller, Supervisor, Town of Shelter Island

The meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Eversoll at 12:15 P.M. in a conference room at the Pridwin Hotel on Shelter Island, New York.

## **Minutes:**

On a motion by Commissioner Thorsen, seconded by Commissioner Cremers, the minutes of the July 11, 2001, Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

## **Correspondence**

Harry Withers, Deputy Director of Planning, discussed the following correspondence with the Commissioners:

1. A letter dated July 24, 2001, was received from the Village of Patchogue requesting planning assistance for a Phase I Economic Development/Marketing Plan for the downtown hub of the Incorporated Village. The Commission passed a resolution unanimously to provide planning services to the Village of Patchogue. It is anticipated that the Village will pass its own resolution accepting such services in the future.

Commissioner Rosavitch stated that a resolution prepared by the Planning Commission should be subject to a resolution from the Village of Patchogue. The members of the Commission expressed no oppositions.

2. A Resolution making it mandatory that verbatim minutes be taken at all Planning Commission meetings has been passed by the Legislature and has been signed by the County Executive. It was noted that verbatim minutes of the Space Management Committee are taken by a court reporter. It has not been established if the Legislature will provide a court reporter for the Planning Commission.

3. A Public Hearing to restructure the Planning Commission has been scheduled for August 7, 2001, at 5:30 PM in the County Center Board Room in Riverhead. Under the new structure, only one western town and one eastern town would be represented. The other members appointed to the Commission would have planning and/or environmental backgrounds. Present Commissioners were encouraged to approach their respective Town Supervisors and, if possible, speak at the Public Hearing.

4. A Planning and Zoning Conference has been scheduled for October 7 - 10 at the Sheraton Saratoga Springs in Saratoga Springs, New York. A schedule and registration form was distributed to each Commissioner.

5. Thomas Isles, Director of Planning, responded to a letter from the Shelter Island Planning Board regarding procedural issues for the Mareneck and Hunt Subdivision. An opinion from the Office of the County Attorney stated that since the Planning Commission's recommendation was properly addressed by the Town Planning Board, and having been overridden by a super majority of the Board, the recommendation of the Planning Commission is no longer an issue for the Town Planning

Board.

**Commissioners' Roundtable:**

Commissioner London stated that it has been determined that the West Nile Virus has been the cause of dead birds found in the Town of Smithtown. Although spraying for this Virus is available, some residents prefer that their areas not be sprayed. Elimination of standing water and application of insect repellent is encouraged. The danger period for this Virus extends to the first appearance of frost.

Commissioner Petersen stated that the Balloon Festival would be held at Calabro Airport on August 17 - 19. The Town of Brookhaven had an Energy Summit on Thursday, July 12, 2001, in the auditorium from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Commissioner Thorsen stated that the residents of East Hampton are complaining about the parking problem during the summer months. As a result, the Town began applying tire locks to parking offenders.

Commissioner Dickerson stated there are problems with the ferries that transport cars to and from Shelter Island during the summer months. Although there are several ferries at either end of the Island, they can only transport approximately 12 cars at one time. As a result, the line of cars waiting to board, especially on the north end of the Island going to Greenport, is very long.

Commissioner Martin stated that the Town Supervisor in Smithtown has acknowledged that he is opposed to a change in the Planning Commission structure.

David Casciotti stated that Southampton is also focusing on the heavy traffic situation that exists during the summer months. A 44-member Transportation Advisory Task Force was appointed by the Town Board to address this problem. This Task Force has been coordinating its study with the Sustainable East End Development Strategies (SEEDS). The Town of Southampton is still looking at groundwater management. A study is in progress regarding land use changes to protect the watershed.

Gerard Siller, Supervisor, Town of Shelter Island, addressed the Commission at this time and gave an overview of the East End Supervisors and Mayors Association which consists of the five Town Supervisors (Riverhead, Southampton, Shelter Island, Southold and East Hampton) and nine Mayors of Incorporated Villages of the East End of Long Island (Dering Harbor, East Hampton, Greenport, North Haven, Quogue, Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Westhampton Dunes) and addresses such problems as transportation and housing. Problems on Shelter Island which are being addressed include quantities of water, quality of water, land preservation, ferry service, etc.

**Guest Presentations:**

Valerie Scopaz, member of the East End Transportation Council, addressed the Commission and stated that it is the opinion of the Council that the various transportation agencies are not addressing the cumulative impact of the transportation problems, especially those that filter down to a local level. SEEDS will seek a more comprehensive consensus on future scenarios for land development and transportation improvements throughout the East End.

Hank de Cillia, Vice Chairman of the East End Transportation Council, resident and representative of the Village of North Haven addressed the Commission. He stated that there is not as much tourist economy on the East End as there is "second home" economy. Funds to pay for the SEEDS process come through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and are funneled through the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. The Council will also address "regional" travel issues.

The Long Island Railroad needs to extend internal travel to the "second homes" since most of the residents live in western Suffolk. Partnerships in transportation should be encouraged. There is no coordination of transportation between trains, buses, etc. The goal should be to increase public transportation and decrease transportation by automobiles. The study will take approximately 18 to 24 months.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section A14-24 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code of the Suffolk County Charter, the proposed subdivision plats and zoning actions are duly considered and acted upon as appended hereto:

<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>File Number</u>
SR-01-45	S-BR-01-05
SR-01-46	S-RH-01-05
SR-01-47	SM-01-15

**S-1 - Blueberry Farm Estates (S-BR-01-05)**

Motion: Approved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Dickerson, seconded by Commissioner London.

Vote: 9 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

**S-2 - Zaleski, Raymond C. & Cecelia B (S-RH-01-05)**

Motion: Approved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Thorsen, seconded by Commissioner Rosavitch.

Vote: 9 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

**Z-1 - Salvatore DeNoto (SM-01-15)**

Motion: Disapproved, per the Staff Report, by Commissioner Petersen, seconded by Commissioner Cremers.

Vote: 8 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Abstention (Commissioner Martin)

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was adjourned at 1:50 PM.