



2 -----X

3 SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING

4 Arthur Kunz Memorial Library
5 H. Lee Dennison Building
6 100 Veterans Memorial Highway
7 Hauppauge, New York

7 -----X

8

9

10 December 12, 2007
11 10:00 a.m.

12

13

BEFORE:

14

R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairman

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25 ACCURATE COURT REPORTING, INC.
6 Frances Lane
Port Jefferson, New York 11777
631-331-3753

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2

3 A P P E A R A N C E S:

4

5 R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairperson

6 MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairman

7 HON. VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER

8 THOMAS GULBRANSEN

9 RICHARD MACHTAY

10 DANIEL PICHNEY

11 MARY ANN SPENCER

12 JIM BAGG

13

14 EVA GROWNEY

15

16 JOY SQUIRES

17 RICHARD MARTIN

18

19 ALSO PRESENT:

20 CHRISTINE DE SALVO, Staff

21 CARRIE MEEK-GALLAGHER

22 PAT VOGES

23 TANISON YEN

24 JEN SKILBRED

25

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 (WHEREUPON, this hearing
3 convened at 10:00 a.m.)

4 MR. CHAIRPERSON: I would
5 like to call the meeting to order.
6 I understand the minutes are not
7 due until today. There is nothing
8 on the websites new. What about
9 correspondence?

10 MR. BAGG: We sent out
11 everybody the Homestead A Syst
12 Task Force Report that deals with
13 fertilizer use and pesticide use
14 in the County. That was sent out
15 BY request of Honorable
16 Viloría-Fisher. It kind of runs
17 in conjunction with the Fertilizer
18 Bill.

19 So that was in your folder.
20 Other than that, nothing has been
21 received.

22 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Historic
23 Trust --

24 MR. MARTIN: I would like
25 to discuss two new concerns that I

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 plan to bring up. The first is
3 the housing program, which I know
4 we discussed a here a number of
5 times. We will start bringing it
6 to the full CQ every month as to
7 the full current status of the
8 vacancies. That is the number one
9 concern of the Historic Trust
10 Committee are the buildings that
11 have no occupancy whatsoever.
12 Most of these or all of these on
13 the list that I just handed out to
14 you are within the housing
15 program.

16 The first five properties
17 that are dedicated to our Historic
18 Trust. These are county landmark
19 buildings. The first building is
20 the Jacob Smith House at the West
21 Hills County Park is a rather
22 large 18th century building that
23 the tenants did move out because
24 of the increased rent and also the
25 heating cost.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Can
3 you tell us the rents?

4 MR. MARTIN: I can give you
5 a general sense that the market
6 rate for the building would be
7 \$2,800.

8 MR. KAUFMAN: Is that also
9 known as the Stimson House?

10 MR. MARTIN: Right.

11 There was also a tenant there
12 that was there a number of years.
13 She has moved out, and the
14 building is vacant. Just so you
15 realize, the market -- the full
16 market rate does not come into
17 effect until next September of
18 2008. So there are people already
19 moving out from the two increases
20 that we had this year. There will
21 be two increases this next year in
22 March of 2008 and September of
23 2010.

24 There is another house within
25 West Hills, another eighteenth

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 century house -- actually it is
3 dated earlier. It should be
4 1820 -- that is also within this
5 parkland that the tenant is
6 concerned whether she will be able
7 to afford the rent. So that is
8 also a possibility for a vacancy.

9 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: This
10 is the one that I told you that I
11 had received a letter on and that
12 I presented to the Parks
13 Committee?

14 MR. MARTIN: The Oakley
15 House.

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yes.

17 MR. MARTIN: I think she
18 reached out to the committee.

19 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: In her
20 letter she sites that the cost of
21 heating in a house like this is
22 high because it is leaky and it
23 doesn't have the insulation that a
24 modern house would have. The
25 husband is a retired Nassau County

1 -Suffolk County Planning -

2 police officer, and she said maybe
3 we can look at employees and
4 people who are in the police
5 department -- the various police
6 departments, as the Cop Next Door
7 Program, that can lower some of
8 the rates. It sounded like the
9 family was going through a
10 hardship.

11 MR. MARTIN: That is the
12 market rate. Top rate would be
13 next September.

14 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Let me
15 understand correctly that the new
16 position with the County is that
17 the person has to pay fair market
18 value?

19 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

20 MR. CHAIRPERSON: And on
21 top of that, they are expected to
22 provide surveillance?

23 MR. MARTIN: Not anymore.
24 That's the change. There is no
25 requirement in the contracts as

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 they had before to supply
3 security. They are now paying the
4 market rate. There is no extra
5 work at this point. This is basic
6 debris and cleanup or reporting
7 any incident in the park. There
8 are a number of tenants that are
9 required to take care of --

10 MR. CHAIRPERSON: It seems
11 to me that you are giving up a lot
12 for very little gain. The value
13 seems to be not only in just
14 having a body there but somebody
15 who is willing to take
16 responsibility.

17 Is there any possibility to
18 revisit that?

19 MS. SPENCER: When the
20 property was revisited and the
21 market rates went up, or prior to
22 instituting the market, the trust
23 expressed their concerns
repeatedly because it is dedicated
25 to the property. It is one of the

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 top priorities that it not be
3 vacant.

4 We asked at that time and we
5 consistently asked that the
6 property be viewed separately and
7 that the rents be reduced
8 accordingly. That has not yet
9 happened, and that is one of the
10 reasons that I asked Richard to
11 keep us apprized.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: This goes
13 back to a concern that I had for a
14 very long period of time. I
15 expressed to Rich and I expressed
16 it to Larry, these rents -- I'm
17 not firmly convinced that they are
18 accurate or how they are arrived
19 at. But I think they are very,
20 very wrongly determined. I think
21 that given the fact that we have
22 got -- these are not rentals.
23 These are licenses.

24 Given the fact that the
25 structures are not comparable to

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 present-day housing stock. Given
3 the fact that the increased oil
4 and heating issues and etcetera.
5 I just think that no one is taking
6 this stuff into account to
7 determine the fair-market-value
8 rentals in the real estate trade.
9 I'm telling you what I know what
10 market rents go for nowadays and
11 rentals and things like that. It
12 is way too high, and I disagree in
13 the way it is being done and that
14 maybe you should look at.

15 MR. MACHTAY: If these
16 folks move out and the rents are
17 so high -- number one, they are
18 providing maintenance and heat.
19 But if they move out, the County
20 has to still provide heat for the
21 building and it is going to
22 deteriorate; correct?

23 MR. MARTIN: The committee
24 has asked -- the Historical
25 Committee has asked the parks

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 department to provide heat. The
3 parks department is not providing
4 heat to all the vacancies. Some
5 they are and some they are not.

6 MR. MACHTAY: These
7 buildings will go us under very
8 quickly without heat --

9 MR. CHAIRPERSON: We know
10 from past experience the cost of
11 renovation. Even after they
12 deteriorated.

13 MR. MACHTAY: You are
14 telling me that the County would
15 rather have a vacant building and
16 may or may not supply heat and not
17 collect any rents if they do not
18 get the market rate, or what they
19 perceive what the market rate is.
20 It seems a little shortsighted.

21 MS. SPENCER: Richard and
22 the trust have been working on
23 this point for the last three
24 years.

25 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Ms.

1 -Suffolk County Planning Commission
2 Viloría-Fisher, is it a
3 possibility that you can revisit
4 this?

5 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: When I
6 introduced the new Commissioner
7 and he was leaving -- when Tracy
8 ~~Walene~~ ^{Bellone} was leaving -- when I
9 introduced the new Commissioner, I
10 told him that this was one of the
11 issues I wanted at the top of the
12 agenda. I was very concerned
13 because of the vandalism on our
14 properties which had cost us
15 hundreds of thousands of dollars.

16 To those who were not
17 involved with the County when this
18 took place, there were some
19 scandals four years ago that there
20 was some sweetheart deals for
21 people who were renting some of
22 the properties. And Friends of
23 Long Island Heritage were
24 involved. They were the managers.

25 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

1 -Suffolk County Planning Commission

2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm
3 not going to go into details. I'm
4 giving a very broad look at this.
5 The legislative reaction was to
6 react to those newspaper stories
7 and say, We have to cut Friends
8 out of this and do it directly
9 throughout our Parks Department
10 and have fair market value. No
11 sweetheart deals, no cutting of
12 any kind of slack.

13 When we see this coming to
14 fruition, and I really wasn't
15 happy with the way that was drawn
16 up at that particular time, but
17 now we are seeing it come home to
18 roost, so to speak, because we
19 have vacancies, we have
20 inordinately high rentals.

21 Actually, Richard is going to
22 be speaking to John Pavacic
23 tomorrow and then they will start
24 working that out tomorrow.

25 MR. KAUFMAN: Would it

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 assist in the process of the CEQ
3 to express their concerns?

4 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Absolut
5 ely. This is why I brought the
6 letter that I received from some
7 of the constituents that know that
8 I have interest in this that
9 actually live in West Hills, and I
10 brought that to the Parks
11 Committee. Because any piece of
12 evidence that we have that this is
13 really not the right way to go.

14 Even state parks allow -- is
15 it free rent?

16 MR. MARTIN: Many of them
17 are free rent and are required too
18 pay free rent. So they have
19 people on site.

20 MR. KAUFMAN: Do they have
21 an income tax?

22 MR. MARTIN: There are some
23 that requires free rents and there
24 are others, I believe, you can
25 pay.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. KAUFMAN: I believe
3 that there is an income tax as a
4 consequence to that. It is not
5 exactly free rent. Non-the-less,
6 there is a need for the market,
7 and the IRS recognizes that.

8 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: That
9 is something that John Papas is
10 looking at.

11 MS. SPENCER: May I just
12 reiterate that the County reviewed
13 all of its property. The ones
14 that Richard is bringing forth,
15 are the properties on that list.
16 So this is not ment to be a
17 comprehensive list of vacancies in
18 the County.

19 MR. CHAIRPERSON: We will
20 have Richard finish his
21 presentation and perhaps it would
22 be appropriated as a resolution to
23 ask that the CEQ revisit.

24 MS. SQUIRES: I just want
25 to comment to commend Mary Ann for

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 bringing the list. Because the
3 more people that understand this
4 that we have a problem with some
5 of our things in the Town of
6 Huntington, the more people will
7 understand what the situation is.
8 People are very quick to
9 criticize.

10 When you have a list in front
11 of you that says this, this and
12 this can not be rented, it brings
13 it to the foresight of a more
14 diverse group.

15 MR. MARTIN: The next two
16 apartments are both in the main
17 house at Coindre Hall. The west
18 wing apartment was going against
19 the market rate. The tenants were
20 there for a number of years and
21 decided to move out.

22 The second, number three, is
23 actually an apartment we have
24 approved for below market rate to
25 provide space for a caretaker for

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 that site. That is a unique
3 listing in a unique situation.

4 Again, no one stepped forward
5 to take that position. I think
6 the rent for that would be \$900,
7 and they need to provide
8 caretaking duties to get that
9 rent. The other apartment at that
10 market rate would be \$2,000.

11 Number four is the house at
12 Prosser Pines in Middle Island
13 that is vacant.

14 The fifth is the Gatehouse on
15 Montauk Highway in West Sayville.
16 That is a small two bedroom
17 Gatehouse in West Sayville. That
18 is hard to rent at these market
19 rates.

20 MS. SQUIRES: What is the
21 rate?

22 MR. MARTIN: The Gatehouse
23 market rate is \$1,375 and part of
24 the problem with that site is that
25 it is on Montauk Highway and it is

1 -Suffolk County Planning Board
2 quite noisy because it is at the
3 entrance of golf course.

4 MR. BAGG: I have word that
5 there is someone moving into that
6 property.

7 MR. MARTIN: They are
8 moving into the West Gatehouse on
9 Green Street. That has already
10 been approved. It is not on the
11 list. It will occupied by the
12 Maritime Museum staff.

13 MS. SQUIRES: Number four.
14 That property.

15 MR. MARTIN: \$1,300 plus
16 utilities. There are some that
17 would include utilities within the
18 buildings, but they would be
19 paying a percentage.

20 That is at the Blydenburgh --
21 the main house. That is within
22 the historic site. So they pay a
23 percentage of the utilities.

24 Those are the five that are
25 dedicated to the Historic Trust.

1 -Suffolk County Planning Board.

2 The next four buildings are
3 listed under our new Historic
4 Contributing List. These are the
5 Stemmler House at the Robert
6 Cushman Murphy County Park,
7 Manorville. The tenant lived
8 there in the house for a number of
9 years and has just moved out and
10 moved into a local retirement
11 home. They got a better deal.

12 The next two are located near
13 Swan Pond. We call it the Davis
14 House complex. These are both
15 smaller homes that are both
16 vacant.

17 The Robinson Duck Farm, house
18 number three, is the larger of the
19 three homes. It is a two-story
20 house, and that is vacant.

21 The Caretaker's Cottage at
22 West Hills County Park. It is
23 vacant. I brought this up to the
24 new commissioner, and it is agreed
25 that that can be turned over for

1 -Suffolk County Planning Commission--
2 the parks use and we plan to
3 expand the park's office from the
4 existing office. They need some
5 extra space. Also, the garage can
6 be used by the Parks Department.

7 The last two are properties
8 that are not rented, but do not
9 have any historic status. That is
10 the house at the south end of
11 Blydenburgh County Park by the
12 Veteran's Memorial Highway
13 entrance, and the Froelich Farm
14 Warehouse which is in Huntington.

15 MR. GULBRANSEN: If I may,
16 the ongoing discussion -- I would
17 suggest that you try to tie this
18 to the County Executives at
19 finding housing for volunteer
20 firefighters. That is a pool of
21 resources that seems to be trying
22 to --

23 MR. MARTIN: And -- we will
24 carry that forward under the
25 existing resolution under the

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 County employee. That would be a
3 resolution to make that change.

4 MR. CHAIRPERSON: An you
5 want to make a resolution --

6 MS. SPENCER: I would like
7 to make a resolution that the
8 situation in the dedicated
9 property vis-a-vee, the rentals,
10 be brought to the attention of the
11 legislature. And that is
12 certainly is consistent with the
13 Historic Trust Committee concern.

14 MR. CHAIRPERSON: A request
15 for the legislature to reexamine
16 the policy?

17 MS. SPENCER: Yes.
18 Reexamine the situation and the
19 policy and the dedicated
20 structures which the manual states
21 must not be --

22 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Second?

23 MR. KAUFMAN: I'll second.

24 MS. SQUIRES: Does it say
25 that they must be Suffolk County

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 Park employees.

3 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

4 MS. SPENCER: Only the
5 County. The legislature.

6 MR. MARTIN: All the County
7 employees.

8 MR. MACHTAY: So the people
9 moving out because the rent got
10 too high are County employees?

11 MR. MARTIN: Right now we
12 have a different situation going
13 on. The people that existed in
14 the previous program were not
15 asked to leave. You have both.
16 Some are retired County employees
17 that have moved out, County
18 employees, and also people that
19 work with our organization.

20 Let's say the apartment at
21 Coindre Hall, the man there worked
22 for the Sagamore Rowing Corp. If
23 we could not find a County
24 employee, we would try to find
25 someone working with us with a

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 contract onsite. That was an
3 arrangement. Because he knew the
4 property and watched out for the
5 boathouse.

6 You could also use a private
7 citizen that what was not
8 affiliated with the park's
9 program, but that was the last
10 resort.

11 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Any other
12 comments?

13 All in favor of the motion?

14 (WHEREUPON, the members
15 voted.)

16 MR. CHAIRPERSON: All
17 opposed?

18 (WHEREUPON, the members
19 voted.)

20 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Obtain?

21 (WHEREUPON, the members
22 voted.)

23 MR. CHAIRPERSON: One
24 abstain.

25 Anything else?

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. MARTIN: I still have
3 the other half of my report.

4 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Let me
5 introduce Eva Growney. She is a
6 new member of the CEG.

7 Welcome aboard.

8 For the rest of you, let's
9 introduce the members around the
10 room.

11 MS. SPENCER: Mary Ann
12 Spencer. My background is
13 historic preservation. I also
14 chair CEQ.

15 MS. SQUIRES: Joy Squires.
16 I report to the Town of Huntington
17 Conservation Board through
18 legislation for a lot of years. I
19 have been here for a lot of years.

20 MS. DESALVO: I am
21 Christine DeSalvo. I'm the CEQ
22 secretary. I work with Jim.

23 MS. GROWNEY: I'm an
24 architect and I worked on historic
25 buildings in excess of 30 years.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 I worked in numerous areas near
3 the City. I worked on Carnegie
4 Hall. More recently I have been
5 doing work with the County -- all
6 pro-bono. Working on Hubbard's
7 County Park to try to bring it to
8 some sort of stability.

9 I'm doing green architecture
10 for almost 15 years in some
11 capacity or another.

12 MS. SQUIRES: What town do
13 you live in?

14 MS. GROWNEY: Amagansette.

15 MR. MACHTAY: I work for
16 the Town of Huntington for a
17 number years. And I am planner
18 and I have been doing it for a
19 long time. And I have been here
20 since last May.

21 MR. PICHNEY: My name is
22 Dan Pichney. I'm from Bayport.
23 I'm a former planner with the
24 Suffolk County. I have been on
25 the CEQ a little over a year.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: My
3 name is Vivian Viloria-Fisher and
4 we have met.

5 MR. BAGG: I'm Jim Bagg.
6 Principal staff on CEQ.

7 MR. CHAIRPERSON: I'm Larry
8 Swanson. I'm an Oceanographer for
9 the State University of Stony
10 Brook. I've got my 20 years
11 coming up in the CEQ.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: I'm Mike
13 Kaufman, Vice Chairman. I'm an
14 attorney.

15 We have spoken.

16 MR. GULBRANSEN: My name is
17 Tom Gulbransen -- I joined the CEQ
18 with Richard last May.

19 MR. MARTIN: My name is
20 Richard Martin --

21 MR. TRENT: Martin Trent.
22 Department of Island Services. I
23 have been involved ground water
2 and ecological studies for about
25 30 years.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MS. ^{Fischer:} ~~FISHER~~: My name

3 Loretta ^{Fischer} ~~Fisher~~. I work in the
4 Planning Department for the
5 Environmental Analysts. I do most
6 of the preparation and
7 presentation of the false
8 acquisitions that the County under
9 takes.

10 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Welcome.

11 MR. MARTIN: The second
12 half of my report, again, issues a
13 concern to the Historical
14 Committee are our custodial
15 agreements. These are the
16 agreements that provide for our
17 historic sites to be occupied by
18 the local Historical Society and
19 other local organizations.

20 I have a list here to explain
21 the status of those contracts to
22 make you aware of them.

23 Over at the Scully Estate,
24 which is in Islip, the contract
25 for -- to run the environmental at

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 that location is now in the hands
3 of the County Executive's Office.
4 There is still some additional
5 discussions on the County
6 procedures that the organization
7 is to follow. I'm not part of the
8 negotiations. I know the basics
9 to it. That contract was not
10 signed yet.

11 At the Van Bourgonndien House
12 in West Babylon, that has been
13 completed by the County Park
14 Contract Division. That has been
15 sent to the County Attorney's
16 Office for review.

17 The South Bay Audubon
18 Society, the Parks Contract
19 Division is working on that
20 contract.

21 The Farmingville Historical
22 Society, that is looking to go
23 into the Farmingville Schoolhouse
24 in Farmingdale. The Parks
25 Contract is now working on packet

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 that contract.

3 Flashes of Hope which
4 occupies Coindre Hall and provides
5 tours at that site. That contract
6 was not negotiated yet by the
7 Parks Department.

8 Deepwell Farm Historical
9 Society has been signed by the
10 organization and is now in the
11 County office for signature. That
12 has moved forward from last time
13 it was brought up in CEQ.

14 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: By the
15 way, I heard one of the public
16 radio stations that a performer
17 that is going to be at Deep Wells
18 tonight. So I wanted you to know
19 that.

20 I think it is every
21 Wednesday.

22 MR. MARTIN: The Yaphank
23 Historical Society which occupies
24 the Hawkins House. They have a
25 contract, but it is expired. We

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 need to write a contract for that
3 organization. That was not
4 started yet.

5 The ~~Commerdinger~~ ^{Commerdinger} house which
6 is the ~~Commerdinger~~ ^{Commerdinger} Preservation
7 Association. That house will not
8 be occupied by the organization at
9 this time until some repairs are
10 done. They have been provided a
11 permit to do programming at that
12 site on the grounds. We will be
13 doing a contract on this house
14 when the house is ready to be
15 occupied.

16 It is not a dedicated
17 property. It is on this historic
18 list.

19 Right now Public Works is
20 doing a study of the building to
21 see what is needed to be done for
22 public occupancy. Right now it
23 was a formally a residence. We
24 need a CEO either for office se or
25 public assembly.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 Just so people are aware, I
3 don't know if I announced -- the
4 County has closed -- the Isaac
5 Mills House which is in Saint
6 James next to the Mill Pond house
7 owned by the Town of Smithtown.
8 The jurisdiction was turned over
9 to the Parks Department two weeks
10 ago.

11 I started initial discussions
12 with the Smithtown Art Council
13 which occupies the Mill Pond
14 house. I gave them a tour of the
15 house, and they expressed interest
16 and are sending a letter to the
17 Parks Commissioner. I just
18 started the conversation --

19 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Would
20 they be paying the rent?

21 MR. MARTIN: There are two
22 programs that we have. The
23 housing program and the
24 interpretive program.

25 I would look for the Isaac

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 Mills house for an interpretive
3 program and open it up to the
4 public.

5 MR. KAUFMAN: Is the art
6 counsel thinking about moving out
7 of the existing quarters?

8 MR. MARTIN: Not at all.
9 We met with them at their
10 location. Their office occupies
11 the kitchen area of the first
12 floor. They would like to expand
13 their existing program. It is
14 fairly successful as of late for
15 providing services to the public
16 and opening the property to the
17 public. They are definitely --

18 MR. KAUFMAN: What is the
19 condition of that house?

20 MR. MARTIN: It was used as
21 a welcome center up to the
22 closing. It is basically in good
23 repair.

24 When we review it for public
25 use, I'm sure there will be things

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 to update.

3 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Any
4 questions for Richard?

5 Okay, thank you.

6 Just to remind everybody:
7 That this is a public meeting.
8 You are welcome to speak.
9 Ordinarily, people who speak wait
10 for a particular issue that they
11 are interested in that comes up on
12 the agenda. If you are desiring
13 to do so, please, let us know as
14 we go through the agenda this
15 morning.

16 Jim, tell us about your
17 Ratification of Recommendations
18 for Legislative Resolutions.

19 MR. BAGG: -- type two
20 actions were previously reviewed
21 by the CEQ and secretly
22 completed -- I want to point out
23 is dealing with the past counsels
24 recommendations -- which is 2251
25 which is dedicating and

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Abstentio
3 n?

4 MS. GROWNEY: Abstain.

5 MR. CHAIRPERSON: One
6 abstention?

7 All right.

8 Proposed Acquisition of Land
9 for Open Space Preservation
10 Purposes Known as the Crystal Bay
11 Construction, Inc. Property in the
12 Town of Riverhead.

13 MS. ~~SHIBBS~~^{Fischer}: Yes, thank
14 you.

15 Before you today is the
16 proposed acquisition on 7.72 acres
17 in Riverhead. It is adjacent to
18 recently acquired property between
19 the Town of Riverhead and the --
20 and County property in the green.

21 This to the east is the small
22 little lot -- were the acquisition
23 of both the County and the Town
just about six months to a year
25 ago. You might know it as the

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 River Club Subdivision. To the
3 east of that in the green is the
4 Indian Island Golf Course.

5 This is in addition to those
6 acquisitions. We are doing a
7 partnership again with the Town.
8 We are doing a 70 percent to 30
9 percent acquisition. 70 percent
10 by the County and 30 percent by
11 the Town of Riverhead. Under the
12 old Open Space Preservation
13 Program -- as is the uses that
14 will be the used for the River
15 Club Property as well.

16 Again, we are just north of
17 the Peconic River and certainly
18 within the watershed of the
19 Peconic River and --

20 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Why is
21 there a little subsection in red?

22 MS. ~~STILES~~ ^{Fisher}: That is our
23 proposed acquisition in red.

24 MR. CHAIRPERSON: In the
25 north corner.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MS. ~~STILES~~^{Fischer}: There are two
3 lots that consist of the
4 acquisition. It is two lots
5 making up the 7.72 acres.

6 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Are you
7 putting in a parking lot?

8 MS. ~~STILES~~^{Fischer}: We are not
9 sure where the access will be. We
10 might have the access along River
11 Road -- th southern portion of it.
12 The northern portion of it is the
13 railroad. We my put it on the
14 River Club parcel and have trails
15 throughout.

16 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Any
17 questions for Lauren?

18 MR. MACHTAY: Was there any
19 use on this property?

20 MS. ~~STILES~~^{Fischer}: Not that we
21 are aware of.

22 MR. MACHTAY: It looks to
23 be a cleared path right up the
24 middle of it.

25 MS. ~~STILES~~^{Fischer}: I'm not

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 familiar with what exactly the use
3 was. If it was, it was pretty
4 minimal. It is mostly wooded.

5 Whatever the use, it is not
6 of any active or significant use.

7 MR. MACHTAY: I will make a
8 motion.

9 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Second by
10 Legislator Vilorina-Fisher.

11 Any further questions?

12 All in favor?

13 (WHEREUPON, the members
14 voted.)

15 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

16 (WHEREUPON, the members
17 voted.)

18 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Abstention?

19 (WHEREUPON, the members
20 voted.)

21 MR. CHAIRPERSON: One
22 abstention.

23 Amended copy of Fertilizer
24 Legislation. A Local Law to
25 Reduce Nitrogen Pollution by

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 Reducing the Use of Fertilizer in
3 Suffolk County and additional
4 information.

5
6 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher!}~~GALLAGHER~~: Good
7 morning.

8 There was actually one
9 additional change that was made
10 since the letter that we sent out
11 to you. I want to pass around --
12 this just highlights all the
13 summary changes that we did make
14 after meeting with you last time,
15 to address the concerns of a raise
16 as well as additional potency in
17 the New York State --

18 The very first bullet is the
19 additional change that was made
20 subsequent to the letter that was
21 sent to you on November 30th.
22 There was an amended version of
23 that Bill that was filed on
24 December 3rd. To make it clear
25 that fertilizer should not be

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 applied to TURF -- or when the
3 grass is not actively growing --

4 Let me just quickly run
5 through the changes that we made
6 based on your input. I think you
7 will see we incorporated the
8 majority if not all the
9 suggestions that were raised at
10 the meeting of November 21st, and
11 as well as, as I said, some
12 additional input from the New York
13 State -- to make sure we were
14 consistent with what they would
15 recommend and hopefully satisfy
16 all your concerns.

17 We added the definition of
18 TURF. That was raised at the
19 November 21st meeting. Now it is
20 clear that we are talking about
21 fertilizer applied to TURF. So,
22 again, in the Prohibitions, we
23 make it clear that this is
24 applicable to TURF.

25 In Section 4, under

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 Requirements, we add the term
3 "fertilizers and turf management."
4 The Law made it clear that if you
5 have -- if there are multiple
6 locations that the fertilizer is
7 pulled, that those signs have to
8 be placed within 10 feet of those
9 locations.

10 Under Section 4 under
11 Requirements for reporting, we
12 were able to workout with the New
13 York State Department of
14 Agriculture and Markets to supply
15 all of the detailed information
16 for Suffolk County. And if we
17 felt we needed additional
18 information, that they would be
19 willing to give additional
20 information to Suffolk County.
21 That will get us all the
22 information that we are looking
23 for to help us determine what is
2 going on in the market place.

25 In Section 5 under Education

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 and Reporting, we added -- we had
3 just added the Suffolk County
4 Water Authority. They have been
5 working with us in a big partner
6 task force as well as Cornell
7 University New York State
8 Integrated Pest Management
9 Program.

10 In Section 5 Education and
11 Reporting, we just made it clear
12 that this is related to turf. We
13 want to make it clear that turf
14 was -- to make it applicable to
15 TURF.

16 In the program evaluation
17 reports, this is to make it clear
18 that we will only have information
19 at the County level and not to be
20 applied to the retail
21 establishments.

22 We added a five-year
23 reporting. After five years, we
24 have to evaluate and report to the
25 effectiveness of this program and

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 then determine whether Law needs
3 to be changed to make it more
4 effective.

5 In Section 8 under Exemption,
6 we changed from "agricultural
7 production" to be replaced with
8 "farm operations. Because "farm
9 operations" is a broader
10 description. They felt more
11 comfortable with using that
12 terminology. They were very
13 concerned it would be applicable
14 that all farm operations be
15 affected --

16 In Section 8 Exemptions, we
17 also added "newly seeded or
18 planted landscapes" in addition to
19 the newly-seeded or newly sodded
20 areas. Fertilizer use in this
21 instance is minimal but of
22 critical importance in early
23 spring and the late fall
24 plantings.

25 We again made some

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 past sales or maybe effectiveness
3 that shows that people are buying
4 fertilizer or a different kind of
5 seed? Or does the commissioner
6 authorize -- the rules and
7 regulations -- is there one you
8 might revise or --

9 MS. MEEK-^{Callagher}~~GALACHER~~: State

10 Agricultural Markets regulate the
11 fertilizer. And as such, it
12 requires reporting to them every
13 year on the certain information
14 that we believe will be helpful to
15 get it up at the County level. It
16 is usually at the State level.
17 But it is how many tons are sold
18 by County, what the formulation is
19 or the grade is. Is the MPK
20 formula is sold and whether it is
21 bags, or bulk, or liquid -- or --
22 you get that type of information.

23 We are also interested in a
24 few other pieces of information
25 such as is it a slow release,

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 quick release -- at least we will
3 have those three basic pieces of
4 information right off. That would
5 be part of what we would report
6 on. Not only what is happening in
7 the market place of the sale, but
8 also information to the health
9 services in collecting ground
10 water and monitoring -- to see
11 what is happening in terms to our
12 surface ground water.

13 MR. KAUFMAN: Following up
14 on Tom's question, do you think
15 that any of the manufactures or
16 sellers might cooperate in giving
17 you more detail? For example:
18 Home Depot, where I buy a lot of
19 my stuff, slow release fertilizer
20 and etcetera, I know that they
21 have got a very active inventory
22 over there. They are frequently
23 out of a certain product.

24 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALAGHER~~: We

25 haven't talk to the retail process

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 part of the goal of working with
3 the task force -- Suffolk County
4 Water Authority -- with a bunch of
5 other organizations that it will
6 be working with is to make sure
7 the best mantra practices that are
8 being provided to the garden
9 centers, the retailers, in the
10 courses that they offer, that that
11 is addressed.

12 It is not just what type of
13 fertilizer to use and how to apply
14 it, but everything that goes along
15 with the application.

16 MR. MACHTAY: You say here:
17 One pound of nitrogen per 1,000
18 square feet of lawn application.
19 If I'm using a fertilizer that has
20 30 percent nitrogen verses a
21 fertilizer that has 5 percent
22 nitrogen, will there be
23 instructions on the bag or on
24 the -- I heard someone say on the
25 bag -- or on the sign: If you are

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 buying this product, this is how
3 much you use. If you are buying
4 that product, this is how much you
5 use?

6 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALAGHER~~: That
7 information is on the label. It
8 will state what the formulation is
9 and how it should be applied.

10 We would not address the
11 label itself, but part of what we
12 will be working on is exactly how
13 much of that information is on the
14 signs verses the brochure. And
15 some of that assistance is put
16 together on a brochure.

17 MR. MACHTAY: I think the
18 brochure will help immensely, but
19 the signs have to stand out.

20 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALAGHER~~: If you
21 look at that very back page, that
22 is kind of a sample of a sign we
23 might have.

? We were thinking the same
25 thing, that we need something

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 might it be possible to obtain
3 some short clip of videos from the
4 EPA and put those out through the
5 public service announcement loops.

6 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALACHER~~: You
7 just have to know the right
8 person.

9 MR. GULBRANSEN: To reach
10 the users that won't typically go
11 to the websites. To get the other
12 folks who are typically --

13 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALACHER~~: Driving
14 in your car and watching the news.

15 MR. GULBRANSEN: To get the
16 video content --

17 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Grass
18 Roots had a video that we placed
19 in our appendix.

20 MS. GROWNEY: And public
21 access television as well.

22 MR. CHAIRPERSON: What way
23 are you going to go after or
' enforcing government and large
25 institutions to abide by your Law.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 that is clearly -- I think it is a
3 good message for each
4 municipality -- especially schools
5 to say, Hey, we are going organic
6 and using less fertilizers, and
7 pesticides, and the other things
8 that you would want on the school
9 grounds. And then the
10 municipalities shows up and are
11 leading the way.

12 MR. MACHTAY: In the Town
13 of Huntington, I know some years
14 ago, the golf courses which
15 required a lot of fertilizers and
16 pesticides. They past a
17 resolution and the resolution is
18 adhered to this day, that only
19 organic fertilizer would be used
20 on the golf courses. There is a
21 whole program that they put into
22 affect.

23 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~CALACHER~~: It is
similar --

25 MR. MACHTAY: That is

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. VOGES: Hi. My name is
3 Pat Voges, and I represent the
4 1,500 plus members of the
5 Nassau/Suffolk Landscape Gardening
6 Association. There is not much to
7 say. Everything was kind of
8 already said.

9 I will say that you made a
10 statement before the meeting
11 started that all turf fertilizer
12 is used as directed. Put down one
13 pound per 1,000 square feet.
14 There is an exception to that
15 rule. The only exception to that
16 rule is the Grass Roots programs.
17 That program calls for two pounds
18 per 1,000 square feet. That is
19 something to think about when you
20 are use organic or slow release
21 nitrogen. The only one that calls
22 for more than one pound is the
23 Grass Roots.

24 The only thing I'm going to
25 say is: This all started with the

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 probably -- to keep our licenses,
3 we go through more education. And
4 on the task force, we strongly
5 supported the garden center
6 education, because those people
7 don't have any education.

8 Right off the bat, I
9 represent 1,600 people or
10 companies who have people working
11 for them. They all don't like the
12 word regulation. They have no
13 problem with the word education.
14 They have no problem with the word
15 volunteering.

16 When Suffolk County
17 legislation past an organic course
18 a few years back, I would say
19 99 percent of our membership has
20 taken that course. We issued
21 those things, and we put it in our
22 conferences. We worked in
23 conjunction with Cornell
24 Cooperative Extension.

25 I think the longevity is part

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 of it, and I think I have to go to
3 another school as part of it, even
4 though you said you are going to
5 make it as light as you can.

6 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALLAGHER~~: Just to
7 address that: The Companion Bill
8 that was past out to the committee
9 on Monday as well to help fund the
10 cooperative extension to provide
11 this additional landscaper
12 training course, we had a previous
13 meeting with Pat and Pat and said
14 that, you had an annual program
15 that you run by your members. So
16 that course can be plopped right
17 in there as part of that course.

18 So they are there for this
19 annual program. That course can
20 be one of the courses that you
21 offer with that program so that is
22 does not become a burden on them.
23 We want it be as easy as possible.

24 The County is going to be
25 providing the course, so they

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 don't have to pay for it. It will
3 be a requirement, though, by the
4 time the cycle is due for
5 maintaining their licenses with
6 the County.

7 MR. CHAIRPERSON: With any
8 law, there are always winners and
9 losers. We hope to achieve that
10 winners exceed the losers.

11 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALAGHER~~: We are
12 trying benefit the 1.5 million
13 residents of Suffolk County in
14 terms of the drinking water and
15 the environment here.

16 With regards to the timing,
17 we did -- that was a big issue of
18 concern. We went back and forth
19 and then we got confirmation from
20 Grass Roots program that he really
21 recommended speaking with
22 prohibitions during that time
23 period, because -- I have a letter
24 here from him -- because in
25 coastal areas like Long Island,

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 you have 75 percent of your water
3 recharge occurring in the period
4 from November to April. The
5 experiments that they did on Long
6 Island showed much higher rates of
7 nitrogen leaching if you applied
8 fertilizer from November.
9 Anywhere from 29 to 60 percent.

10 We were trying to make the
11 dates based on the best science
12 that was available to us that was
13 possible on local experiments done
14 here in an area on Long Island.
15 We drink our ground water and a
16 lot of places don't.

17 Again, we really did -- we
18 had a lot of debate on that. But
19 we really felt that this was the
20 best way to go with the
21 information that we had available
22 in terms of the goal. That is to
23 protect the ground water, public
24 health, and the environment. That
25 these are the dates that we should

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 use.

3 MR. CHAIRPERSON: You are
4 opposed to legislation; is that
5 correct?

6 MR. VOGES: I am extremely
7 opposed to the longevity of the
8 timing. I don't feel that we can
9 get good turf on the time that
10 they wanted.

11 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: We did
12 have the consensus at the end to
13 put it between May and Halloween.
14 So our time wound up between that
15 time path.

16 MR. VOGES: With the all
17 that said, I'm going to give the
18 floor to Tanison Yen.

19 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Your
20 opposed to the legislation. Are
21 there things that you -- are you
22 just in principal opposed to the
23 legislation or are there things
24 that you think that specifically
25 need to be tweaked to make it

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 tolerable?

3 MR. VOGES: I think the
4 legislation targets the
5 professional and not the homeowner
6 where it should be going to. We
7 see in our industry -- the
8 homeowners think that you put down
9 too much and that is better.

10 I'm not putting down too
11 much. I'm putting down what is
12 recommended.

13 In the task force we try to
14 educate the consumer. That's
15 where this law needs to focus. I
16 don't want to say we are educated,
17 but we go to many courses.

18 I think this whole thing
19 comes right back around to us. I
20 don't think it is going to go to
21 where it is targeted for.

22 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Pat, I
23 think you have something to say?

MR. GULBRANSEN: I think
25 you and your organization

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 put down your fall fertilization
3 when it is nice and green. That
4 is what is going to happen.

5 I'm going to pick up my
6 40-6-00, open my spreader up -- I
7 will give you an example: I
8 personally do the fire department
9 lot in Bayshore where the Memorial
10 Day parade is due. And it needs
11 to be green one day a year. Trust
12 me, it is green. It is green
13 because we use the liquid
14 nitrogen. Don't put it on the
15 rest of the year, because of
16 budget restraints or whatever.

17 That is what is going to
18 happen to your party.

19 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: You
20 know what happened when the
21 commissioner first brought this
22 legislation to our committee.
23 There was an enormous cry
24 throughout Suffolk County and the
25 public hearing was packed from the

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 people in the industry. And the
3 Scott's people came from Ohio to
4 speak in our public hearing.

5 I think that the commissioner
6 -- that she and her staff worked
7 very hard to pull back and respond
8 to a lot of the complaints,
9 because we were really outraged
10 with a lot of the original
11 legislation -- I think it calls
12 for education and an outreach to
13 the public.

14 I think most of it is
15 education. I feel that you are
16 expressing a lot of feelings of
17 being threatened by this. You are
18 already doing a lot of the
19 legislation that is -- is listed
20 in the legislation. And I think
21 in some ways this facilitates --
22 the County with this legislation
23 now has other legislation that is
24 putting money into this type of
25 legislation that will help your

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 membership.

3 MS. YEN: My name is
4 Tanison Yen. I'm from the Cornell
5 Cooperative from Suffolk County.

6 One of the biggest problems
7 in working with the general
8 public, just like when they go to
9 a doctor and the doctor tells them
10 something that they do not want to
11 hear, they will turn to their
12 neighbor who will tell them
13 something that they do want to
14 hear. Or in the case of
15 information about turf grass.
16 They will turn to the internet or
17 they will turn to organizations
18 who will tell them something that
19 they do want to hear.

20 Cornell Cooperative Extension
21 is different from Cornell
22 University. It is a liaison
23 between scientific research and
24 public interest. In other words,
25 we are supposed to represent the

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 unbiased opinion.

3 We talk about organizations
4 like Grass Roots. We talk about
5 using stuff from Scott. We talk
6 about the difference between a
7 pound of fertilizer and a pound of
8 nitrogen, what happens when the
9 roots are shorter, how much
10 irrigation should I use.

11 The public should be coming
12 to the cooperative extension. I
13 have reams and reams of material.
14 I have education programs that I
15 offer to the public and to the
16 professional. Yet people are not
17 coming to us.

18 People are unaware that we
19 exist as a separate entity from
20 Cornell University or from Grass
21 Roots. We are the unbiased
22 opinion.

23 I hope that all of you will
24 come to us for information before
25 going to Grass Roots or other

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 organizations. Not that there
3 information is bad necessarily,
4 but you need an unbiased opinion
5 that reviews the scientific
6 research.

7 Just because something is
8 scientific, does not mean it is
9 designed well or the information
10 that ultimately comes out of it is
11 unbiased. Keep that in mind.

12 In terms of timing, it is
13 very necessary that the general
14 public does not continue to put
15 down fertilizer, whether they need
16 it or not. Because they are
17 looking for what they see on the
18 cover of a magazine.

19 If you ever look alongside of
20 those pictures, they are taken
21 from the Pacific northwest. We
22 have extremely harsh climate with
23 tremendous boundaries that are not
24 good for grass growth. Let the
25 buyer beware.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 And when considering the
3 timing of the fertilizer or
4 anything, you want to be very
5 careful that you consider all the
6 possible avenues or information.

7 We need to control the
8 general public. Not the people
9 that are already receiving
10 mandatory education. Please, come
11 to the cooperative extension with
12 your questions. We do represent
13 that unbiased information.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: You may not
15 remember me.

16 MS. YEN: I do remember
17 you.

18 MR. KAUFMAN: You do have a
19 lot of information around there.
20 What you are saying is correct,
21 you cannot rely on your neighbors.

22 I have a lot of neighbors
23 with a lot of lawn, and they
24 simply -- they can do what they
25 want. They just issue their

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 orders. It is a big problem.

3 MS. YEN: It is a big
4 problem on Long Island, because
5 people have a certain standard
6 that they want to keep up with.

7 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Do you
8 have a fee for your services?

9 MS. YEN: Generally, if you
10 want to call me up, I will give
11 you as much information that you
12 can cart home at no cost. If you
13 bring a diagnostic sample or a
14 soil sample, I think there is a
15 minimal fee of \$5.

16 What we primarily deal with
17 is information. We deal with a
18 little bit of research down here.

19 Usually the University does
20 the major research. We deal with
21 information. We take research
22 that was conducted at all
23 different universities around the
24 country and synthesis it so it
25 becomes a product that can be

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 easily consumed by the general
3 public.

4 It is always a struggle to
5 get people to come to our
6 programs. Because they rather set
7 there calender by a step program.
8 People don't want to deal with it
9 yet to do it right, they must.
10 You can lead a horse to water, but
11 you can't get him to drink it.

12 It takes 13 times before the
13 message sinks in. It is almost
14 like a mantra before it sinks in.
15 We are not exposed enough, I don't
16 think, to get that through to the
17 general public.

18 So keep that in mind.

19 MR. PICHNEY: Your
20 information pamphlets for caring
21 for lawns, do you distribute those
22 to home garden centers?

23 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yes.

24 The idea of having this as a local
25 law as opposed to doing just

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 voluntary stuff -- it is part of
3 the law and we are going out spot
4 checking -- are the signs up, are
5 the brochures within 10 feet of
6 the display? Maybe it will
7 help -- like you say, it is like a
8 targeted media attack.

9 MS. GROWNEY: What about
10 the municipalities and the real
11 estate agencies. People that
12 purchase new homes, turn over --
13 and certainly the building
14 department. They work with all
15 kinds of really good information.

16 I think the municipalities
17 would love to have something
18 because they are all trying to
19 work this out as well.

20 MS. YEN: We try to get the
21 consumers to come in too, but it
22 is very difficult. They don't
23 want to read or go to the
24 programing because they don't want
25 to take the time out of their day.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~CALACHER~~: That is
3 another piece of the Companion
4 Bill. To actually help fund
5 Cornell to work with educating the
6 garden sales and retail
7 establishment.

8 If you go to your Home Depot
9 or whoever is in charge of that
10 section and we want to help them
11 become educated so they can give
12 the information. If you are a
13 consumer and you walk in and say,
14 I need to fertilize my lawn, what
15 do you recommend. At least that
16 person will have at least some
17 education of what is better for
18 the environment or -- some of that
19 information.

20 MR. PICHNEY: Are you going
21 to have a PR firm review your
22 educational materials to make it
23 more accessible the public?

2 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~CALACHER~~: That is
25 actually one of the things that

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 Scott offered as a service. That
3 they would have their PR people --
4 once we have what we think is the
5 text -- the context or the
6 material that we would like have
7 included.

8 They obviously know
9 marketing. It is what they do and
10 what they do well. So they do
11 offer that as a service.
12 Obviously, we would have final
13 approval. We don't want them to
14 change the context.

15 But if we give them the
16 material of what we want to
17 present -- because that would be
18 very expensive for the County to
19 hire.

20 MS. SQUIRES: I just said
21 this to Marty that this is a very
22 attractive map.

23 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Okay, I
24 think we will move it along.

25 MS. SKILBRED: My name is

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 Jennifer Skilbred. We are a
3 professionally staffed non-profit
4 environmental advocacy education
5 organization.

6 We believe the proposed Bill
7 will be beneficial to the
8 environment and that they are
9 consistent with the objective of
10 the most comprehensive and current
11 regional management for ground
12 water and surface water protection
13 throughout the County.

14 That includes the Long Island
15 Sound Study, the Peconic Actuary
16 Program -- all of which have a
17 goal of reducing -- the nitrogen
18 goal.

19 I'm going to mention a few of
20 the ongoing programs aimed at a
21 particular nitrogen sources which
22 include the Peconic Estuary No
23 Vessel Discharge Zone which is
24 aimed at reducing loading from
25 boats.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 The research subject instant
3 rebate program at East Hampton
4 which is aimed at individual --
5 and waist water management
6 regulation -- sewage treatment
7 plant -- as well as numerous
8 County open --

9 While this legislation
10 focuses on turf management, it
11 compliments these other water
12 quality protection programs and
13 helps to spread the burden -- and
14 reduction across many sectors of
15 the economy.

16 This Bill also includes the
17 major emphasis on education
18 outreach -- however a combo of
19 education and prohibition -- is a
20 unique approach which is more
21 likely a --

22 MR. MACHTAY: Was a full
23 EIS prepared?

24 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALACHER~~: Yes.

25 That was prepared ahead of the

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 November 21st meeting.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: I would like
4 to make a motion that this is a
5 Type I with a negative
6 declaration.

7 We basically rule on seekers
8 and not ruling on policy. We are
9 looking into the significant
10 impacts and effects on the
11 environment. That is our primary
12 charge here.

13 As it was described around
14 the table, I really think that the
15 actually impact is beneficial by
16 minimizing the nitrogen and
17 etcetera. That is why I don't see
18 any detrimental or negative
19 impacts --

20 I recognize that there might
21 be an impact on business -- which
22 is also part of the seeker. But I
23 really do see that the beneficial
24 impacts do outweigh anything out
25 there. And again, as I said, I

1 -Suffolk County Planning
2 really do believe it will help the
3 environment.

4 So for that reason, that is
5 why I believe it is a Type I
6 negative declaration.

7 MR. MACHTAY: I second.

8 MR. CHAIRPERSON: All in
9 favor of the motion?

10 (WHEREUPON, the members
11 voted.)

12 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

13 (WHEREUPON, the members
14 voted.)

15 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Abstain?

16
17 (WHEREUPON, the members
18 voted.)

19 MR. CHAIRPERSON: One
20 abstention.

21 The motion passes.

22 I would like to thank you for
23 the summary. It would be so
24 helpful if other people would do
25 that, it would make our lives more

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 easily.

3 MS. MEEK-^{Gallagher}~~GALACHER~~: I will

4 let my colleagues know.

5 MR. CHAIRPERSON: The last

6 thing I want to call to your
7 attention is the proposed schedule
8 for 2008 -- just to remind you,
9 the proposed scheduled is, with
10 the exception of the December
11 meeting of the third Wednesday of
12 every month, has been that
13 addition.

14 So if there are any
15 objections, please let Jim know so
16 we can adopt a calender for next
17 year.

18 MR. MACHTAY: Do we need a
19 resolution to do that now?

20 MR. BAGG: We will
21 revise -- we hold the meeting
22 across the street unless we have a
23 conflict with the legislature.

2 MR. MACHTAY: I will make a
25 motion to adopt that.

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. CHAIRPERSON: We have a
3 motion to adopt the proposed
4 schedule --

5 All in favor?

6 (WHEREUPON, the members
7 voted.)

8 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Opposed?

9 (WHEREUPON, the members
10 voted.)

11 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Abstain.

12 (WHEREUPON, the members
13 voted.)

14 MR. CHAIRPERSON: One
15 abstain.

16 Is there any other business?

17 (Continued next page.)
18
19
20
21
22
23
2
25

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2 MR. MACHTAY: I would like
3 to make a motion wishing everyone
4 a happy holiday season and happy
5 New Year.

6 MR. CHAIRPERSON: Today was
7 a pleasure considering some of the
8 past meetings.

9 We have a motion to adjourn?

10 MR. KAUFMAN: I second.

11 (Time noted: 11:00 a.m.)
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
2
25

1 -Suffolk County Planning

2
3 C E R T I F I C A T E
4

5 I, KIM MOONEY, a Shorthand
6 Reporter and Notary Public of the State
7 of New York, do hereby certify:

8 That the foregoing is a true and
9 accurate transaction of the
10 stenographic notes taken herein.

11 I further certify that I am not
12 related to any of the parties to this
13 action by blood or marriage; and that I
14 am in no way interested in the outcome
15 of this matter.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
17 hereunto set my hand this 12th day of
18 December, 2007.

19
20 
21 Kim M. Mooney

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25