

## MINUTES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** July 2, 2003

**Place:** Suffolk County Farm, Bldg. #15, Yaphank, NY

**Members Present:** Donald Eversoll, (At Large) Chairman  
Louis Dietz (Babylon), Secretary  
Carl Berkowitz (Brookhaven)  
Thomas Thorsen (East Hampton)  
Linda Petersen (At Large)  
Richard O'Dea (Riverhead)  
Laure Nolan (Village 5,000 & Over)  
William Cremers (Southold)  
Nancy Graboski (Southampton)  
Richard London (Village 5,000 & Under)

**County Staff Present:** Thomas A. Isles, Director  
Gerald Newman, Chief Planner  
Andy Freleng, Principal Planner  
Basia Braddish, Esq., Counsel  
Christopher Wrede, Planning Aide  
Claire Chorny, Sr. Clerk Typist

**Members Absent:** Robert Martin (Smithtown), Vice Chairman  
Frank Tantone (Islip)  
Ronald Cyr (Shelter Island)  
John Caracciolo (Huntington)

**Guests:** Lori Taggart, Office of the County Executive  
George Proios, Chief Environmental Analyst  
Jefferson Murphree, Town Planning & Development Administrator  
Thomas Williams, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
William MacFadden, Suffolk County Farm

The meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Eversoll at 12:20 P.M. at the Suffolk County Farm, Bldg. #15, Yaphank, NY.

### Minutes:

**On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Graboski, the minutes of the June 4, 2003 Planning Commission meeting, as amended and duly noted, were unanimously approved.**

### **Introduction of Tom William by Don Eversoll:**

Mr. Williams spoke giving an overview of the Suffolk County Farm's history and explaining some of the functions. The Suffolk County Farm, formerly the Honor Farm, supplies 250,000 lbs. per year of meat to the Suffolk County infirmary, minimum security facility and the jail. The Farm is open to the public 365 days.

George Proios explained some of the workings of the AEM program (Agricultural Environmental Management) outlawing pesticides on County owned lands and how the Farm is being used as a showcase.

### **Tom Isles:**

Mr. Isles informed the Commission of the other Cornell programs that Tom Williams is involved including marine programs, Diabetes education and horticultural research. The Farm encompasses approximately 200 acres of the County owned 925 acres at the Yaphank County Center.

### **Director's Report:**

Mr. Isles spoke briefly on the following -

1. Formal notification received last week by the State Environmental Facilities Corporation regarding the County's application to finance a portion of the 1/4% sales tax proceeds and the requirements necessary to apply it toward the Dutch of farmland auction which will probably take place in September.
2. Suffolk County Planning Federation is having another training session Oct. 9. Cards will be sent out in the next few weeks.
3. Proposed Resolution No. 1486 to Restrict Land Transactions with Members of the Suffolk County Planning Commission.
4. Citations were circulated for signatures for former Commissioners Ronald Parr and Michael Macco.
5. Trip to East Hampton postponed until October. Commissioner Petersen is helping plan a meeting at a town park or historic site.
6. Return attendance card will be discontinued. It will be up to the Commissioners to either call Claire Chorny (631-853-5515), e-mail (Claire.Chorny@co.suffolk.ny.us) or fax (853-4044) if they do not plan to attend a meeting.

7. Tom introduced Roy Fedelem who spoke on the Federally designated new Metropolitan Statistical area. Suffolk County and Nassau are now a Metropolitan division. This is causing these counties to lose funding and statistical identity. Mr. Fedelem is to create a Resolution supporting Long Island's attempt to get back its status as a separate MSA. He is to draft a letter for final approval that will be presented to the Planning Commission at its meeting on August 6. **A motion to conform with Mr. Fedelem's suggestions was made by Commissioner London and seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz. Motion carried. 10-0-0.**

### **Commissioners' Roundtable**

Commissioner Thorsen informed the Committee that at a East Hampton Town Board meeting the maps for the Smart Growth areas were removed. The first public hearing will be on July 18 and extended to each of the hamlet areas throughout the summer.

Commissioner Graboski mentioned Southampton's problems that come with summer such as traffic problems, nightclubs and bars and the casinos.

Commissioner Cremers discussed Southold's zoning problems and possible changes. The hearing on this is still open.

Commissioner O'Dea stated that there will be no Calverton concert and it is in the hands of the Riverhead Town Board to be discussed at its public meeting July 7. The Town of Riverhead is actively pursuing the purchase of the River Club property. The hearing for this will be held July 15.

Commissioner Peterson discussed that there are a lot of code changes on the way.

Commissioner London gave an update on the West Nile Virus and told the Committee that the Hampton Classic will be held the last week of August.

### **Flanders-Northampton-Riverside Hamlet Revitalization Study**

Presentation of Jefferson Murphree, Town Planning & Development Administrator, on referral from the Town of Southampton entitled Flanders-Northampton-Riverside Hamlet Revitalization Study, dated May 2003, as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dietz for conceptual approval and seconded by Commissioner Graboski with an abstention by Commissioner O'Dea. 9-0-1.**

### **Revised Draft Critical Wildlands and Groundwater Protection Plan**

Presentation of Jefferson Murphree, Town Planning & Development Administrator on referral from the Town of Southampton entitled Revised Draft Critical Wildlands and Groundwater Protection Plan, May 2003, as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

**A resolution to hold this in abeyance was made by Nancy Graboski and seconded by Thomas Thorsen. Motion carried. 10-0-0.**

**Agricultural District #1**

A resolution will be prepared by Roy Fedelem approving modification of Agricultural District #1 in the Towns of Southold and Shelter Island. **A motion on the resolution was made by Commissioner Thorsen and seconded by Commissioner Cremers. Motion carried. 10-0-0.**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section A 14-24 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code of the Suffolk County Charter, the proposed subdivision plats and zoning actions were duly considered and acted upon as appended hereto:

<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>File Number</u>
ZSR-03-21	S-SI-03-01
ZSR-03-22	S-SH-91-03.1
ZSR-03-23	S-EH-03-04
ZSR-03-24	SH-03-35
ZSR-03-25	SH-03-37
ZSR-03-26	BR-03-24
ZSR-03-27	BR-03-30
ZSR-03-28	SM-03-14

**S-1 -Gerald Mallow (S-SI-03-01)**

Motion: Approved, as per staff report, by Commissioner O'Dea, seconded by Commissioner Graboski.

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstentions

**S-2 -Southampton Meadows (S-SH-91-03.1)**

Motion: Approved, as amended, by Commissioner O'Dea and seconded by Commissioner Petersen.

Vote: 9 Ayes - 1 Nays (Commissioner Dietz) - 0 Abstention

**S-3 -Price & Hudson (S-EH-03-04)**

Motion: Approved, as per staff report, by Commissioner Graboski, seconded by Commissioner Cremers.

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstention

**Z-1- Flanders-Northampton-Riverside Hamlet Revitalization Study, May 2003 (SH-03-35)**

Motion: Approved conceptually by Commissioner Dietz and seconded by Commissioner Graboski

Vote: 9 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Abstention (Commissioner O'Dea).

**Z-2 - Revised Draft Critical Wildlands and Groundwater Protection Plan, May 2003**  
**(SH-03-37)**

Motion: To hold in abeyance was made by Commissioner Graboski and seconded by Commissioner Thorsen

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

**Z-3 -Country View Properties Inc (BR-03-24)**

Motion: Disapproved, as per staff report, by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner O'Dea.

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstention

**Z-4 -Country View Properties Inc (BR-03-30)**

Motion: Approved, as per staff report, by Commissioner Thorsen and seconded by Commissioner Petersen.

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstention

**Z-5 -Old Northport Realty LLC (SM-03-14)**

Motion: Disapproved, as per staff report, by Commissioner O'Dea, seconded by Commissioner Cremers.

Vote: 10 Ayes - 0 Nays - 0 Abstention

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Commissioner London to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petersen. The regular meeting of the Suffolk County Planning Commission was adjourned at 2:35 PM. Motion carried 10-0-0.**