

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, June 16, 2004

TIME: 9:35 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson; Larry Swanson, Vice Chairman; Adrienne Esposito, Lance Mallamo, Michael Kaufman and Tom Cramer

**ABSENT:** Jay Schneiderman, Nancy Manfredonia and Jack Finkenberg

**Staff:**

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst  
Penny Kohler, Secretary

**Departmental Staff:**

Suffolk County Executive Office

Adam Santiago, County Executive Assistant

Suffolk County Legislator's Office

Charles Bender, Legislator Aide

Kevin LaValle, Legislator Aide

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Lauretta Fischer, Principal Planner

**Conservation Advisory Councils:**

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

Steve Brown, Town of Brookhaven

Chairperson Elkowitz opened the meeting at approximately 9:35 a.m.

MINUTES:

The May 19, 2004 CEQ meeting transcript from the Clerk of the Legislature's Office was not available for review and comment. Because it is a Legislative Committee week, the Legislature's court stenographer was not available to take a verbatim transcript of the June 16, 2004 CEQ meeting. It was noted that Suffolk County Planning Department would be taking the CEQ minutes pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order as set forth in the Council's by-laws. The meeting was tape-recorded which will be kept in the Council's files for future reference, if necessary.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. *Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions laid on the Table – June 8, 2004.*

The Council members reviewed the recommendations of the CEQ staff regarding the June 8, 2004 Legislature introductory resolutions. Mr. Bagg noted that Introductory Resolution No. 1571, although a Type II action should have been Section 617.5(c)(1)(2) and (27) NYCRR not (20, (21) and (27). It was also pointed out that IR No. 1574 to reduce light pollution from County-owned buildings was in line with the CEQ's past recommendations. In addition, since IR No. 1623, establishing an incentive program to close residential underground fuel tanks is an Unlisted action, an EAF is required.

A motion was made to accept staff recommendations by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Proposed Replacement of Heating System in Main House at Sagtikos Manor County Park, CP #7164, West Bay Shore, Town of Islip.*

Chairperson Teresa Elkowitz read correspondence from Mr. Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services concerning the project into the record. The project involves installing both heat and air conditioning in order to open the Sagtikos Manor house to the public on a year round basis and protect the antique furnishings therein. Plans for the HVAC systems will be submitted for Historic Trust review. The action will help preserve the historic integrity of the structure.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the project is a Type II action, seconded by Mr. Mallamo. Unanimously approved.

3. *Proposed Restoration of Buildings at Meadow Croft County Park, CP #7510, Sayville, Town of Islip.*

An overview of the project was read by Chairperson Teresa Elkowitz that was sent by Mr. Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services. The project involves restoration of the stable/barn and shed outbuildings and repair/replacement of the roof on the servant's wing of the main house. Cedar wood roofs will be replaced on these structures and all building materials will match the original, including the stucco finish on the stable building. Plans for the stable/barn building will be submitted for Historic Trust review. The action will help preserve the historic integrity of the structure.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Cramer to classify this project as a Type II action. Unanimously approved.

4. *Proposed Acquisition of Property Known as Terry Hill, Town of Brookhaven.*

An overview on this project was presented by Ms. Laretta Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Planning Department. The project includes transfer of 6.1 acres from the Federal Government to Suffolk County for park purposes. A Phase I Environmental Assessment did not reveal any potential contamination from toxic or hazardous substances, however, the Federal government will remediate any contamination problems in the future, if they are found.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Cramer to recommend this project is an unlisted action with a Negative Declaration. Unanimously approved.

Chairperson Teresa Elkowitz excused herself, since the owner of the property being considered for acquisition by the County is a client in her office. Vice Chairperson Lawrence Swanson took the chair.

5. *Proposed Acquisition of Land (AVR Realty Property) under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Program, Town of Brookhaven.*

Vice Chairperson Lawrence Swanson read a letter from Town of Brookhaven giving lead agency to the County. An overview on this project was presented by Ms. Laretta Fischer, Principal Planner with the Suffolk County Planning Department, stating the project involves the acquisition of 339.9 acres of undeveloped property under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (2000-2013) in the Carmans River Watershed for open space and passive park purposes. All three properties lie within the SGPA, two of which are also in the Pine Barrens Core Area. The southern most parcel is in the CGA. Steve Brown from the Brookhaven CAC stated the acquisitions help to complete the greenbelt trail from the north to the south shore. An open space evaluation of all parcels together got 75 points out of 100 points. Ms. Adrienne Esposito stated that the preservation of the parcels satisfy the goals of the Carmen River Study.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the project is a Type I action, Negative Declaration, seconded by Ms. Esposito. Unanimously passed with Steve Brown of the Brookhaven CAC, also voting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Michael Kaufman will not be at the July, August and September, 2004 meetings for medical reasons.

## HISTORIC SERVICES – Director’s Report

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services in the Suffolk County Parks Department reported on the latest developments concerning the county’s historic properties.

- The Roosevelt family donated a piano to Meadow Croft which was originally in the house. It has been completely restored. Tours of the house are now being conducted through October.
- The Deepwells summer events were reviewed. July 8 is a kick-off meeting for the holiday showcase.
- An Antique Show will be conducted at Sagitikos Manor
- The horse ring at Old Field farm is being completed. Steve Brown, Brookhaven CAC, stated that many buildings there are unsafe and need to be stabilized or torn down.
- The Hawkins House events were reviewed
- Steve Brown, Brookhaven CAC, would like to have information as to what is being done at the Chandler Estate. Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, said he will check with the Suffolk County Department of Parks.

## CAC Concerns

Joy Squires went to EMC, CAC, DEC workshop on SEQRA revisions.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:16 a.m.