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SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

East Hampton Village Hall
Town Board Room
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, New York
September 7, 2011

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID CALONE, Chairman
CONSTANTINE KONTOKOSTA, Vice Chairman
ADRIENNE ESPOSITO, Secretary
CARL GABRIELSON, Town of Riverhead
DIANA WEIR, Town of East Hampton
LINDA HOLMES, Shelter Island
THOMAS McADAM, Town of Southold
MICHAEL KELLY, Town of Brookhaven
JOHN FINN, Town of Smithtown
MATTHEW CHARTRAND, Town of Islip
BARBARA ROBERTS, Town of Southampton
BILL SCHOOLMAN, At-Large

THOMAS YOUNG, ESQ., County Attorney for Planning Department

SARAH LANSDALE, Planning Director ANDREW FRELENG, Chief Planner THEODORE KLEIN, Planning Department



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- THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome to the
- 3 September meeting of the Suffolk County
- 4 Planning Commission. We have a quorum present.
- 5 I ask Secretary Esposito to lead us in the
- 6 pledge.
- 7 (Recitation of the Pledge of
- 8 Allegiance.)
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you all for
- 10 being here in East Hampton. The first item is
- 11 the June minutes. I provided my edits to the
- 12 Editor-in-Chief. I would note to the
- 13 Commission members that they are de minimis in
- 14 nature, typographical in nature. The Chief has
- 15 a few comments as well.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: I found
- 17 fifty-nine errors. Most of them are not very
- 18 important, but a couple of them are missed
- 19 words or omitted words. And I asked the court
- 20 reporter when we were going to get the
- 21 corrected May minutes and she said that our
- 22 corrections were never given to her. She has
- 23 to get her service to track down whoever subbed
- 24 for her that day and get the corrections to
- 25 her. But we have the June corrections. Andy,



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- 2 can you pass those over? Thank you.
- 3
 I don't know if in view of what
- 4 happened with May, but now we know that she
- 5 didn't get the corrections, I would hesitate to
- 6 say I would move the adoption of the minutes
- 7 for June pending the corrections, but I think
- 8 this time we will get a corrected copy.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments or
- 10 additions to the minutes other than those that
- 11 are the typographical edits that I gave, other
- 12 than the fifty-nine? Any other changes or
- 13 edits to the minutes for anybody on the
- 14 Commission? Seeing none, I will entertain a
- 15 motion to adopt the June minutes as amended.
- 16 Motion by Commissioner Weir and seconded by
- 17 Commissioner Schoolman. All in favor, please
- 18 raise your hand. (Show of hands) Eleven to
- 19 zero.
- Next item on the agenda is the public
- 21 portion. We have two speakers. We will let
- 22 you speak during the next portion.
- 23 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: There are
- 24 twelve. Did you count yourself? Okay eleven.
- 25 Sarah is no longer part of us.



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- THE CHAIRMAN: I'll ask Brian
- 3 Ferruggiari to come to the podium. I ask that
- 4 you spell your last name for the record and you
- 5 have three minutes.
- 6 MR. FERRUGGIARI: Good afternoon. My
- 7 name is Brian F-E-R-R-U-G-G-I-A-R-I. I'm here
- 8 today with Tom Perna. We are the
- 9 representatives of Rose Breslin. That's the
- 10 applicant of the Town of Brookhaven application
- 11 entitled Meadows at Yaphank. This application
- 12 is on the agenda this afternoon. You will be
- 13 receiving a full presentation from the planning
- 14 staff. As such, my remarks will be very brief
- 15 and just highlight the important benefits of
- 16 this project.
- 17 The Meadows of Yaphank is a mixed use
- 18 planned community containing a variety of
- 19 housing options, commercial uses as well as
- 20 public and private recreation areas. The
- 21 concept plan utilizes a traditional
- 22 neighborhood design that promotes walkability,
- 23 connectivity and public open spaces. The main
- 24 road network is made up of tree lined
- 25 boulevards that incorporate traffic calming



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- 2 features and bicycle lanes.
- 3 The Master Plan was designed with
- 4 input from the Town of Brookhaven planning
- 5 staff and from suggestions we received during
- 6 our initial community outreach. We also
- 7 consulted with Brookhaven National Labs and the
- 8 Syracuse Center of Excellence on sustainable
- 9 design features. As a result of our
- 10 discussions with BNL and Syracuse, the design
- 11 contains storm water treatment designs that
- 12 utilizes the natural vegetation in constructed
- 13 wetlands and bioretention areas. These
- 14 features will improve the quality of our storm
- 15 water recharge and reduce the amount of
- 16 fertilizer dependent vegetation on the site.
- 17 The proposed Meadows at Yaphank
- 18 application provides substantial benefits
- 19 compared to the development that would be
- 20 permitted under existing zoning. Those
- 21 benefits include reduced traffic. The proposed
- 22 plan will generate less traffic than uses
- 23 permitted under the existing zoning. On
- 24 weekday mornings, traffic will be reduced by
- 25 fourteen percent. On weekday evenings, it will



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- 2 be reduced by forty percent, and Saturday peak
- 3 hours, reduced by forty-one percent.
- 4 We are also proposing to operate a
- 5 private shuttle bus service on demand to and
- 6 from local train stations and BNL. This
- 7 service will be offered in addition to other
- 8 public transportation options and may reduce
- 9 the project's trip general generation even
- 10 further.
- 11 The project will also generate tax
- 12 revenue for all taxing jurisdictions.
- 13 Currently on the property, the three hundred
- 14 twenty-two acres, we pay eight hundred sixty
- 15 thousand dollars a year in taxes. Under
- 16 existing zoning scenarios, that would increase
- 17 to seven point eight million dollars. The
- 18 Meadows at Yaphank the generate over twelve
- 19 million dollars annually in tax dollars to all
- 20 tax jurisdictions.
- 21 When you consider the cost of the
- 22 additional one hundred eight students projected
- 23 in the Longwood School District, at the current
- 24 level of state aid, upon full build out, this
- 25 project will generate surplus revenues to the



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- 2 Longwood School District of almost seven
- 3 million dollars, and the Longwood School
- 4 District is in favor of the project.
- 5 It has a positive economic impact on
- 6 the community and will generate over two
- 7 thousand six hundred permanent jobs, eighty-two
- 8 construction jobs annually through the ten year
- 9 build out, over two million dollars in mortgage
- 10 recording tax revenues and over thirty-two
- 11 million dollars added annually in purchasing
- 12 power to the community.
- The project will provide a
- 14 substantial public benefits package totaling
- 15 eleven point eight million dollars that
- 16 includes over two million dollars to the
- 17 Carman's River Invasive Species Remediation
- 18 Fund, and about one point eight million dollars
- 19 for the dedication of land for athletic fields,
- 20 two million dollars to construct two ballfields
- 21 and one multi-purpose field and about one point
- 22 four million dollars to construct a community
- 23 building, and a one thousand five hundred
- 24 square foot pavilion.
- The application that is before you



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- 2 this afternoon is a product of more than two
- 3 years of work to ensure that that project will
- 4 not only be successful, but will provide a
- 5 positive community benefit and be sensitive
- 6 to the environment. During the design phase we
- 7 had extensive community outreach, meeting with
- 8 community organizations and government
- 9 officials. Our community outreach effort will
- 10 continue as the project proceeds. An
- 11 informative Website has been developed for the
- 12 project which we will continually update.
- I thank you for your consideration
- 14 for this application. Tom Perna and myself
- 15 will be the available in the audience if you
- 16 have any questions.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Thanks. I appreciate
- 18 your time. There is no other public comment.
- 19 I have the Chair report. Welcome everyone to
- 20 East Hampton. This is the tenth town that the
- 21 Board has visited in the past three years. I
- 22 want to thank Supervisor Wilkinson and the Town
- 23 Board for inviting us here to use their table.
- 24 I have to say, having been to pretty much all
- 25 of the town halls, this is one of the -- this



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- 2 is the most beautiful and unique town hall. I
- 3 say that everywhere we go. Anyway, beautiful
- 4 facility. Thank you for sharing it with us.
- 5 We look forward to hearing from the
- 6 supervisor in a few minutes. First a quick
- 7 overview of our activities. Our goal this year
- 8 is to focus on land use issues critical to
- 9 Suffolk County's future. In that regard we
- 10 have been emphasizing the major county-wide
- 11 issues such as development of the Comprehensive
- 12 Plan, as well as related issues like housing,
- infrastructure financing and storm water
- 14 management.
- 15 And with regard to the Comprehensive
- 16 Plan, in June, the Planning Commission voted to
- 17 release a draft of Volume 1A. That is an
- 18 important step, a step that has not been taken
- 19 in the county for thirty years. This month the
- 20 county executive hosted a press conference and
- 21 several of us attended to announce that step.
- 22 Director Lansdale and I presented the draft of
- 23 Volume 1A to the Legislature last week. They
- 24 were very supportive. The presiding officer
- 25 came to hear the presentation, which was



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- 2 encouraging.
- 3 Our goal is to finish Volume 1B by
- 4 the end of this year, and completing Volume 2,
- 5 the goals and policies, by the end of next
- 6 year. I would like to have a brief meeting
- 7 after this meeting of our comprehensive plan
- 8 steering committee, that's Commissioners
- 9 Roberts, Holmes, McAdam, Weir and Kelly, to go
- 10 over the next steps for Volume 1B.
- 11 With regard to our task force
- 12 efforts, the solar permit streamlining effort
- is now completed, finally. In the last month,
- 14 we got final sign-off on the plan from Nassau
- 15 County and New York Department of State. It's
- 16 been a long process, but it's done. A letter
- 17 will be going out by the end of the week to the
- 18 two county planning commissions and LIPA, to
- 19 the one hundred and three municipalities,
- 20 laying out the requirements of the program,
- 21 which will be fifteen thousand dollars, which
- 22 is the townships, and five thousand dollars to
- 23 the first ten villages in each county who sign
- 24 up to participate.
- The deadline for participation is



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- 2 December 31st of this year. The town and
- 3 village boards will need to pass the required
- 4 legislation by the end of this year to get the
- 5 incentive.
- 6 We are planning an information
- 7 session for the municipalities on September
- 8 23rd at Molloy College in Farmingdale. We will
- 9 also do a press event to try to publicize the
- 10 -- we have a handful of municipalities that
- 11 already said they want to use it we will
- 12 recognize them at the press conference and
- 13 answer questions that any of the municipalities
- 14 have on September 23rd.
- The county's applying for a energy
- 16 grant that relates to solar and Director
- 17 Lansdale will talk about that. With regard to
- 18 wind, we have, as I reported to you, we had
- 19 four meetings among the four East End
- 20 municipalities to come up with a model East End
- 21 wind code. One meeting was held right in this
- 22 room. In particular, we have a staff from East
- 23 Hampton and Southampton working on this
- 24 diligently. Joel Halsey from East Hampton is
- 25 here to speak about that later to update



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- 2 everyone as to where we are on that wind code.
- 3 With regard to commercial energy
- 4 efficiency standards, the Vice Chairman as well
- 5 as John Finn have been leading that effort.
- 6 Basically, the working group is focusing on the
- 7 new green building code coming out in New York
- 8 State effective January 1st. The task force is
- 9 looking to help municipalities who want to
- 10 adopt pieces of that green code figure out what
- 11 to adopt and how to ease into following it, and
- 12 of course how to measure results. The
- 13 Department of State actually came to a meeting
- 14 that Constantine hosted last month. They are
- 15 excited about the stuff we have in Suffolk
- 16 County that this working group is working on.
- 17 We had the head of Codes come and pledge to
- 18 help Suffolk County and this commission as we
- 19 help roll out the green building code and let
- 20 the municipalities know what it's all about.
- 21 With respect to our Protect and Grow
- 22 initiative, as you know, we spent the last year
- 23 pushing the county to come up with better ways
- 24 of financing sewage. We put on Sewer Summit II
- 25 with the county executive, and we worked on



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- 2 identifying local sources for sewer financing.
- 3 It culminated in a bill that was adopted last
- 4 month by the legislature that was proposed by
- 5 the county executive, to create a reoccurring
- 6 source of locally controlled sewer money.
- 7 Next, Director Lansdale is heading a
- 8 group to look at specific criteria to ensure
- 9 that that financing goes to those areas where
- 10 it is most needed, consistent with the
- 11 Comprehensive Plan, as well as projects that
- 12 support the values that the Planning Commission
- 13 and others have identified as important to the
- 14 Suffolk county's future, like workforce
- 15 housing, transit-oriented development,
- 16 downtowns, energy efficient development, etc.
- 17 That is a critical step because without that
- 18 criteria, the money can simply be used for
- 19 whatever purpose. That is not what we ever
- 20 intend for it to happen, and the bill has a
- 21 group headed by the director so we can look at
- 22 the criteria where to put that. It's critical
- 23 and we need to keep on top of that and work
- 24 with the planning staff on that.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Will those



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- 2 meetings be open?
- 3 DIRECTOR LANSDALE: I'll check and
- 4 get back to you.
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Suffolk Unified
- 6 Permitting Portal. There are teams working on
- 7 the technology side as well as the permitting
- 8 side. We have quarterly steering meetings.
- 9 Things are moving along. The county is putting
- 10 resources behind it. Professional
- 11 certification for commercial interiors,
- 12 Jennifer Casey is heading that up as well as
- 13 John Finn. They will be meeting with the Town
- 14 of Brookhaven for the next steps on that.
- New York City has a program that
- 16 Constantine has been helping us learn about,
- 17 which is basically you don't have to go back to
- 18 the Building Department if you want to change
- 19 the inside of the interior, if you are not
- 20 changing load bearing walls or emergency exits
- 21 or anything like that. If a new tenant comes
- 22 in, it makes it easier for the commercial
- 23 landlord. It's working fairly well in New York
- 24 City.
- We want to see if we can pilot that



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- 2 out here. The town of Brookhaven is interested
- 3 in being the pilot. Our next step is to take
- 4 the models that we developed based on what they
- 5 have in the City and meet with the Town of
- 6 Brookhaven to figure out what they need to do
- 7 to change their code to make it happen.
- 8 Hopefully, if it works well, we will bring it
- 9 to the other towns.
- 10 Then on agriculture, we have our new
- 11 effort that Carl Gabrielsen is going to be
- 12 heading up. We have a new event called Food
- 13 Day, which is going to be sometime in October.
- 14 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Do we eat all
- 15 day?
- DIRECTOR LANSDALE: October 22nd.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: We are working on
- 18 doing an event.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GABRIELSEN: That is
- 20 right. I'm working with Sarah.
- 21 THE CHAIRMAN: We may want to do that
- 22 in Hauppauge or Riverhead. Obviously, the East
- 23 End is the home of our very powerful and very
- 24 important agricultural industry.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Is it



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- 2 followed by Wine Day? Just asking.
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN: On housing, we started
- 4 working last month on planning a Suffolk County
- 5 Conference for January. I spoke with the
- 6 Suffolk County Village Officials Executive
- 7 Committee and the head of the Suffolk County
- 8 Town Supervisors Association, and both of them
- 9 are interested in co-hosting the event with us.
- 10 Hopefully, they will be on board as well.
- 11 The Vice Chairman, as well as
- 12 Commissioner Roberts and Kelly and Weir are
- 13 going to help put that together. I would like
- 14 to meet with those folks after this meeting to
- 15 talk about a time line to sort of layout what
- 16 our goals are.
- 17 Last thing I will mention to you, we
- 18 have a Planning Federation meeting training
- 19 session on October 12th. The Planning
- 20 Commission is involved with that. We need
- 21 moderators. Andy Freleng has a list of classes
- 22 in your packets. You need to look at that and
- 23 let me know if there is one that you would be
- 24 interested in moderating.
- Also, we have a guidelines committee



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- 2 meeting. Maybe the Director will talk a little
- 3 bit about that. We have the guidelines
- 4 committee meeting. We will be meeting after
- 5 this meeting. We had a good meeting yesterday
- 6 with some outside stakeholders. A lot of folks
- 7 are excited to be part of it. They know how
- 8 important our guidelines are to our decisions
- 9 around the table.
- 10 Next month we are in Smithtown Town
- 11 Hall. Supervisor Vecchio will be there
- 12 addressing us just on issues facing Smithtown,
- 13 as you will be hearing in a few minutes from
- 14 the Supervisor of East Hampton. Any questions
- or thoughts? If not, I'll turn it over to
- 16 Director Lansdale for her report.
- 17 DIRECTOR LANSDALE: Thank you so
- 18 much, Mr. Chairman. First, the guidelines
- 19 review committee meeting we had yesterday. I
- 20 want to thank the members of the Planning
- 21 Commission who attended the meeting driving out
- 22 in the pouring rain to get there, and I want to
- 23 thank you Andy for being there as well. It's
- 24 an important committee. We had a number of
- 25 towns and villages participate as well as



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- 2 environmentalists, developers and members of
- 3 the Planning Commission. the goal of the
- 4 committee is to update our guidelines that we
- 5 use as staff, to evaluate all of the referrals
- 6 for the Planning Commission.
- 7 It's the first time in a couple of
- 8 years that we have updated these guidelines.
- 9 The last time they were updated was 2009. We
- 10 are hoping to kick this off every two years and
- 11 update that. It's the first time we have
- 12 actually invited towns and villages and the
- 13 public to participate in the update of these
- 14 quidelines. It's very exciting.
- 15 We identified an initial ten areas
- 16 that we are going to focus on; affordable
- 17 housing, transfer density requirements, storm
- 18 water runoff, native vegetation, steep slopes,
- 19 night skies, universal design, water usage,
- 20 parking and community character. Those are the
- 21 first ten. We will have meetings between now
- 22 and the end of the year with the goal to adopt
- 23 the new guidelines at the December Planning
- 24 Commission meeting. It's an ambitious and
- 25 exciting endeavor.



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- 2 The next thing is the Comprehensive
- 3 Plan. We started work on Volume 1B, which will
- 4 be completed by the end of the year. The
- 5 chapters we are focusing on is emergency
- 6 response, which is apropos to us these days,
- 7 energy, natural resources, land use, housing
- 8 and transportation.
- 9 I also want to talk about the
- 10 Department of Energy grant. The county is
- 11 applying, specifically the Planning Department
- 12 is applying for a five point five million
- dollar Department of Energy grant, with the
- 14 following objectives: To develop a unified
- 15 solar code for both residential and commercial,
- 16 and then to have that adopted by all of the
- 17 municipalities within Suffolk County. Also, to
- 18 work with the unified permit portal process
- 19 that has already been launched in Suffolk
- 20 County and to recreate a unified permit for
- 21 solar permits as the first work effort for the
- 22 Suffolk initiative. That is where we are with
- 23 the DOE grant, and I want to thank the Town of
- 24 East Hampton for offering to provide a letter
- 25 of support for this application. Thank you.



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- 2 The other thing I want to mention is
- 3 open enrollment. September 1st began the
- 4 county's open enrollment period. The month of
- 5 September is the open enrollment period for our
- 6 purchase of development rights program in the
- 7 county. There is more information. There is
- 8 an application on line. If you know of anyone,
- 9 any landowner interested in selling their
- 10 development rights on farms, please let us know
- 11 and we will take that into consideration. This
- 12 is the first time ever that we are doing an
- 13 annual review period for the purchase of
- 14 development rights program. If you have any
- 15 questions, the Planning Department is more than
- 16 happy to answer and entertain any questions.
- I just want to correct myself and say
- 18 that National Food Day is October 24th, not
- 19 22nd. We are hoping, in addition to working,
- 20 the Planning Commission execute a number of
- 21 aquaculture leases that day. That is one of
- 22 the things that the Planning Department
- 23 manages, which is the aqualease program, which
- 24 is an important development tool, as well as
- 25 adding to the local food scene. Thank you so



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- 2 much.
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions?
- 4 Commissioner Roberts.
- 5 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I would like
- 6 to highlight and compliment something that our
- 7 new director is doing. One of Director
- 8 Lansdale's initiatives is to be far more
- 9 aggressive about getting grants for the county
- 10 that are uninitiated by the Planning
- 11 Department. I compliment her. I know how many
- 12 hours it took to put in the first two. Please
- 13 tell the commissioners if there is anything
- 14 that we can do to help you. Bravo.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Good point. Thank
- 16 you, Commissioner Roberts, for that. Any other
- 17 thoughts or comments? If not, we will move
- 18 onto the guest portion. We are privileged to
- 19 be here in East Hampton. I want to invite
- 20 to the podium Supervisor Wilkinson and thank
- 21 him for hosting us here today.
- 22 SUPERVISOR WILKINSON: Thank you for
- 23 coming out and gracing us with your presence.
- 24 This is a new town hall for us. It's a pun on
- 25 the word "new" because these are historic



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- 2 buildings that made a transition from history
- 3 to a municipal center. Although I had some
- 4 pains during the campaign about the cost of the
- 5 buildings, now that I am one of the primary
- 6 occupants, I think they're great. I sold out
- 7 really quick.
- I just want to recognize, you all
- 9 know Dominick Stanzione, he's a councilperson,
- 10 and Joel Halsey is going to be talking to you a
- 11 little bit, and Margaret Wilson is in charge of
- 12 our planning process. I would like to
- 13 recognize David for his continued support of us
- 14 with great appreciation and passion that he
- 15 presents a whole bunch of initiatives that we
- 16 are lucky enough to jump on.
- 17 Also Diana Weir, who is not only a
- 18 great addition to your commission, but she has
- 19 been a great leader in the Town of East
- 20 Hampton. Good to see you in an official
- 21 capacity. I see her on Saturday mornings once
- 22 a month as she runs the Wainscott citizens
- 23 advisory committee. It's one of one of five
- 24 citizens advisory committees.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WEIR: But the best one,



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- 2 I'll say it.
- 3 SUPERVISOR WILKINSON: I give them a
- 4 lot of credit for being the eyes and ears of
- 5 probably one of the richest of the hamlets in
- 6 the Town of East Hampton. It's interesting
- 7 that you mentioned in your preface some of your
- 8 priorities; to me it's the priorities of good
- 9 government. I was speaking to Dave. As we go
- 10 along, we had in East Hampton a great success
- 11 with comprehensive plans. The comprehensive
- 12 plans have been, to a large degree, about land
- 13 management.
- We are fortunate enough, depending on
- 15 where you are in this wonderful town of ours,
- 16 anywhere from fifty to seventy percent
- 17 preserved. That brings some issues with it.
- 18 As land becomes scarce for anything but
- 19 preservation, the prices go up. You see the
- 20 average price for a home up here of about nine
- 21 hundred thousand dollars, with a median income
- 22 of increasingly something south of that, so
- 23 affordability becomes a very big issue. To
- 24 retain a middle class becomes a big issue. To
- 25 attract jobs for full-time employment year



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- 2 round becomes a very big issue. You take the
- 3 demographic from where the town moved from what
- 4 was sixty percent full-time residents to forty
- 5 percent full-time residents. That means you
- 6 are dealing with a population that is basically
- 7 looking at this as a place to relax, for their
- 8 own individual entertainment and wants it
- 9 exactly the way they bought it, however long
- 10 ago they bought it.
- 11 What comes to our attention now, it's
- 12 probably appropriate that you have your
- 13 conference here at this time, is
- 14 infrastructure. I think we have to really look
- 15 at our plan with regard to what are we going to
- 16 do in the future with infrastructure. Whether
- 17 it's highways, and we have thirty miles of
- 18 roads that still have to come into the highway
- 19 system that are still in urban renewal or
- 20 private status. Whether it's energy, and Joel
- 21 and Margaret I think were lucky enough to
- 22 spearhead for us the first energy wind platform
- 23 that we have here. The first one was passed
- 24 and the second one is planned for Iaconna farm.
- We have to talk about the power grid.



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- 2 As you know, it's extremely fragile out here.
- 3 This was complicated by the fact that this was
- 4 an eighty-five miles per hour storm rather than
- 5 a hundred thirty-five mile per hour storm.
- 6 I'll tell you why. My perspective is that the
- 7 wind stayed up in the wires. As a result, when
- 8 they went to repair the wires, they had to talk
- 9 about something else other than the wires. The
- 10 first was the wires hanging, the second was to
- 11 trim the trees around the wire, and the third
- 12 was to reinstall the wires, so you saw how long
- 13 it took.
- 14 We have to talk about our waterways.
- 15 We have done a wonderful job of preserving.
- 16 Now we have to start about focusing on the
- 17 quality of what we have and how do we retain
- 18 that quality and make sure that it stays the
- 19 best town that we can possibly make. I get
- 20 very selfish. I worry about my seventy four
- 21 square miles.
- Then we have to talk about things
- 23 like sewage treatment. Do we have the proper
- 24 facilities? Are we encouraging, whereever
- 25 possible, and I need county cooperation on this



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- 2 as well, those types of facilities, state of
- 3 the art facilities, complications arising from
- 4 it because we don't have the competency
- 5 in-house to make those decisions, so we lean on
- 6 others to do that.
- 7 That is why this group is terribly
- 8 important and practical to be able to lean on
- 9 you and to have your expertise. We will never
- 10 get to that state.
- I came out of private industry. For
- 12 a good thirty-five years and I was fortunate
- 13 enough to be in a top fifty corporation wide
- 14 world in a leadership role. I know that best
- 15 practices work, and that is what we really have
- 16 to believe in. We have to believe in metrics
- 17 and best practices. I can only ascertain what
- 18 those best practices are in coming to a group
- 19 like you.
- I appreciate you being here. I
- 21 appreciate you sharing our new old home
- 22 together. If you have any questions, I'll be
- 23 glad to take them. This is a government that
- 24 was in crisis twenty-four months ago when I
- 25 campaigned. We had a twenty-seven million



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- 2 dollar deficit when I came in. The 2010 budget
- 3 we underspent by eight million dollars, the
- 4 2011 budget, ten million dollars, and we
- 5 delivered seventeen percent property tax
- 6 reduction for all the residents of the Town of
- 7 East Hampton.
- 8 We shrunk fifty jobs, and not one
- 9 person of those fifty did it in other than a
- 10 voluntary basis. Eighteen went through
- 11 attrition, and twenty-three through voluntary
- 12 separation programs. Twenty-six departments
- 13 shrunk into sixteen. Started expanding
- 14 people's roles. I can't tell you anybody that
- 15 doesn't like taking on new responsibilities.
- 16 Regardless of the environment, we had a lot of
- 17 cooperation from the collective bargaining
- 18 units. There is opportunity to bring in best
- 19 practices. There is opportunity if you have a
- 20 good team to work with you.
- Not that it is a friendly environment
- 22 up here. Trust me, when we are on up here on
- 23 this desk when we open up meetings on at night
- 24 and weekends you appreciate the dais being up
- 25 here so high. If you have any questions, I'll



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- 2 be glad to answer them.
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your
- 4 leadership out here. I appreciate you working
- 5 with us. You have had an open door since you
- 6 have been in office. Thank you. Anyone have
- 7 any questions for Supervisor Wilkinson at this
- 8 time?
- 9 COMMISSIONER WEIR: Thank you for
- 10 your leadership. (Applause)
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Next we have The
- 12 Village of North Haven. We have Village
- 13 Attorney Tony Tohill. If you could come up,
- 14 and after that we will have the presentation
- 15 after that.
- MR. TOHILL: Hello. Thank you for
- 17 the opportunity to speak. My name is Anthony
- 18 Tohill. I've been village attorney in North
- 19 Haven since 1982. I'm here today to address
- 20 the moratorium local law that is being
- 21 considered by you today.
- 22 The law of the State of New York is
- 23 hard to explain with respect to the regulation
- 24 of docks. There is a thin, obscure volume of
- 25 the McKinsey's statutes known as the Navigation



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- 2 Law. Within the Navigation Law, for reasons
- 3 that history has left unstated, towns have the
- 4 authority to regulate docks. Villages,
- 5 state-wide, do not. The only way that the
- 6 village, until the law was amended, could
- 7 regulate docks would be through the local
- 8 waterfront revitalization program, but in order
- 9 to have a local waterfront revitalization
- 10 program such as, for example, the nearby
- 11 villages of Greenport and Sag Harbor, you need
- 12 a commercial district. In the Village of North
- 13 Haven we have no commerce at all.
- So there was a time 1992 when the
- 15 state enacted a subsection of the Executive
- 16 Law, another fairly obscure volume of
- 17 McKinsey's. If a village that did not have
- 18 commercial zoning were to create something
- 19 called a harbor management plan, which would be
- 20 supervised by the Department of State, then
- 21 they could regulate docks. That lasted about
- 22 six months and an attorney for the Department
- 23 of State, he wrote an opinion saying that the
- 24 harbor management plans do not authorize
- 25 villages to regulate docks.



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- I should tell you in 1989, I've been
- 3 the village attorney there since 1982, I've
- 4 tried to have the Navigation Law amended so as
- 5 to include the Village of North Haven and allow
- 6 the village to regulate docks. There is a
- 7 reason. In the village of North Haven and we
- 8 don't like to make this a matter of great
- 9 public consumption, we generally have docks
- 10 built between Friday night at 5 p.m. and Monday
- 11 morning. The building inspector is a
- 12 notoriously good fisherman, and I have a hunch
- 13 he sees them being built when he's out on his
- 14 boat, but he has not done anything about them.
- 15 So the bottom line is on a regular
- 16 basis I get calls on Monday morning nine a.m.
- 17 from the mayor or village clerk asking why I
- 18 did not cause the dock not to be built. It's
- 19 been going on for years. The village board had
- 20 a public hearing on August 18th. There were
- 21 nine people in attendance, or nine property
- 22 owners represented either directly or by
- 23 counsel. Every one of them had an application
- 24 pending. There was an application -- that the
- 25 village hall closes at four p.m. There was an



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- 2 application filed by an attorney at three-fifty
- 3 nine p.m. all on the premise that if you file
- 4 the application, you were somehow grandfathered
- 5 on the moratorium on the local law. Unless
- 6 there was a moratorium, we would have docks
- 7 being built every day right now. There is a
- 8 reason. For all the years they have been
- 9 there, I have litigated and defended the
- 10 village without any authority under New York
- 11 law, I have on occasion prevailed and prevented
- 12 the docks from being built. I have billed by
- the hour since 1982, so it's been a fairly
- 14 fruitful voyage for me.
- We have tried to regulate the docks.
- 16 On August 3rd, the governor signed this new
- 17 statute specifically giving the Village of
- 18 North Haven, the only village on the Island and
- 19 the only village south of Croton-on-Hudson and
- 20 Mamaronck, and the rest are in Western New
- 21 York. There are possibly ten villages in New
- 22 York State who got amendments to the New York
- 23 State Navigation Law. We are the only one on
- 24 Long Island.
- Now people actually know we had no



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- 2 authority prior to this at all. It was all
- 3 done with smoke and mirrors. If we don't have
- 4 a moratorium, we will have docks being built
- 5 night and day. There is a reason. The west
- 6 side of North Haven is a completely different
- 7 shoreline than the east side. The wind causes
- 8 real problems for docks on the west side.
- 9 People feel the need to build the docks bigger
- 10 and deeper. The east side is benign.
- 11 Somehow we have to have a coastal
- 12 expert come in. We are planning our very first
- 13 meeting tomorrow at one p.m. in village hall.
- 14 We will confirm with the DEC. We have never
- 15 been able to get the cooperation of the DEC.
- 16 We tried with DOS. We have had experience with
- 17 them. It's a good experience, except they have
- 18 no control over the DEC either. The bottom
- 19 line is unless the local government were to
- 20 regulate the docks -- they can't regulate the
- 21 docks. The DEC always approved the docks.
- 22 This is a historic moment.
- 23 Most important resource in the
- 24 Village of South Haven is the shoreline and
- 25 beaches. Each beach dock that is built



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- 2 prevents people from walking along the
- 3 shoreline. So the village wants to allow the
- 4 docks, but to regulate the docks. We need a
- 5 moratorium to stabilize the situation. This is
- 6 the first time in the history of the State of
- 7 New York that a Long Island village has had
- 8 this authority. It's the single most important
- 9 regulatory moment in the village's history.
- 10 Any questions?
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I
- 12 appreciate your time. Next on the agenda we
- 13 have the update on the draft on the East End
- 14 Wind Code. Joel Halsey is here from the Town
- 15 of East Hampton and Dominick Stanzione,
- 16 councilman, has been helping spearheading this.
- 17 MR. STANZIONE: Dom
- 18 S-T-A-N-Z-I-O-N-E. First of all, as Bill said,
- 19 welcome to our humble home. As you can see, we
- 20 are a small but complex people. And while much
- 21 of our land is preserved, the rest of it is
- 22 evenly split between the wealthy and the lower
- 23 middle class. So we have a very unique set of
- 24 problems in East Hampton, that doesn't
- 25 naturally mirror the development on the western



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- 2 side of the county, but it is, in fact, similar
- 3 to other tourist towns, Martha's Vineyard or
- 4 any other kind of destination tourist town.
- 5 As a result of that sort of special
- 6 identity, it's been difficult for us to become
- 7 part of a cohesive regional planning process
- 8 because of our terminal uniqueness. We pray
- 9 that you all will recognize this and apply
- 10 some special attention to our situation here,
- 11 which we are happy to have, by the way. It's
- 12 not that we are complaining. It's just that
- 13 there is, with so much money, there is so much
- 14 time to complain.
- But I do want to speak to you about
- 16 our vision on energy. One of the goals that we
- 17 have is to be a leader in municipal energy
- 18 planning. Having so much land preserved gives
- 19 us the unique opportunity to be experimental
- 20 and provide leadership in the area of energy
- 21 sustainability. So what we are working on is
- 22 an energy vision for our community, for our
- 23 Town of East Hampton. It's a work in progress
- 24 right now. We have not yet published a
- 25 document. Briefly I can tell you that vision



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- 2 includes reducing our fossil fuel utilization,
- 3 both on the electrical grid and oil and gas and
- 4 transportation. We know that while the goal of
- 5 establishing reduction of twenty-five to fifty
- 6 percent of electrical usage from LIPA directly
- 7 is ambitious, we are negotiating amongst our
- 8 own group to decide what exactly that number
- 9 will be. It will be substantial. It will
- 10 provide the town with choices, planning choices
- 11 on how to achieve those goals. One of those
- 12 elements is going to be wind power. You have
- 13 already discussed your solar vision. It fits
- 14 directly into what we are trying to do. Energy
- 15 efficiency, what is the word I'm looking for
- 16 when you recycle the homes, when you retrofit
- 17 the homes, we are working on developing code
- 18 changes to stimulate activity in that area. We
- 19 want to be leaders in this endeavor. Uniform
- 20 wind energy code is an idea really that really
- 21 speaks to the specific use of the regional
- 22 planning organization like yourselves. I come
- 23 from the Koppelman, Klein, Arthur Kunz's era,
- 24 if you will, in regional planning. As a
- 25 student of Lee Koppelman, I have great respect



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- 2 for the effort that you have undertaken for
- 3 achieving a regional vision over a highly
- 4 fragmented municipal hodgepodge. I know Lee
- 5 spent his life trying to achieve that. To some
- 6 degree, he's a great success. Even the
- 7 creation of the county itself was a vision that
- 8 not many people had back in 1960. As part of
- 9 our energy vision, we are very supportive. I
- 10 have to say that Margaret and Joel, as part of
- 11 our planning department, have been really the
- 12 workhorses of this effort. David, your
- 13 chairman, approached me many months ago. We
- 14 were in a lobby, sought me out and we began a
- 15 conversation about the subject. We have a
- 16 great desire to see it become a success, a
- 17 model for all kinds of intermunicipal
- 18 uniformity of planning codes. Wind, solar, I
- 19 can't think of all of them off the top of my
- 20 head. Retrofitting homes. There is no reason
- 21 why each of our towns should have maximum
- 22 individualized codes on energy retrofitting.
- 23 Anyway, enough from me. I want to introduce
- 24 Joel, who is going to tell you more about where
- 25 we are.



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- THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you Councilman
- 3 Stanzione. And it was Sewer Summit II. To
- 4 give some context and Joel provide us a brief
- 5 update of where we are, he handed out a draft,
- 6 we had four meetings on the east end. Each
- 7 township has hosted them. The supervisor of
- 8 shelter Island has been a big supporter. One
- 9 of the meetings was right here. We passed out
- 10 what made sense for an east end wind code.
- 11 Thanks to Joel's work as well as Katie Garvin
- 12 from Southampton, who couldn't be here with us,
- 13 we were getting to the finish line. We need
- 14 the support of the councilman as well as his
- 15 colleagues to sort of get us to the finish
- 16 line. Joel can provide a brief update at a high
- 17 level of what we are looking at.
- 18 MR. HALSEY: Good afternoon. I want
- 19 to start you off with a brief history of the
- 20 East Hampton Town Code as it pertains to wind
- 21 energy. Back in 1996, the town started
- 22 developing an energy code. At that point, the
- 23 Town Board at that time deemed a wind energy
- 24 code an issue because they thought it might
- 25 encourage the development of wind turbines in



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- 2 the towns, and they basically stopped
- 3 development of the wind energy code. About
- 4 2009, Steven Mahoney, who owns a large twenty
- 5 acre property in East Hampton, approached the
- 6 town board and said I want to build a wind
- 7 turbine on my property, it's a perfect
- 8 location. It's going to be a hundred twenty
- 9 foot tall. How do I do that. I explained to
- 10 Mr. Mahoney that our town code has a simplistic
- 11 explanation. If you get approval, you can put
- 12 up a wind turbine. The previous
- 13 administration, by not allowing, which would
- 14 have been a stricter code, not going forward
- 15 with the town code, basically made it easier
- 16 for the next administration to allow wind
- 17 turbines in the town. There were about four
- 18 hearings about the Mahoney wind turbine. It
- 19 was contentious, there was a lot of opposition
- 20 you heard everything from the noise to how it's
- 21 going to effect animals and kids and all sorts
- 22 of issues with wind turbines. That went on for
- 23 about four hearings. The town board listened
- 24 and it was approved and it's standing right
- 25 now. If you haven't seen it yet, it's probably



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- 2 spinning right now.
- 3 SECRETARY ESPOSITO: How are the
- 4 animals? MR. HALSEY: The animals
- 5 are fine and the birds and the kids. They
- 6 don't kill birds.
- 7 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Your window
- 8 kills more birds.
- 9 MR. HALSEY: As I was saying, the
- 10 Mahoney wind turbine, once it was up, I haven't
- 11 heard one issue on it so far. The biggest
- 12 member who was in opposition came to my
- department and said "it's up. It's not so
- 14 bad." Meanwhile, it took about you four hours
- of my time just to get the town board to
- 16 approve it.
- 17 COMMISSIONER FINN: Welcome to Long
- 18 Island. MR. HALSEY: Now 2009, we had
- 19 another application for a wind turbine on the
- 20 Iaconna farm, six point five acres, smaller
- 21 farm. Only about twenty-five hundred feet east
- 22 of the Mahoney wind turbine. That public
- 23 hearing was mid-August. Not one person showed
- 24 up in opposition. The wind turbine was
- 25 approved September 1st and hopefully should be



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- 2 constructed within the next few months or so.
- 3 As pertains to the uniform wind code,
- 4 it's inherently difficult because every town
- 5 has different issues and different definitions
- 6 within the code. As Chairman Calone approached
- 7 Councilperson Stanzione, he approached me to
- 8 attend the uniform wind code meetings. Sitting
- 9 there at the meetings, we had a list of all the
- 10 towns that had an adopted code, and we had AWEA
- 11 models and AWS model as well as in front of us,
- 12 I don't know if the commission has seen the
- 13 list that we have seen, basically just columns
- 14 and rows of what is approved and the heights
- 15 and what is allowed in Islip and other towns.
- 16 East Hampton, it's strict but it all depends on
- 17 the town board. So, what we did is worked on
- 18 what the commonalities were within each code,
- 19 existing codes in other municipalities and
- 20 structured the uniform wind code to kind of say
- 21 what does everybody need for a wind turbine
- 22 that may be a definition and setbacks for where
- 23 a wind turbine will go, whether it's going to
- 24 create too much sound. Each town has their own
- 25 sound ordinances. Our ordinance may be



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- 2 stricter than Islip or other towns in Suffolk
- 3 County. As you read through the wind code, you
- 4 may see things that may not pertain to your
- 5 town. We can always take them out. The beauty
- 6 of the code itself is the commonality in the
- 7 beginning. Most of the first four pages
- 8 basically address standards and what would be
- 9 needed for a building permit application, and
- 10 how you basically go about applying for your
- 11 wind turbine. Page 5 is where you go through a
- 12 tiering process. Once you go to a tiering
- 13 process, the towns can pick and choose which
- 14 tiers they like. That is where we are at with
- 15 the uniform wind code. It's almost in the
- 16 final stages of development. I'm sure Chairman
- 17 Calone is going to have a meeting relatively
- 18 soon, I know you mentioned something towards
- 19 the end of September, where we can present
- 20 to the rest of the towns what we have.
- 21 With the tiers, basically, you might only want
- 22 one tier. We have four right now. There are
- 23 more examples rather than what the town should
- 24 be looking at. Look at the tiers and decide
- 25 how you would like your tiers to be set up.



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- 2 The idea of the uniform wind code is to help
- 3 the consumer, the contractor, the town issue
- 4 permits and develop wind energy projects within
- 5 the town. When you have a uniform code, the
- 6 first four pages are relatively the same. The
- 7 contractors all kind of know what they need to
- 8 submit to the towns. It's the tiers that they
- 9 have to familiarize themselves with before we
- 10 can say East Hampton allows a hundred twenty
- 11 foot turbine on a twenty acre piece of
- 12 property, but Riverhead only allows a hundred
- 13 twenty foot turbine on a forty acre piece of
- 14 property. To wrap it up, basically it's just
- 15 to make everything easier for the town,
- 16 consumer and contractor. If anybody has any
- 17 questions, I would be happy to answer them.
- 18 COMMISSIONER McADAM: Thank you for
- 19 your presentation. I have one or two
- 20 questions. One is, you make a reference to the
- 21 tower, that it needs a light. It's an FAA
- 22 requirement. Do you know offhand.
- MR. HALSEY: Two hundred feet, the
- 24 FAA requires a light at the top of the tower.
- 25 COMMISSIONER McADAM: The other



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- 2 question is, the county and towns, specific
- 3 towns purchase development rights on farm
- 4 property. Does the town or county need to
- 5 approve?
- 6 MR. HALSEY: I heard rumor -- I
- 7 don't want to speak for the county. I heard
- 8 rumor that the county was working on something.
- 9 DIRECTOR LANSDALE: There is a new
- 10 Chapter 8, which guides the county purchase and
- 11 development program for the county, and Andy --
- MR. FRELENG: Any structure that is
- 13 proposed on PDR property would require farmland
- 14 committee approval. I believe they're looking
- 15 at standards for reviewing structures such as
- 16 wind turbines.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: It would be good if we
- 18 interacted on them with this.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Joel, has your
- 20 committee considered this Cornell professor's
- 21 panel, wind power? This is a clipping from the
- 22 New York Times magazine. This professor from
- 23 Cornell developed panels so you don't have to
- 24 use turbines. I wondered if you heard of
- 25 those.



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- MR. HALSEY: I have not heard or
- 3 looked into them. I know that the wind turbine
- 4 industry has a lot of technology out there. A
- 5 lot is in the development phase.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: You may keep
- 7 that, Joel.
- 8 MR. HALSEY: Thank you. If anybody
- 9 has anything relating to wind turbines, I'd
- 10 love to see it. Right now the only technology
- 11 that is in Brookhaven is the wind turbine.
- 12 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: And cost
- 13 effective. THE CHAIRMAN: Technology
- 14 is going to move forward. That is why putting
- 15 in a code that is flexible but also has the
- 16 same definitions and those kinds of things,
- 17 that is what this group is going to do. I know
- 18 Commissioner Holmes was at some of the meetings
- 19 and Diana Weir was at some of the meetings.
- 20 With the wind, there are a lot of definitions
- 21 out there to get best practices for the
- 22 definition side.
- MR. HALSEY: Katie Garvin is not
- 24 here today.
- THE CHAIRMAN: The tiers, so everyone



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- 2 is here there are four tiers that range from
- 3 utility scale wind to a wind thing you put on
- 4 the roof. From the smallest to the largest
- 5 possible. Some municipalities don't want the
- 6 small wind attached to the roof. Some don't
- 7 want the utility. You can allow the
- 8 municipalities to choose which ones they will
- 9 allow. They can tailor it for their own needs
- 10 but keep the definitions, and best practices in
- 11 terms of the standards. That was a great
- 12 innovation that you guys had. I think it
- 13 worked well.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WEIR: Based on this,
- 15 the different tiers, is that kind of jumping
- off the way we did the tower legislation?
- MS. WOLFFSON: A little bit.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WEIR: So people know
- 19 they can get a quicker process if they go with
- 20 a certain tier.
- 21 MS. WOLFFSON: It allows the
- 22 different towns to tailor it to their own
- 23 needs.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WEIR: Like a cell
- 25 tower, it has different levels also.



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- THE CHAIRMAN: We have some similar
- 3 issues there.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Joel, can you
- 5 explain why a tower has to get higher?
- 6 MR. HALSEY: That is where the wind
- 7 resource is.
- 8 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: It's a concern
- 9 to some of us in the Hamptons.
- 10 MR. HALSEY: I happen to enjoy them.
- 11 I'm not everybody. I can't say they are
- 12 beautiful, but to me they are.
- 13 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: He can't say
- 14 that, but he will.
- 15 MR. HALSEY: But I will. It's a
- 16 subjective term. Aesthetics are going to be an
- 17 issue.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: What is the
- 19 difference of a tower at forty feet versus a
- 20 hundred twenty? What is the benefit to the
- 21 community?
- MR. HALSEY: LIPA has a good wind,
- 23 small wind energy map, which you can go on line
- 24 and you can type in the height of the turbine
- 25 and it will tell you the actual difference. It



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- 2 will depend on where the turbine is going. The
- 3 amount of energy that it can create at forty
- 4 feet compared to what you can create at a
- 5 hundred twenty feet is exponential.
- 6 COMMISSIONER FINN: Most of the
- 7 turbines or wind generation that you see, is it
- 8 coming from the private landowner or does the
- 9 town have a -- because we just heard the
- 10 councilman talking about getting off the grid
- 11 by fifty percent. It's a lofty goal. From my
- 12 personal experience, I've had the good fortune
- 13 of playing golf on the north shore of Ireland.
- 14 You go down the country road and come to a high
- 15 rise and you see these wind farms spread out on
- 16 the landscape. I agree with you, it's
- 17 beautiful. On the ocean they have what we have
- 18 here on Long Island, they have wind. You have
- 19 all this preserved space coupled with the
- 20 methodology of having wind generation. Is
- 21 there a plan of some sort?
- MR. HALSEY: The plan is not
- 23 developed yet, but it's on the table. We have
- 24 a unique opportunity with all the open space.
- 25 All the open space around here, some has



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- 2 restrictions -- some was bought with CPS
- 3 money -- and some doesn't. We have to pick and
- 4 choose areas where you may want to develop a
- 5 wind overlay area. If you need a hundred fifty
- 6 foot turbine, utility scale is a little
- 7 different because now you are creating the
- 8 noise and aesthetics issue. If you can keep
- 9 ita far enough away from residences -- I've
- 10 heard anywhere from two and a half feet to two
- 11 and a half miles. There are a lot of studies
- 12 and it depends on what you want to believe. If
- 13 you get up to a hundred fifty foot tall wind
- 14 turbine a hundred fifty feet off the road
- 15 surrounded by trees no one is going to see it.
- 16 Block Island most of it is on diesel generation
- 17 they're developing a plan right now it's in the
- 18 study phases to develop off shore I think five
- 19 two and a half megawatt wind turbines.
- 20 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: It's more
- 21 than that.
- MR. HALSEY: They are huge. It will
- 23 basically create power on Block Island. They
- 24 will still rely on diesel. In order to rely
- 25 solely on renewable energy technology you need



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- 2 solid renewable energy, wind, solar --
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN: You need batteries for
- 4 storing.
- 5 MR. HALSEY: Technology, it's there
- 6 but it's not quite there.
- 7 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: It's pretty
- 8 there.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: It's getting there.
- 10 It's expensive right now. As the price goes
- 11 down, there are more opportunities.
- 12 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Previously
- 13 you spoke about doing energy reduction for the
- 14 town. Did you do an energy inventory and do
- 15 you have a baseline that you measure by?
- MR. HALSEY: Right now, what we need
- 17 is an assessment of all the homes. Our plan is
- 18 broken out into a phase plan. We are going to
- 19 work on the lowest first, which is considered
- 20 non-renewable electrical energy. At that
- 21 point, most of you will get electrical energy
- 22 consumption with structure. We need
- 23 commercial, municipal and residential
- 24 structures within the town and need a baseline
- 25 of what our energy usage is. It's tough to get



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- 2 a baseline because the information is not
- 3 readily available.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: That is what
- 5 why I'm asking. Many municipalities say
- 6 we will reduce our energy consumption by
- 7 twenty-five percent and our response is
- 8 twenty-five percent of what number, and they
- 9 say, I don't know.
- 10 MR. HALSEY: I use the percentage
- 11 that is out there. I knew how much energy LIPA
- 12 used in 2005. I used the LIPA energy
- 13 production from 2009. I think ten is the final
- 14 number I can get. Actually not LIPA's energy
- 15 production within Long Island. I determined if
- 16 East Hampton used X amount in 2005 and LIPA
- 17 transmitted this amount for 2005.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: It's not
- 19 accurate. THE CHAIRMAN: LIPA
- 20 can't give you that information.
- 21 MR. HALSEY: I asked. They told me
- 22 that the information is broken out by user
- 23 account. It's tough information to get out. I
- 24 know that all that information is in -- I
- 25 forget. COMMISSIONER



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- 2 ESPOSITO: NYSERTA.
- 3 MR. HALSEY: Not NYSERTA. There is
- 4 a school, I want to say NYU, but I don't think
- 5 so.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WEIR: The Electrical
- 7 Institute, do they do any surveys like that?
- 8 MR. HALSEY: I'm not even going to
- 9 try it. I have that information; I can give it
- 10 to you. THE CHAIRMAN: Any
- 11 other questions for Joel? If not, thank you
- 12 for what you are doing.
- MR. HALSEY: I want to reach out, if
- 14 you need help in grant writing, feel free to
- 15 contact me.
- 16 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Joel, I want
- 17 to recommend to you when we refer to wind
- 18 turbines we refer it them as kinetic art.
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: We have two items on
- 20 the agenda today, moratorium on the dock
- 21 building. I believe I will recognize
- 22 Commissioner Roberts first.
- COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I have to
- 24 recuse myself since I do live on the western
- 25 side of North Haven.



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- 2 MR. FRELENG: As you mentioned, the
- 3 first regulatory referral before the Suffolk
- 4 County Planning Commission is from the
- 5 Incorporated Village of North Haven. This is a
- 6 proposal for a six month moratorium on the
- 7 approval of any dock or structure accessory to
- 8 a dock and/or the issuance of building permits
- 9 for said land along the shoreline of the
- 10 village of North Haven.
- In terms of location, this moratorium
- is applicable to multiple properties along the
- 13 shoreline of Sag Harbor Cove, Noyack Bay,
- 14 Shelter Island and Sag Harbor. We have up on
- 15 the screen the Incorporated Village of North
- 16 Haven. You can see the length of shoreline
- 17 that they are considering.
- 18 The referral materials from the
- 19 Suffolk County Planning Commission shows a
- 20 brief reference to the need for a moratorium.
- 21 The local law reads the local law shall remain
- 22 in effect pending completion of ongoing efforts
- 23 by the Board of Trustees to enact legislation
- 24 pursuant to, I think its enabled authority
- 25 under New York Navigation Law, which is



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- 2 attached to the staff report.
- 3 Navigation Law lists several
- 4 activities and the moratorium intends to
- 5 address each of those activities. It being the
- 6 board's intention that the status quo be
- 7 maintained in the interest of avoiding the loss
- 8 of valuable and limited local resources, and
- 9 in the interest of enabling the future
- 10 regulatory management of those resources by
- 11 means of new legislative enactments.
- 12 What was not referred to us was that
- 13 the governor just signed into law on August
- 14 3rd, just after the -- just prior to the
- 15 referral that the state transferred its
- 16 authority to regulate docks from the state to
- 17 the village. So that came subsequent to the
- 18 staff report, and I believe you heard testimony
- 19 to that effect from the village's
- 20 representative today.
- The information in the staff report
- 22 basically refers back to the commission
- 23 bulletin on moratoriums. It shows what a court
- 24 tested bulletproof moratorium should be. It's
- 25 the belief of staff that Section 1 of -- the



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- 2 purposes of the proposed local law is too
- 3 vague. Staff provided a copy of the local law
- 4 to the commissioners and we believe that the
- 5 staff recommendation, that the moratorium
- 6 should be approved, taking into consideration
- 7 the tranfer of authority from the state to the
- 8 village, and giving the village the opportunity
- 9 to create regulations to regulate shoreline
- 10 structures, nor do we believe that the local
- 11 law should be modified to include more explicit
- 12 findings necessitating the proposed moratorium.
- 13 That is the staff report, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Andy. What
- do you mean by -- we heard here today that the
- 16 law just passed. Obviously, they only just got
- 17 this authority. What happened here in terms of
- 18 findings right now?
- 19 MR. FRELENG: In terms of the tax
- 20 moratorium, the moratorium is two pages it
- 21 talks about keeping the status quo and creating
- 22 regulations pursuant to Subsection 46A of the
- 23 Navigation Law. What is missing, they didn't
- 24 have the authority in the past, they had no
- 25 regulations. The state just transferred the



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- 2 authority to them, and they have pending dock
- 3 applications. Consistent with what we said in
- 4 other moratorium reviews, moratorium suspends
- 5 land use and the rights of private property
- 6 owners to develop. We are suggesting that they
- 7 put in more findings in case there is a
- 8 challenge on the moratorium that indicates what
- 9 the emergency and necessity of the moratorium
- 10 is.
- If you look at the local law, purpose
- is about a paragraph, maybe two paragraphs
- 13 long. It really doesn't show what the
- 14 necessity of the moratorium is.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Should be maintained
- in the interest of avoiding the loss of
- 17 valuable and limited local resources and in the
- 18 interest of enabling the future regulatory
- 19 management of these resources by means of new
- 20 legislative pursuant to -- I guess they're
- 21 citing the law. It doesn't say it's a new law,
- 22 but they are citing the new law.
- MR. FRELENG: Oftentimes moratoriums
- 24 are used to delay controversial development
- 25 applications, and if you put in your findings



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- 2 the necessity of moratorium other than just to
- 3 include regulations, it would strengthen the
- 4 moratorium in case there is a challenge. We
- 5 are looking out for the interest of the village
- 6 in this instance. We want to make sure that
- 7 the moratorium is bulletproof in case of a
- 8 challenge.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WEIR: I have a
- 10 question. I don't know how much -- it says,
- 11 "valuable and local limited resources." Should
- 12 they expand on that? I'm trying to figure out
- 13 what kind of language it should be because that
- 14 is kind of serious right there.
- MR. FRELENG: It's generic language.
- 16 That is the opinion of staff. The commission
- 17 has a published bulletin on what the commission
- in the past felt what a bulletproof moratorium
- 19 challenge is legally. Staff referred to the
- 20 publication which is attached to the staff
- 21 report. You can see the various things that
- 22 the courts look at to uphold a municipal
- 23 moratorium.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WEIR: Is that the
- 25 section back here, the one page?



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- 2 MR. FRELENG: It's two pages. It's
- 3 on the commission Website.
- 4 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Is there any
- 5 hardship provision?
- 6 MR. FRELENG: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Are you also
- 8 suggesting that the New State Law gives them
- 9 the authority?
- 10 MR. FRELENG: Staff believes there
- 11 should be more specificity in their purpose.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Could you
- 13 mention including the language of New State
- 14 Law, because that to me is very important
- 15 because they have now gotten that authority and
- 16 you said that was referred to. I think that
- 17 they would be well served to make it specific,
- 18 specific reference, quote, of the state law.
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other thoughts on
- 20 it? I think the big question is whether there
- 21 is a condition at all or it's a comment.
- 22 Taking what Andy is saying having more specific
- 23 findings, I think that is what Commissioner
- 24 Holmes is getting at here. It's not like there
- 25 are no findings, there are some findings. As



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- 2 Andy pointed out, maybe we can say that other
- 3 moratoriums that we have seen that have more
- 4 detail as to their rationale, and we urge the
- 5 village to include more explicit details.
- I would like hearing your thoughts as
- 7 to whether this should be a condition or
- 8 comment.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Well, the word
- 10 that the staff has used is "modification."
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Whether it's a
- 12 modification.
- 13 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: How are
- 14 docks regulated now, Andy?
- MR. FRELENG: As you heard today in
- 16 the village, the docks are regulated mostly by
- 17 the state. DEC or Department of State.
- 18 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: They're
- 19 planning on enacting legislation that is more
- 20 stringent?
- MR. FRELENG: No, the governor signed
- 22 over jurisdiction to the Village of North
- 23 Haven. They have no regulations at the moment.
- 24 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Signed it
- 25 over at their request. Now they need time to



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- 2 craft what their regulations would be.
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN: The only question is
- 4 whether there should be any kind of comment --
- 5 excuse me, modification or comment from the
- 6 commission about the more explicit findings.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CHARTRAND: Is there a
- 8 time line here that we are looking at before
- 9 the state kicking and the village taking
- 10 control?
- 11 COMMISSIONER WEIR: They already
- 12 have. THE CHAIRMAN: As of right
- 13 now. The governor signed it. Right now there
- 14 is no regulation. COMMISSIONER
- 15 CHARTRAND: We want to get regulations going
- 16 forward here.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Right. The only
- 18 question in my mind is whether there should be
- 19 a condition at all or approval with a comment.
- 20 Whether it's a condition or comment, the
- 21 condition has a legal role there. If they
- 22 can't meet that condition for whatever reason,
- 23 it can be an impediment.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WEIR: My question is,
- 25 and I guess staff has their guidelines that



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- 2 they're looking at, is the intention to prevent
- 3 the village from getting sued? What is our
- 4 intention? Do we have a regional perspective
- 5 on this or just warning the village that they
- 6 might be sued if they don't.
- 7 MR. FRELENG: The commission is on
- 8 record indicating that the moratorium, since
- 9 they suspend that kind of development, might
- 10 not necessarily be a good thing. The
- 11 commission has a bulletin that says if you do a
- 12 moratorium, it's going to be bulletproof and
- 13 it's going to be challenged, it should justify
- 14 the reason for the moratorium and indicate how
- 15 serious and urgent the circumstances are.
- 16 Staff would agree that this is a
- 17 serious and urgent circumstance. It's not in
- 18 their purpose. It's a simple thing.
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know if a dock
- 20 imposes on someone's economic development.
- 21 Moratoriums generally deal with things like
- 22 buildings, and lack of commercial development.
- 23 This is something not being able to build a
- 24 dock out of their own water. It's an
- 25 environment kind of thing. It's not that it's



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- 2 not important. It's the ultimate sort of land
- 3 use restriction.
- 4 Any thoughts on whether this should
- 5 be a condition or comment?
- 6 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: I think it
- 7 should be a comment. I think this is something
- 8 that needs to occur quickly and swiftly. I
- 9 would like the village to have as much time
- 10 available and latitude available to make these
- 11 decisions.
- I agree this is not an economic
- 13 development issue. This really is a use issue.
- 14 It's also an environmental issue. I think that
- 15 the village requested this in order to frankly
- 16 do the right thing and look at their water
- 17 resources in a more comprehensive way, and more
- 18 access to water in a comprehensive way, to
- 19 allow proper planning, and I think we should
- 20 allow them to do proper planning.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: I would urge
- 22 that the comment be added. I noticed, I was
- 23 very surprised to hear Mr. Tohill say that all
- 24 of the docks constructed in North Haven so far
- 25 do not allow people to walk along the beach.



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- 2 That is a colonial law; that is riparian
- 3 access. I know on Shelter Island, the
- 4 regulation is that the dock owner leave an open
- 5 space between a high water mark and low water
- 6 mark for people to be able to walk. And the
- 7 dock, you know, stops and then starts again,
- 8 with steps going up to the dock that goes into
- 9 the water.
- I would certainly urge that we add
- 11 that comment, that the village consider making
- 12 that part of their regulation to preserve
- 13 riparian rights, because I can't believe that
- 14 nobody has been challenged on taking away
- 15 riparian rights.
- MR. FRELENG: I note for the
- 17 commission that the village is required to
- 18 refer the ordinance when they draft it. So
- 19 language preserving riparian rights or public
- 20 access should be in that. I don't know if you
- 21 want to make that comment now or when you get
- 22 the referred local code amendment. That is up
- 23 to the commission.
- I want to point out that the dock is
- 25 fifteen hundred feet in into public water. It



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- 2 reflects the Navigation Act and not just
- 3 private property, so it is a regional concern.
- 4 THE CHAIRMAN: I think what
- 5 Commissioner Holmes is saying, if you are going
- 6 to draft a law, why not say it now. It's a
- 7 comment and why not point it out.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: That language
- 9 should be inserted so future docks preserve
- 10 riparian rights.
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: To summarize, the
- 12 commission urges that the village consider
- 13 regulations that preserve riparian rights and
- 14 beach access.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: By having the
- 16 docks leave some open space.
- 17 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: No. We
- 18 shouldn't be crafting the verbiage.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Such as open
- 20 space on the beach between the high water and
- 21 low water mark.
- 22 THE CHAIRMAN: I got that. What I
- 23 heard from that objection is that we consider
- 24 regulation that protects riparian rights and
- 25 beach access when drafting legislation.



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- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: I think we
- 3 should put "such as." I think we -- I don't
- 4 know why it wasn't suggested to any of the
- 5 people so far.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Schoolman next and
- 7 then Diana.
- 8 COMMISSIONER SCHOOLMAN: I have a
- 9 question there is a quote in here that says,
- 10 "not consistent with the present best interest
- 11 of the village." Can you give me information
- 12 as to how it's not consistent with the best
- interest of the village?
- MR. FRELENG: To answer your question
- 15 directly, no. We didn't get any information.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SCHOOLMAN: I find
- 17 that troubling. I don't think Brookhaven --
- 18 the state controls docks. You need permission
- 19 from the DEC in terms of issues that are
- 20 environmental. Why would there be such a
- 21 problem in North Haven but not necessarily in
- 22 Brookhaven?
- 23 MR. FRELENG: I can't answer that
- 24 other than it's a local perception. We did not
- 25 get any information as to answer that.



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- 2 COMMISSIONER SCHOOLMAN: Do you find
- 3 that kind of specificity should really have
- 4 been presented.
- 5 MR. FRELENG: Certainly that would
- 6 have been helpful in the purpose and intent of
- 7 their moratorium in discussion with what the
- 8 urgency is. COMMISSIONER
- 9 SCHOOLMAN: I'm agreeing with your criticism
- 10 that it's not specific.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WEIR: I want to explain
- 12 to Bill. If a township, according to New York
- 13 State or the DEC regulation, establishes a
- 14 local water revitalization plan, then I think
- 15 those rights to regulate are given to the town.
- 16 They get a permit so they're able to do that.
- I don't think villages are able to do
- 18 that, villages that have the water around them,
- 19 such as North Haven. Townships had the right
- 20 under the local water revitalization plan,
- 21 villages did not have that. COMMISSIONER
- 22 SCHOOLMAN: I was aware of that. In
- 23 Brookhaven, in Port Jeff Harbor, they had major
- 24 controversy on who was going to control the
- 25 mooring rights and it just became a revenue



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- 2 stream rather than improving the water rights.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WEIR: It is important.
- 4 Those dockages do have an impact on the
- 5 environment and all the things. I see what
- 6 Andy is saying what they should have put in
- 7 detail in their findings to make it more
- 8 understandable.
- 9 MR. FRELENG: Andy is only saying
- 10 what you have published. Just for the record.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WEIR: I'm agreeing with
- 12 what you are saying that we said what you
- 13 should say. I agree with the comment with the
- 14 riparian rights, but I don't think that we
- 15 should tell them how to do that. They may have
- 16 their deliberations at the village.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: We mostly agree on
- 18 that sentence. There is a little disagreement.
- 19 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: I'm going
- 20 to look at this from a procedural point of
- 21 view. That should be a condition. I don't see
- 22 how you evaluate the merits of a moratorium
- 23 without articulated intent and purpose. I
- 24 don't see how we can evaluate that at all
- 25 without that sufficient justification. While



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- 2 the scale of this might be different from some
- 3 of the other moratoria that we see, I think
- 4 procedurally we have to look at the same way
- 5 and justify it the same way and debate it the
- 6 same way. That is my concern.
- 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments or
- 8 thoughts? If not, I'm going to go back to
- 9 Commissioner Holmes' statement. What were you
- 10 suggesting, "such as?"
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Using the
- 12 example to say "such as leaving beach access
- 13 between the high and low water marks," just to
- 14 give an example of the common way that docks
- 15 comply with riparian rights.
- 16 THE CHAIRMAN: That is what we have.
- 17 This is a comment, by the way. Consider
- 18 regulations that protect riparian rights slash
- 19 beach access when drafting moratoria
- 20 regulations. Commissioner Holmes is suggesting
- 21 that we add the following at the end of the
- 22 sentence: Such as allowing beach access
- 23 between the high and low water marks.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: That's good.
- 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection to that



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- 2 language. Motion? (Hand raised by
- 3 Commissioner Weir)
- 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by me in
- 5 order to vote. All in favor of changing the
- 6 end of the comment to add the words "such as
- 7 allowing beach access between the high and low
- 8 water marks," please raise your hands. (Show
- 9 of hands)
- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Three. Opposed? The
- 11 rest. Three to seven; it fails. It will go
- 12 forward as the comment as written.
- Now we have a condition, more
- 14 specificity, a comment regarding the future
- 15 regulation. Any other thoughts or comments?
- 16 If not, I'll entertain a motion. Motionn by
- 17 Commissioner Esposito.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Do I understand
- 19 that you cut out the entire "preserving
- 20 riparian rights?"
- 21 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: No, just the
- 22 "such as."
- THE CHAIRMAN: The village should
- 24 consider regulation that protects riparian
- 25 rights and beach access when drafting the



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- 2 forthcoming laws. That is how it reads.
- 3 Motion on that by Secretary Esposito, seconded
- 4 by Commissioner Chartrand. All in favor,
- 5 please raise your hand. (Show of hands)
- 6 Opposed? Two. Goes back to local action.
- 7 MR. FRELENG: Goes back as
- 8 non-action.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Six to four. Next
- 10 item is Brookhaven.
- 11 MR. FRELENG: Application of Meadows
- in Yaphank referred to us from the Town of
- 13 Brookhaven. Jurisdiction is the subject
- 14 application is adjacent to County Road 46 and
- 15 New York State 495. The subject application is
- 16 in the Pine Barrens zone. The application
- 17 requesting a change of zone on the subject
- 18 property totaling three hundred twenty-two
- 19 point thirty-seven acres, from J-2 and L-1 to
- 20 Planned Development District.
- The PDD plan, proposed mix of uses
- 22 totaling one million five hundred thirty-two
- 23 square feet of commercial space, including a
- 24 hotel, restaurant retail space, office,
- 25 industrial space and retail, office/flex



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- 2 industrial space and eight hundred fifty units
- 3 of attached housing.
- 4 Three hundred three units are age
- 5 restricted with eighty-five workforce housing
- 6 units dispersed among the condominiums and
- 7 rental units. I just want to indicate in the
- 8 staff report we had an error and I want to
- 9 correct that. We picked up some old numbers.
- 10 There is a mix of one and two bedroom rentals,
- 11 which is two hundred twenty-four units, one and
- 12 two bedroom condominiums, two hundred
- 13 ninety-four units, and the two and three
- 14 bedroom townhouses are three hundred thirty-two
- 15 units.
- 16 The Town of Brookhaven zoning law for
- 17 requirement for off street parking relevant to
- 18 this action is not met by the proposal and
- 19 would require adjustments to the requirements
- 20 of all the uses, with the exception of the
- 21 hotel. The petitioners have put forth,
- 22 however, that adequate parking to serve the
- 23 related uses will be provided throughout the
- 24 development. Storm water retention ponds are
- 25 proposed on the site. The application material



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- 2 indicates that the development is to connect to
- 3 an existing sewage treatment facility
- 4 associated with an adjacent attached
- 5 development, although the facility will require
- 6 construction upgrades to adequately accommodate
- 7 the combined flow.
- 8 The petition also includes proposed
- 9 creation of a town square, including concert
- 10 gazebo, reflecting pond, public plaza, great
- 11 lawn and civic space in the form of community
- 12 center, pavilion and rest rooms. Approximately
- 13 seven acres of parkland in the form of athletic
- 14 fields is offered, along with one hundred
- 15 sixteen point nine acres or thirty-six percent
- 16 of existing natural areas to remain.
- In addition, the proposal includes
- 18 the retirement of five Pine Barrens credits.
- 19 In terms of the staff analysis,
- 20 taking a look at the considerations of the New
- 21 York State General Municipal Law Section 239,
- the proposal involves the development and
- 23 improvement of the subject site in order to
- 24 provide a use that is presumptively compatible
- 25 with the existing land use character of the



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- 2 area.
- 3 One concern that the Suffolk County
- 4 Department of Planning staff has is that the
- 5 Town of Brookhaven has a relatively low
- 6 percentage of zoned industrial land compared to
- 7 other zoning categories. It has less than one
- 8 percent of its land zoned in industrial zoned
- 9 district. That is just a notation that the
- 10 staff is making to the commission. We believe
- 11 that the town should recognize that the
- 12 preservation and improvement of industrial land
- 13 with industrial uses creates long term
- 14 employment opportunities, in addition to the
- 15 short term construction jobs associated with
- 16 improvement of the land. The town should give
- 17 consideration to the preservation of industrial
- 18 zoned properties for sustained industrial
- 19 growth.
- The Town of Brookhaven 1996
- 21 Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommends the
- 22 subject parcel as appropriate for planned
- 23 development. The proposal is for a change of
- 24 zone to a mixed use planned development
- 25 district and presumptively compatible with the



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- 2 1996 Comprehensive plan.
- 3 In terms of the Suffolk County
- 4 Planning Commission guidelines and
- 5 considerations, The Town of Brookhaven
- 6 Department of Planning, Environment and Land
- 7 Management, their planning division, in concert
- 8 with the petitioner's consultant, Nelson, Pope
- 9 & Voorhis, jointly prepared and submitted an
- 10 analysis of the guidelines for referral of the
- 11 proposed municipal subdivision and zoning
- 12 actions. This was dated August 17th and that
- 13 was attached to the staff report.
- 14 The Suffolk County Department of
- 15 Planning staff has reviewed the analysis
- 16 performed by the petitioner and has the
- 17 following observations: Section 4.3 related to
- 18 housing, this is in the Suffolk County Planning
- 19 Commission guidebook, indicates that general
- 20 policy affordable housing should be set aside.
- 21 The petitioner indicates that ten percent of
- the proposed units would be set aside for
- 23 workforce housing units. Section 5.1 in the
- 24 guidbook further elaborates on Section 4.3 and
- 25 indicates that a minimum of twenty percent of



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- 2 all units should be set aside as affordable
- 3 housing units for a change of zone
- 4 applications.
- 5 It's the belief of staff that the
- 6 workforce housing element of the proposal
- 7 should be modified to reflect Suffolk County
- 8 Planning Commission policy. When reviewing the
- 9 rest of the responses to the commission's
- 10 guidelines, staff did not have any significant
- 11 considerations at this time. Any other
- 12 comments could be taken during the site plan
- 13 review or variance referrals that could come as
- 14 a result of the zoning approval on this action.
- 15 Staff is recommending approve with
- 16 the following modifications: In accordance
- 17 with the Suffolk County Planning Commission
- 18 policy that twenty percent be set aside for
- 19 affordable workforce housing purposes, and the
- 20 reason is excerpted from the staff report.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WEIR: For the record, I
- 22 need to recuse myself on this until I get a
- 23 ruling from the attorney.
- 24 MR. FRELENG: On the Smart Board we
- 25 have the zoning maps and site plan along with



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- 2 inventory of photographs from the site. Staff
- 3 was there last week. If there is anything that
- 4 you need us to refer to, I would be happy to.
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Andy.
- 6 Obviously, this is an area that has been --
- 7 used to be the race track.
- 8 MR. FRELENG: Part of the property
- 9 was the race track.
- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: It's been like that
- 11 for an extended period of time. This is a
- 12 Brookhaven project, so I'll turn to
- 13 Commissioner Kelly for an opening comment.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you,
- 15 Mr. Chairman. This is a major application in
- 16 the Town of Brookhaven. I agree with the
- 17 recommendation for the approval. I believe it
- 18 will make a significant impact, not just in the
- 19 area, but also with the public benefits that
- 20 are comprised in this application.
- 21 The condition that is recommended by
- 22 the staff, I do have a concern about, and allow
- 23 the twenty percent set-aside for affordable
- 24 units that is in the planning guidebook.
- 25 Economic conditions at this point in time, and



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- 2 the interest rate environment at this time,
- 3 makes it very, very difficult to deliver that
- 4 many housing units at the numbers required at
- 5 twenty percent. It's not necessarily the
- 6 delivery, but it's the restrictions that go and
- 7 coincide with the affordable classifications.
- 8 So, what happens is the market itself
- 9 has driven prices down such that people in that
- 10 income bracket can't afford non-restricted
- 11 units. When you deliver, as a developer, if
- 12 you are delivering units with restrictions,
- 13 those units could sit for a long, long time
- 14 without occupancy. It makes the economic
- 15 impact extremely difficult to deliver those
- 16 units, so I just want you to recognize that
- 17 because I think that is a significant issue,
- 18 not just on this application but in the
- 19 guidebook as well, which I know we are possibly
- 20 going back and forth.
- 21 THE CHAIRMAN: We talk about the
- 22 guidebook a lot, reforming the guidebook a lot.
- 23 We haven't done it yet. Yesterday's meeting we
- 24 talked quite a bit about this particular one in
- 25 particular. I would like to meet after this



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- 2 meeting to have a more detailed discussion
- 3 about the housing condition.
- 4 We made a lot of progress in changing
- 5 that condition, I think three years ago. I
- 6 think I have heard about from about fifty
- 7 people that this needs to be looked at again,
- 8 and that's fine. It comes up time and time
- 9 again with our applications.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KELLY: The fact that
- 11 it's a requirement, we also have to note that
- 12 is a rather large redevelopment, one of which
- is not going to happen overnight. This is a
- 14 phased development and will come before us, I
- 15 would imagine, several more times through the
- 16 site plan approval process.
- 17 MR. FRELENG: That is true, it would
- 18 be developed in phases and the various
- 19 different site plan phases would be referred to
- 20 the Commission and we would examine that issue
- 21 at the time.
- THE CHAIRMAN: What issue?
- MR. FRELENG: The number of each
- 24 units in each phase that are affordable.
- 25 THE CHAIRMAN: How are they dividing



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- 2 this out?
- 3 MR. FRELENG: I don't have knowledge
- 4 at this time how they would build out the
- 5 phases, but you can see it's modular in its
- 6 design. I would imagine that the town and
- 7 applicant would pick a section and start with
- 8 that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Whatever Phase 1
- 10 consists of has to be a success for this
- 11 developer to get to Phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. To
- 12 have the restriction of affordable component at
- this point in time might be economically
- 14 burdensome for the financial success for Stages
- 15 2, 3, 4 and 5. That is my concern. While I do
- 16 agree that affordable housing is a necessary
- 17 regional component that we have to look at, I
- 18 think we have to balance something like this.
- I would say if anything, I would make
- 20 the modification a comment, so that would be up
- 21 for discussion.
- 22 THE CHAIRMAN: I think one thing that
- 23 is interesting about this project, there are a
- 24 handful of things that are regionally
- 25 significant. Affordable housing we've said



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- 2 time and time again is regionally significant.
- 3 We also said Pine Barrens credits are a
- 4 regionally significant thing.
- 5 The question for this commission, is
- 6 how do you deal with a situation where you have
- 7 several of those things being achieved, or you
- 8 have a development that is seeking to advance
- 9 several regional goals, but doesn't reach one
- 10 of the goals that we articulated. Obviously,
- 11 from an open space perspective, or green
- 12 methodology perspective and Pine Barrens
- 13 perspective does achieve certain things. It's
- 14 a balancing act.
- 15 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: There are two
- 16 hundred twenty-four rental units and three
- 17 hundred three senior units. I think there is
- 18 also another way of looking even at the
- 19 affordable housing requirements, that rental is
- 20 certainly helping along that issue, and I would
- 21 love to learn more about the senior units. I
- 22 think we have to look at the whole scope and
- 23 not be that rigid as they go forward on this
- 24 project.
- 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Is the senior housing



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- 2 an affordable housing concept?
- 3 MR. FRELENG: No, it's age
- 4 restrictive, but not price restrictive.
- 5 COMMISSIONER KELLY: It could be.
- 6 MR. FRELENG: It could be, but it
- 7 wasn't indicated that it was.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Do I understand
- 9 Commissioner Kelly to say that the economic
- 10 situation has become such that people can now
- 11 afford housing that isn't workforce? Is that
- 12 what you were saying, that now we can afford
- 13 the regular housing?
- 14 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Somewhat. I
- 15 think the price points on housing units have
- 16 come down significantly. And what happened
- 17 with the definition of workforce to provide
- 18 housing for those eighty to a hundred twenty or
- 19 even hundred thirty percent of median income,
- 20 those people can afford a lot more of a house,
- 21 especially in today's interest rate
- 22 environment.
- When you are in that program, the
- 24 program has certain restrictions on resale and
- 25 your price appreciation and equity. In order



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- 2 to stay in that program, if you can afford a
- 3 unit without those restrictions, the buyer will
- 4 go to the one without the restrictions. In
- 5 this markeplace there is not a sufficient gap
- 6 between price restrictive and non-price
- 7 restrictive.
- 8 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: While
- 9 pricing has gotten to the point where someone
- 10 wants a buy a market rate unit, five years from
- 11 now when we hope that the market has recovered,
- 12 that housing unit will have appreciated and
- 13 will not be affordable to the next buyer. I
- 14 think this is another case. I think we have
- 15 seen that in a lot of East End applications in
- 16 terms of the residential subdivisions, how do
- 17 we apply the housing standards. I think this
- is an example of taking a regional policy and
- 19 applying it to an individual site as we get
- 20 mired into the individual details.
- I would say we have a policy. There
- 22 is a tremendous value here in terms of the
- 23 developer in the economic burden. As a
- 24 developer I'm going to even question that were,
- 25 to a certain degree, I think this is a really



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- 2 interesting project. There is a lot of thought
- 3 given to it. There is standard that should be
- 4 applied and at the same time there are a lot of
- 5 other benefits that should be considered. The
- 6 town should consider the other benefits and
- 7 amenities that the project is offering in
- 8 exchange and in light of the affordable housing
- 9 requirements.
- 10 It's their discretion as to how that
- 11 affordable housing requirement is met.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Would you
- 13 modify the modification that -- could you not
- 14 say in accordance with the Planning Commission
- 15 policy twenty percent, would you alter that?
- 16 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: No. I see
- 17 that we are using some new semantics,
- "modifications?"
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Yes.
- 20 THE CHAIRMAN: This was our attorney
- 21 pointed out two or three meetings ago.
- 22 MR. YOUNG: "Modification" is what
- 23 the statute usually actually uses. Where we
- 24 have been saying "conditions," it's actually a
- 25 modification.



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- THE CHAIRMAN: Commissions around the
- 3 state use the term "modification."
- 4 MR. FRELENG: From staff's
- 5 perspective it's two words, "shall" and
- 6 "should." If it's a condition it will be
- 7 "shall," if it's a modification or comment,
- 8 that would read "should."
- 9 MR. YOUNG: No, if it's a
- 10 modification, it's still "shall." If it's a
- 11 condition --
- 12 THE CHAIRMAN: He was testing us.
- 13 That is exactly right. The question comes from
- 14 the perspective from the government body,
- 15 whether it's the town or county, developers
- 16 want to give a certain amount of benefits, if
- 17 you will. Whether that is put into parks or
- 18 amphitheaters or open space, or Pine Barrens
- 19 credits, or affordable housing, all that comes
- 20 out of the developer's pocket in some way.
- 21 There is some amount that the developer is
- 22 willing to bear on that.
- The question for us is, I think, how
- 24 do we balance that and do we, perhaps going
- 25 forward, allow for that recommendation, while



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- 2 still saying it's regionally significant and
- 3 it's a critical piece. At the end of the day,
- 4 the local town councilperson cares more about
- 5 the parks and ampitheater and he's going to
- 6 consider that more from a political perspective
- 7 and there is no pressure on the town to address
- 8 the regional aspects. In this case, they're
- 9 doing the ten percent, which addresses it to
- 10 some degree. They're not doing the twenty
- 11 percent, which historically has been our
- 12 standard.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: How are we
- 14 going to leave it? Are we going to leave in
- 15 the twenty percent? COMMISSIONER
- 16 SCHOOLMAN: Why not make it a comment instead
- 17 of a condition?
- 18 THE CHAIRMAN: We can certainly do
- 19 that. The recommendation of staff is that it
- 20 be a modification.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KELLY: I make a motion.
- 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Let's see if there is
- 23 another comment on this. Other thoughts?
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: How are we
- 25 resolving it? Are we making it a comment?



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- THE CHAIRMAN: I'm looking for
- 3 thoughts. COMMISSIONER
- 4 GABRIELSEN: Did you say you were going to
- 5 revisit the Planning Commission policy on the
- 6 twenty percent?
- 7 THE CHAIRMAN: We have talked around
- 8 the table that we need to revisit the number.
- 9 I'm not saying that we have to change the
- 10 number, but after this meeting we will discuss
- 11 it further. We are not going to make a
- 12 decision on changing the guidelines any time
- 13 soon. It will be after the end of the year.
- The staff has said it's been our
- 15 policy for a certain period of time. We have
- 16 discretion. We can make it a comment to
- 17 highlight the twenty percent, but acknowledge
- 18 there are a lot of other things that we like
- 19 here. It's important to say hey, we like the
- 20 application to be twenty percent, but we are
- 21 acknowledging that there are other good things
- 22 here and we would like the town to strike a
- 23 balance. You can say that at the very least we
- 24 would want to explain why, we should say
- 25 something stronger than that.



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- 2 COMMISSIONER SCHOOLMAN: I thought
- 3 all the comments about having a balanced
- 4 approach is very important and sounds like what
- 5 I'm hearing is the good that this project would
- 6 do far exceeds the issue, which is perhaps be a
- 7 little controversial of a number like twenty
- 8 percent. That is why I kind of feel that it
- 9 should be a comment rather than a requirement.
- 10 COMMISSIONER FINN: One of the things
- 11 we talk about as commissioners is there are a
- 12 lot of lack of definition in the word
- 13 "affordable," especially as it pertains to Long
- 14 Island. If you speak to some housing experts,
- 15 they will define affordability as the supply
- 16 issue. We have failed miserably on Long
- 17 Island. Just the sheer number of supply that
- 18 has been brought to the market has left the
- 19 housing stock vulnerable.
- 20 You heard it from the supervisor of
- 21 East Hampton, seventy percent of the housing
- 22 stock has been preserved. If you don't have
- 23 supply in the marketplace, you are not going to
- 24 have affordability. We have a supply coming on
- 25 line. In this instance, it's a multi-faceted



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- 2 various housing stock, rental, town home,
- 3 senior.
- 4 One thing I have noticed, this
- 5 project was identified as a project of
- 6 significance. About eight or nine years ago
- 7 Long Island had, or maybe it was 2004, seven
- 8 years ago, projects of significance.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Who identified it?
- 10 COMMISSIONER FINN: The
- 11 business community, whether it was the Gabreski
- 12 Airport, Nassau County Hub, Calverton, Central
- 13 Islip with Jerry Wolkoff's project. We were
- 14 talking about it. Now here again is an
- 15 opportunity to see something actually get
- 16 delivered. I think the staff is not refuting
- 17 that, they are going by the twenty percent
- 18 guideline, but I think twenty percent from the
- 19 Land Use Institute, depending on who you are
- 20 talking to is basically double of what is
- 21 considered sustainable in a project of this
- 22 size.
- I think we have to acknowledge we
- 24 have twenty percent at the moment. I would be
- 25 in favor of having it be a comment.



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- 2 COMMISSIONER McADAM: I think the
- 3 project, and probably the other projects like
- 4 this are very good at this time because the
- 5 foreclosure market and short sale market, there
- 6 are going to be a lot of people over the next
- 7 five years. The last seminar that I went to,
- 8 they feel it's this is with the Multiple
- 9 Listing Service, that there are at least five
- 10 years of foreclosures and short sales that have
- 11 to shake out of the system before the market
- 12 can come back.
- The problem is I have experience with
- 14 family members and friends, that they're going
- 15 to need places to live. If we don't have a
- 16 good rental market for them right now, when
- 17 they leave their home that they purchased,
- 18 either through a short sale or foreclosure, we
- 19 are going to lose them to some other part of
- 20 the country. If we have rentals here, I think
- 21 it's going to keep their services, because of a
- 22 particular hardship that they have, they may
- 23 still be working, but there may be other
- 24 factors. I think we may want to keep those
- 25 families on Long Island.



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- 2 The other thing is regarding the
- 3 affordability, the area south of Yaphank, to
- 4 some extent north of Yaphank, there is a
- 5 tremendous amount of affordable houses. I
- 6 recognize when I first started on the
- 7 commission when John Caracciola was the
- 8 chairman he said when we come aboard as members
- 9 we have guidelines, we have policies that we
- 10 have to follow, but we also have to use our
- 11 common sense and take into consideration a
- 12 particular situation or the time we are living
- 13 in.
- I think that the time that we are in
- 15 right now, we do have to been a little bit more
- 16 flexible, and to that end I would support the
- 17 affordable housing component, I would support
- 18 as a comment.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Other thoughts?
- 20 Anyone else want to articulate in favor of
- 21 keeping it as a condition? Okay. Then, I
- 22 suggest that we are making to them a comment
- 23 that speaks to aspiration, that we are going to
- 24 see it again, that we would like to see as much
- 25 affordable as possible, and identifying the



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- 2 regional standard is twenty percent. That
- 3 while we recognize there are tradeoffs made
- 4 with a lot of community benefits, that
- 5 affordable housing is one of the most paramount
- 6 elements and we will keep an eye on that as it
- 7 comes through for site plan.
- 8 No one other than the vice chairman
- 9 spoke in favor of it as a condition. If it's
- 10 going to be a comment, it's going be to be a
- 11 comment, I think it should say something and
- 12 also recognize the standard and say we are
- 13 going to keep an eye on this going forward.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KELLY: We get it at
- 15 site plan approval and the next four phases.
- 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Sounds like we will be
- 17 living with this for a while. Any other
- 18 thoughts along those lines? I articulated
- 19 something that I would like feedback.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Would you say
- 21 it again? THE CHAIRMAN: I think I
- 22 said something along the lines that we
- 23 acknowledge that the project is balancing a lot
- 24 of regional interests. That under the Planning
- 25 Commission guidelines, affordable housing is



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- 2 one of the most paramount regional interests.
- 3 That the regional standard has historically
- 4 been twenty percent, and we will keep an eye on
- 5 that standard, keep an eye on this project and
- 6 look to apply this standard as the next phases
- 7 of the project move forward. Something like
- 8 that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I might
- 10 suggest adding a positive comment about the
- 11 rentals and senior component. I would be
- 12 concerned to have tradeoffs or as that project
- 13 moves forward, if the units are actually
- 14 affordable or can be used in the twenty percent
- 15 affordability number. I would like to see a
- 16 positive statement about accepting this as what
- 17 we recognize as a need on Long Island.
- 18 THE CHAIRMAN: We may want to make it
- 19 a second comment for ease of clarity. If you
- 20 want to think of some words. I'll ask the rest
- 21 of the commission if there is any other
- 22 feedback with regard to what I said.
- 23 COMMISSIONER CHARTRAND: I agree with
- 24 what you said. It's going to be back in front
- 25 of this commission four or five more times. At



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- 2 that time we will see if they're going to take
- 3 the recommendation that we are going to make
- 4 them. That will be sending us back more
- 5 material. If they're going to do something to
- 6 mitigate the housing thing, they will send it
- 7 back the next time we get a report.
- 8 THE CHAIRMAN: If you are going to
- 9 say something, you should say it in the
- 10 beginning.
- 11 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: Is there
- 12 any discussion of how the affordable housing
- 13 would be built out in the phases of the
- 14 project?
- 15 MR. FRELENG: Staff is not familiar.
- 16 I don't recall how they will phase it out.
- 17 VICE CHAIRMAN KONTOKOSTA: The
- 18 concern with phased projects is provide
- 19 affordable housing, they provide it in the
- 20 fourth phase in twenty years and it never gets
- 21 built. It should be addressed in some way if
- 22 no residential is being built in the first
- 23 phase -- it should be built in proportion to
- 24 the phasing of the project as they're being
- 25 built.



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- 2 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: When is the
- 3 first phase, do we know?
- 4 MR. FRELENG: I couldn't state it as
- 5 a fact. THE CHAIRMAN: Barbara, do you
- 6 have any thoughts on the language?
- 7 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Building on
- 8 what you said, in light of the many benefits of
- 9 this project, we were making this a comment as
- 10 opposed to our usual ruling, that it would be a
- 11 modification, and amongst those benefits we are
- 12 considering are the number of rental units and
- 13 senior housing.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: You were
- 15 asking, weren't you, to get more clarity
- 16 whether the senior housing will be -- at what
- 17 rate they would be.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I think that
- 19 would be part of it. As it comes back to us,
- 20 the staff would know we want that
- 21 documentation.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLMES: We should
- 23 mention that we would like to see that
- 24 documentation, right.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Staff can ask for that



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- 2 when the next phase comes in.
- 3 MR. FRELENG: Specifically what are
- 4 we asking for?
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Affordability
- 6 component of the senior housing, or if it's
- 7 affordable at all. My question is, I quess
- 8 they will be saying whether or not it's
- 9 affordable.
- 10 MR. FRELENG: The approving
- 11 resolution of the Town of Brookhaven will have
- 12 details relevant to the site plan phases later
- on and may have specificity with regard to
- 14 units later on.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: What I articulated
- 16 that the planning commission acknowledges that
- 17 the project is balancing a variety of regional
- 18 interests. That affordable housing is one of
- 19 those paramount or one of the most important
- 20 regional interests, and while the Suffolk
- 21 County Planning Commission standard is twenty
- 22 percent, we will look at the project in future
- 23 stages with that standard in mind.
- 24 Barbara added that the rental units
- 25 and senior housing are important components of



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- 2 this project, and from the commission's
- 3 perspective, that the rental units and senior
- 4 housing units are important components of this
- 5 project, and Constantine added that the
- 6 commission will look to see whether the
- 7 affordable rental and senior aspects of the
- 8 project are proportional to the project as a
- 9 whole as it's built out over time.
- 10 That is really three sentences or
- 11 three statements. Any thoughts on that,
- 12 Michael?
- 13 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Yes.
- 14 Proportional of -- I guess it's a comment.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: This is all a comment.
- 16 This is simply us saying look, I hope this
- 17 commission sort of weighs this because if we
- 18 don't make it a condition, it's a rare thing
- 19 and should only be done in certain
- 20 circumstances. If we are going to do it, and
- 21 if it's the will of the commission, fine, we
- 22 should articulate clearly why.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Not knowing the
- 24 phasing.
- THE CHAIRMAN: They're doing the



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- 2 commercial first. In proportion to what is
- 3 brought to us. We can weigh that the
- 4 proportionality. It doesn't mean down to the
- 5 decimal point.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Maybe they can
- 7 only build the rental.
- 8 THE CHAIRMAN: They're all
- 9 hypotheticals. To the extent it's brought to
- 10 us we can weigh it. I think the first
- 11 principal should be proportionality with regard
- 12 to the affordable senior and rental units, as
- 13 the residential piece is being built out over
- 14 time.
- We have three comments, all relating
- 16 to housing -- sort of broken them up a little
- 17 bit. That is not a problem with me. They
- 18 deserve their own weight, I think.
- 19 Other additions, thoughts about this
- 20 project? Anything else to add? Seeing none,
- 21 I'll entertain a motion to adopt the staff
- 22 report as amended with a comment. Sorry, those
- three comments.
- 24 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: Just that a
- 25 clarification question, Andy, after that



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- 2 we will see in the future each segmented
- 3 portion of the proposal will come back here?
- 4 How does it work?
- 5 MR. FRELENG: Generally, it works
- 6 that the planning board, when they seek
- 7 approval for site plan approval, goes back to
- 8 the town. The town should refer it to us in
- 9 phases.
- 10 COMMISSIONER ESPOSITO: It may not be
- in phases, it may be one project or it may be
- 12 in phases.
- 13 MR. FRELENG: We are not certain at
- 14 this time.
- 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Entertain a motion to
- 16 adopt the three comments.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Motion.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SCHOOLMAN: Second.
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of
- 20 adopting the staff report for approval with the
- 21 three comments indicate by raising your hand.
- 22 (Show of hands) Ten in favor, no opposed.
- 23 Abstentions? One abstention, ten to zero and
- 24 one. Commissioner Esposito abstained.
- 25 Last item on the agenda is Director



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- 2 Lansdale is going to give a brief update on the
- 3 Comprehensive Plan layout, where the next steps
- 4 are.
- 5 DIRECTOR LANSDALE: Thank you. Just
- 6 real quick, the next phases of the
- 7 Comprehensive Plan that we are working on
- 8 energy efficiency, natural resources, land use,
- 9 housing, transportation and emergency response.
- 10 If you have any ideas on how to shape the
- 11 content of the Comprehensive Plan or subsequent
- 12 chapters, please give me a call. Thank you.
- I'd love to work with you. Just to
- 14 remind the Chairman about the Yaphank special
- 15 meeting that he is going to schedule for later
- 16 this month.
- 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Guess what, surprise?
- 18 We have been asked by the county executive to
- 19 have a special meeting to deal with the Yaphank
- 20 project, so under the rules I would call a
- 21 special meeting for later this month. There is
- 22 a timing issue in that regard so I believe we
- 23 can't do a phone meeting.
- 24 DIRECTOR LANSDALE: Correct.
- THE CHAIRMAN: We will see at least



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    believe our constraint is it has to be done by
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