

## **COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on February 18, 2004

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Theresa Elkowitz - Chairperson  
Larry Swanson - Vice-Chair.  
Michael Kaufman  
Lance Mallamo  
Tom Cramer  
Adrienne Esposito

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joy Squires  
Richard Martin  
Jim Bagg - Planning Department  
Ralph Borkowski - SC DPW  
Penny Kohler - Planning Department

#### **MINUTES TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M.\*)

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I'm going to call the meeting to order and ask that the members review the minutes of the November 19th and the January 21st meeting. And then I will -- we can start with the November 19th, 2003 meeting. I have -- I have some corrections on the November 19th, 2003 minutes. On page ten, it reads this is incompatible growth area of the Central Pine Barrens. It should read this is in compatible growth area of the Central Pine Barrens. There are some typo issues, but that's the only substantive one that I saw. Anybody else have corrections on November 19th? If not, I'll entertain a motion to accept the November 19th minutes as corrected.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I'll make that motion.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion by Mr. Kaufman, a second by Mr. Swanson. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Has anybody had an opportunity to just review the few pages of the January 21st, 2004 minutes? Any comments or corrections?

**MR. SWANSON:**

I think there are some spelling corrections.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

But other than typo -- yeah, Mr. Mallamo's name is spelled incorrectly in a few places. I would appreciate if it's corrected, yes. I'll entertain a motion to accept with that correction.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion by Mr. Swanson, a second by Ms. Esposito. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. I have some correspondence that I really don't want to spend too much time on, but I'll go over it briefly. I got a letter on February 3rd, 2004, regarding the Citizens' Public Participation Act Executive Order 15 of 2004. We have always allowed the public to speak on matters that are before the CEQ. We allow them to speak when they are on our agenda, any time they are on our agenda, even when we are taking action on them. But I am aware, because I've been in rooms with boards of the County that don't allow any speaking, so we have been complying with this. So it was just a informational thing that went out to everybody who was the Chairman of any board in the County that you must allow the public to speak, and we do, and you must give them at least three minutes, which we do.

There are two other pieces of correspondence. One was dated January 23rd, 2004 from Henry L. Barton, Clerk of the Legislature to me advising that we would not be having any secretarial support for CEQ meetings. So we wouldn't have verbatim minutes. Then there was a memorandum that we were copied on dated January 28th, 2004 to Henry Barton, the Clerk of the Legislature from Paul Sabatino, the Chief Deputy County Executive advising Mr. Barton that the County Executive's Office would appreciate if the Legislature -- the Clerk of the Legislature continued to provide such services to the Planning Commission and to the CEQ. So my feeling about this is however it get resolved, it gets resolved. We'll either have verbatim minutes or we won't, but it doesn't -- you know, I don't think it really changes anything that we do here.

I don't know if everybody in their packet, I know I do, have the calender for 2004 as corrected. Just so you know ahead of time, anywhere it says committee day, we will be meeting in the Planning Department, because we would have a physical conflict with the utilization of this room. So although it will be noted also on your agenda, because Penny's always very good about

noting it, you will at least have some advance warning. So in March, we'll be meeting in the Planning Department.

Project review. Recommended type two actions ratification of staff recommendations for Legislative resolutions laid on table January 27th, 2004. Jim, you have anything you want to call to the Council's attention.

**MR. BAGG:**

No. It's straight forward. There are a couple of projects in there that were previously reviewed with neg decs. And everything is mostly Type II actions.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any questions?

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Yeah, I have one, Madam Chairperson. 1084, adopting local law whatever it is, implementing a green clean program in Suffolk County, any idea what that is, aside from trying to be green and clean?

**MR. BAGG:**

I believe that's legislation that says they want to use products that are recyclable and made from recyclable goods and materials wherever they can.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any other questions?

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I don't have any. I'll make a motion that we accept staff recommendations.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

A second by Adrienne. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Carried.**

**Proposed personal body alarm system for Riverhead Medium & Maximum Security Correctional Facilities, CP 33033, Town of Riverhead.**

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Hello, Ralph. How are you?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Good morning.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a memorandum from Ralph Borkowski -- actually a letter from Ralph Borkowski, dated February 4th, 2004, "Dear Ms. Elkowitz, the department is proceeding with the purchase, installation and implementation of a personal body alarm system for sworn and civilian staff assigned to the medium and maximum facilities in Riverhead. The system would consist of

personal duress alarm transmitters and radio frequency receivers. It would be capable of identifying a staff member in distress and pinpointing their location to within 12.5 feet if the signal. This department considers this a Type II action under SEQRA in accordance the provisions 6-NYCRR-617.525 as this action concerns the purchase of equipment or supplies." Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Borkowski? I want to check the citation before we make a motion. It should be 617.5 little c 25. With that correction, if no one has questions, I'll entertain a motion for Type II Action.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion by Mr. Swanson, I have a second my Mr. Mallamo, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Carried.**

**Proposed energy conservation at various County Buildings, CP #1664, Suffolk County.**

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Dear Ms. Elkowitz, the department is proceeding with the planning and construction phase for the above referenced project. This project provides for the installation of energy efficient equipment in County facilities to reduce utility costs in conjunction with NYPA, LIPA and NYSERDA and other energy conservation programs. Major equipment upgrades include, but are not limited to high efficiency lighting and automated lighting controls, automated building system controls, insulated glass, electrical demand reduction equipment, replacement of inefficient motors, installation of energy efficient chillers, boilers, air handlers and other HVAC components.

All major renovations -- building renovation projects would include installation of energy efficient systems within the scope of the individual project. The project will provide energy efficient systems for County buildings not scheduled for major renovation. The department considers this a Type II action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR-617.51 and 2 as the action concerns replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind. Again, the citation should be 6-NYCRR-617.5 little c 1 and 2.

Ralph, I have a question though. If you were just doing the energy conservation upgrades at the various buildings, those are clearly Type II actions, but if you are doing them as part of another major renovation, you can't separate them. The major renovation may or may not be a Type II action. It probably wouldn't be.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Right. I understand that.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Okay. So really it's a Type II action for just doing this, okay?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Just to replace the equipment, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any questions?

**MR. SWANSON:**

Ralph, is there any chance that this also can be extended to water conservation?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Could you elaborate a little further on that?

**MR. SWANSON:**

Well, I'm just thinking that water conservation is also an issue in many, if not most, public buildings, and I'm just wondering if -- you know, I applaud this approach, but can we try to do something to reduce water consumption by the County as well?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

I will certainly bring that back to the Commissioner of Public Works and present that to him, but I obviously can't make that decision here.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Right.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Thank you, though.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any other questions? I'll entertain a motion. I have a motion by Mr. Mallamo, I have a second by Ms. Esposito, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Carried.**

It was a motion for a Type II action.

**Proposed Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, County Building C0110, CP #3230, Yaphank.**

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

This department is proceeding with the implementation of an interim backup fire, rescue, communications facility. The program will provide the Department of Rescue -- excuse me, Fire, Rescue and Emergency Service with rudimentary interim fire, rescue communications backup until such time as a permanent off site facility can be identified and/or constructed. It will utilize existing space in the emergency operation center as well as a limited number of telephones therein.

Additionally, the program calls for the demolition of an existing 160 foot tower that has previously been identified as being overloaded and of questionable structural integrity. It will be replaced with a larger existing tower relocated from elsewhere on the site. Existing transmitters and tone generators will be refurbished and upgraded for reuse. This program will further provide the development of a master plan including the planning and design for a full backup of Fire, Rescue Communication facility outside of the existing building, but on the Yaphank complex.

The department considers this Type II action under SEQRA in accordance with the provision of NYCRR 617.5 1,2,C-21 -- which isn't right -- as it concerns replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure or facility and the planning phases project. I have question for you, because I don't know that it's a Type II action at all. You are removing a 160 foot tower, you are building another tower.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Actually, from my understanding, there's an existing tower that's going to be relocated on this site.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Is it already on site, the other tower and -- is the existing tower already on the site and you are just moving it to another location on the site or is it off site?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

That's my understanding, yes.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Right, but that's not what this says. This says demolition of an existing 160 foot tower.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Well, there's two towers. One's going to be demolished, and one's going to be relocated on-site.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

How big is the one that's being relocated?

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

It says larger.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

It's larger. The exact height --

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

They're not actually going to be moving the tower and relocating it. That calls for massive work gantry works and things like that. They will be building a new one most likely.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Well, I also -- I also don't think this is a Type II action. It's not a Type II action, Ralph. So this -- I'm going to entertain a motion to table. You are going to have to fill out an EAF and get some specifics about what we're taking down, what we're putting up, where it's going, where it's coming from.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

No problem on that.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I'll entertain a motion to table.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion, I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Carried.**

Sorry, Ralph. You tried.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

No problem at all. I'll come back.

**Proposed planning for a new replacement correctional facility, CP #3008, Yaphank, Town of Brookhaven.**

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

The departments is proceeding with the planning of an 1130 bed replacement correctional facility in Yaphank. The size of the new facility will be approximately 550,000 square feet. This expansion will have the capacity for up to approximately 1259 inmates with sufficient infrastructure program and administrative support. A newly expanded medical mental health unit will also be included. This plan will also include converting eight of the ten existing dormitories to office space. The remaining two dormitories would be demolished. This department considers this a Type II actions under SEQRA in accordance with the provision of NYCRR-617.5-C-21 as it involves the planning phase of this project.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I'm not sure that this is a Type II at this point in time to the extend that they're talking about demolishing.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

But they're talking about doing a plan.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

They're talking about planning now, I understand that.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:** No.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

But they're also at the same time, dumping something else in here.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

No. They're talking about planning the demolition and the redevelopment, they're not demolishing it and then planning the new one. They are not here to authorize demolition.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

It's all planning.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

They're planning for the future demolition and redevelopment. And clearly this is a Type I action. The actual activity would be a Type I action, but this is just planning. If the County didn't have a policy -- just so you know as an aside, if the County didn't have a policy that every singly matter, every single program and allocation had to come here, they would never have to come here to spend money for planning.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I understand. I'm not sure from the English, but I'll go along with it.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

He's not authorizing the demolition, it's clear.

**MR. BAGG:**

Terry, one of the things we do when we prepare the resolution is we put down for planning only.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Right. I'll entertain a motion.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Before we get to that, I have one other question on all of this. I don't have a problem, obviously, with the planning for the new replacement, but wasn't there discussion at one time about some sort of a master plan for the entire Yaphank municipal complex, if you will?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

There is a project that is doing a master plan for all County-wide facilities; Hauppauge, Yaphank and Riverhead. So there is an ongoing master plan project, that is correct.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

But it hasn't been finished yet or anything like that?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

No. It's in the process.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

And the County -- to my knowledge, the County Legislature and the County Executive hasn't placed any type of moratoria on the various equities of the County while that master plan is being done.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Is there an expectation of completion date for that plan?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

There is, but I don't have it with me. I'll get back to you on that. He is probably about halfway done, I would say. But I can get you the date on that.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

The reason I bring it up is I know that there was a golf course at one time planned for the area until the County found out that it didn't actually own the land that was proposed. I know that we are talking putting in a correctional facility, and I know that we have seen possible plans for where it would be going. If there's any way to light a fire under this guy and push forward, I'd like to see -- I'd like to eventually see what the County is trying to do in the area. I think it would help us help, it would help the Legislature. And obviously, you know, it's already been funded, and it is going forward. But it just worries me that we are putting in this correctional facility at this point in time.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

They're not. They're planning for it.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I know. I understand. I understand the distinction.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Well, with our planning of this correctional facility, it could be very well possible that that consultant will look at that master plan and work -- but then again, that master plan hasn't been approved yet. I understand your point very well. And we will push our consultant to finish up the master plan. I would think it would be done before this even gets under way or is too far involved.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Although, I only have one vote here, it would be really hard for me to see this ever going forward beyond the planning stages, it's a Type I action, it would require a DEIS. So I know that I don't speak for the entire council, and -- but I warn you when you are planning for this, I caution you that you -- you know, I don't want you to come back here and say, oh, but it has to be done in three months.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

I understand. This is a major project that we all expect to be scrutinized thoroughly.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:** Jim.

**MR. BAGG:**

Another thing that should be pointed out is because it is in the planning process, your planning process should take into account alternate site locations. It's not like, oh, well, this is the only place it's going to go. I mean, technically you have to look at what the alternate sites are discount them to the best site, not just come up with one site.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

That's actually where I was going to be trying to go. I want to make sure that if anything goes on



at Yaphank it doesn't necessarily preclude future uses of the property. You know, if you have the stuff too spread out, you may not be able to put something that is desired in between two existing projects. So it's got to sort of be looked at eventually where this stuff is going and what possible future uses might be.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Plus I think it's a very legitimate point to raise that there's two planning processes occurring at the exact same time that may or may not be in sync, we don't know. So we would prefer, I think, that they were in sync.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

I understand. I understand that very well. It makes sense.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Given the suggestions regarding alternate sites, which are very good suggestions, I think you know how active the Yaphank Civic Community is. And I think that you would be remiss and doing yourself a disservice if you didn't involve them in your planning process, because they will be here. Let me entertain a motion for a Type II action.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

I'll make that motion.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

I have a motion, do I have a second? I have a second by Mr. Mallamo. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Carried.**

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Thank you all very much. That's all I have.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Before we lose Ralph, can I ask a question. If not today, then perhaps next month, but I was hoping for at some point an update on the Indian Island tree situation. And the last we had heard, we had two representatives both Nancy and Tom go out to the site and look for the areas that would be replanted. And I was hoping for an update on the replanting and also on the second and third section of Indian Island to see, you know, was the allowable number of trees cut, how did it go, what was the replanting scheme, that kind of thing.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Yeah, we met out there. And I personally certainly had no problem in developing a plan in agreement with -- we all came to an agreement. However, it went up to the higher levels, and it basically --

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

What does that mean?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Well, I guess they have to look at the money, what money was available to do it. So at this point, I was told to just put it on hold for now. I'm not saying it's not going to be done, but I was just told to put it on hold until I was told to go ahead with it from my bosses.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Okay. I'm just a little confused. When you say put it on hold, you mean the replanting or section two?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Yeah, the planting, the additional added planting that we wanted to do you there, exactly.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

So the replanting was never done, known of it; is that right?

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Well, we can't plant now anyway.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

No, I know. But when we looked at the area, it wasn't February.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

No additional planting has been done yet, no.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

What about section two and three -- or B and C they were called?

I mean, did the rest of the removal occur in the areas? The last time we talked about it, it was just the first section, and then they were going to move into the second and the third section.

And if you are not prepared to answer the question today, I understand.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

Honestly, I haven't come here prepared with all the answers for that. So I can update myself and get back to you on it.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

That would be fine. If we could put it on next month's agenda, I'd appreciate it.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

That's not a problem.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Anything else?

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Also, as a follow up then, can you find out for us what the official word is on the replanting?

Because I feel -- and I'm just one person on the committee, that that was a commitment made to us, and I'd like to follow that up. Thank you.

**MR. BORKOWSKI:**

I'll get back to you on that.

**MS. ESPOSITO:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Thank you. As far as other business, I think Mr. Deering was the other business this month. Welcome.

**MR. DEERING:**

Good morning. Thank you for inviting me.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Thanks for coming.

**MR. DEERING:**

I'm here basically at the request of the members of CEQ. I'm pleased to be here. I look forward

to continuing to work with many of you who I have worked with in the past and have already met with or will be meeting with over the next couple of weeks. As you know, the County Executive has on a number of occasions now, in his State of the County and his Inaugural Speech, set out the importance of environmental protection.

During his administration, he has a very broad agenda, foremost among those is to get the Department of Real Estate back up and running. He made to appointments yesterday, Pat Zielenski and Janet Longo in that department working with Tom Isles and myself and others. We hope to get that program, the Open Space and Farmland Program, back on track, purchasing lands quickly and efficiently and transparently, I think that's the other key to this, to make this a process that is credible again and meets the goals of the program itself.

Along those lines, he -- we are looking at some reformulation of all of the departments that deal with environmental issues, environmental functions. The County Executive has called for a new department. We're are in the process of investigating that and researching that and seeing what, if anything, is the best form for that. Hopefully those recommendations will be coming out within the next few weeks.

There is a broad agenda -- I know we've spoken about Vector Control to some folks. The Department of Health is about to embark on a comprehensive groundwater management plan, picking up where the SWAP Program left off, we will be working with them. Another important issue to the County Executive is brown fields, both in terms of properties that the County owns or may take title to as well as some private properties that are out there and seeing how the County can help in terms of expediting some remediation and redevelopment on those properties for, whether it's public purpose or private economic developments. We will be working on those issues as well.

And I know an issue that crosses over, and these are the issues that are important to me, are issues where we can bring diverse interests in working together, is the County Executive will be creating -- he announced the other day -- a Commission on Work Force Housing. That's going to actually go and be headed by Jim Morgo. That will actually include civic representatives, environmentalists, housing advocates and the local governments to go out and basically identify properties which need to be preserved -- I know we have done that a number of times, we can do that again -- as well as and more importantly for this purpose is to identify properties that will be appropriate for work force housing.

And the County Executive is very committed to identifying those properties and then taking steps to actually expedite development with the towns and get some of the those properties to provide work force housing and other mixed use types of development. So that's just a brief summary of some of the things that he has on his agenda. As I said, I look forward to working with you, Terry, and all the members both in your role as CEQ members and as advocates in your individual areas of interest. So I'd be glad to any take questions.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Anybody have any questions for Mike? Joy.

**LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I just wanted to say how delighted I think we all are that you are with us, Mike. Michael brings unique background, I think. He crafted the Town of Huntington's Open Space referendum, the 1998 referendum, our first one. He served on our Open Space Committee. He has been in the forefront of the brown field legislation that has passed. I think, in fact, we can thank him and of course, Tom DiNapoli for that passing. He knows affordable housing, he knows smart growth. I don't think we can he have a better person. Thank you so much for coming, Mike.

**MR. DEERING:** Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Anyone have any other questions for Mike? Larry.

**MR. SWANSON:**

You might not have made any decisions as yet, but CEQ has been working with the Department of Planning, do you see us continuing to do that, organizationally be involved with Planning or will that be shifted over to the Department of Environment?

**MR. DEERING:**

At this point, you will still be with Planning.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any other questions? Thank you, Mike. We very much appreciate you coming.

**MR. DEERING:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Historic services. Good morning, Mr. Martin.

**MR. MARTIN:**

Good morning. Okay. I wanted to report that we had a very interesting visit from a gentleman Felix {Hazzen} from Madrid, Spain, who came all the way here to look at a special piano harp at Sagtikos Manor. And it turns out that this piano harp was made in 1819, and it was completely unknown to the company, which is still held by the same family. And they have a foundation set up as a museum for these historic pianos. And what happened was one of the members of the Historic Society corresponded when she got interested in the company name, and they got so intrigued they wanted to prove -- Felix {Hazzen} wanted to prove to the family that this American was correct, they just thought she was crazy. And so he actually flew over here, took a look at it. And we might work up a conservation program with the company. So it really was an interesting day meeting with him and expanding, I think, on the horizons on what -- how we view Sagtikos Manor. He was walking through the house as much as he could in the subzero temperatures that day with no heat. And there was another interesting piano made in London also from this time period that was discussed with us. So I think we have more of a worldwide collection at the site than I thought in the beginning. Also a friend of his, which is a curator for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, is interested in coming out to the house and taking a look. It was a very interesting -- an eye-opening visit.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Does the gentleman still think all Americans are crazy?

**MR. MARTIN:**

I can't speak for him.

**MS. ESPOSITO:**

Just American woman, I think.

**MR. MARTIN:**

The family was extremely surprised. They have a very strong interest. He actually travels the world checking up on these leads in a sense. I'm sure he'd love to take the piano back to Madrid. But they did not know that the company even made this design whatsoever. So for a collector-historian family business, it was a very exciting trip for them.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Did -- are you saying that there's no heat in Sagtikos Manor?

**MR. MARTIN:**

No, there's no heat whatsoever.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Considering what you just said with regard to the value or importance of this piano, is that wise?

**MR. MARTIN:**

It's not wise. It's amazing that the collection is in as good as shape as it has been. There has not been heat in the property since 1962. We do have the available capital funds now to go ahead with the heat and air conditioning system that should be in place for next winter. We did not have the funds before this time.

**MR. SWANSON:**

Thank you.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

One of the issues was it's been unheated for so long, Larry, that to now put the heat on would probably put the collection in jeopardy, because it's not used to environmental controls.

**MR. MARTIN:**

Just a natural environmental control over 40 years. It's amazing things are in as good as shape they are.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

So when we do get environmental controls there, I think we should really have a plan in place on how to get that regulated. It may take several years to get those items --

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

One of the questions I was going to ask was is there any architectural historian or architectural restoration person going to be involved with putting the heat back on? I mean, obviously, if you put heat back on you're going to have moisture changes in there. We've all seen the conditions of the walls and the wallpaper and things like that. And as I has expressed to you in the past, I was worried about that stuff beginning to peel off and shatter. Is there any --

**MR. MARTIN:**

Well, we have an informal committee, I guess, in place from the beginning. Alex {McKay} from SPLEA is on it. And I think we should regroup, you know, once the plan comes in for the heating and kind of review and study this.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Because it's going to be one of the most interesting turn-ons of heat you will ever see. Architectural treasures -- I've been in the mansion a few times, architectural treasures like that really do or can be subjected to problems if you have changes in humidity, changes in just about anything, dry heat, wet heat, I don't know which one's the right one to -- right way to go. So those are my concerns.

**MR. MARTIN:**

Yes. And also just to report Deep Wells, Our Living History Program is going to start up again starting March 4th. We have a new producer. It's two women, Toni and Stacey, and they are going to continue the program format that we have. They're changing a little bit. And they will have two celebrities visiting; Amelia Eirhardt and Martha Gram. And the point will be to see how these characters interact within that time period. We're going to the 1920s when the Taylors

owned the property.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Any questions?

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Just one last question. Regarding Deep Wells, I know the holiday showcase is over, what was the final tally, if you will, from the County's perspective.

**MR. MARTIN:**

I don't have a final tally, but our numbers were down this year. So we definitely need to regroup and get a better advertising campaign going for next year.

**MR. KAUFMAN:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Thank you, Rich. Any CAC issues?

**MS. SQUIRES:**

For the Long Island Sound Study, there are four meetings in Suffolk County. I think if you share this with all your constituents. The goal is to address of challenges of preserving open space, increasing access to the Sound, protecting important habitats and resolving use conflict. This is the Long Island Sound Study stewardship initiative working to restore places throughout the Sound with significant biological, scientific or recreational value and to develop a strategy to protect and enhance these special places. There is a meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, at Stony Brook. There is a meeting on Monday, March 15th at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead, and there is a meeting Tuesday, March 16th in Huntington Town Hall. I think this is significant, and I would hope everyone attends.

**CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:**

Thank you. Any other business? Then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. I have a motion, do I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions. Carried.

Remember, the next meeting, which is Wednesday, March 17th is in the Planning Department Office. Thanks.

**(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:03 A.M.\*)**

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