

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: January 18, 2017

TIME: 9:33 am – 11:00 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair

Robert Carpenter Jr.

Frank De Rubeis

Michael Doall

Eva Growney

Constance Kepert

Mary Ann Spencer

Larry Swanson

Hon. Kara Hahn

Hon. Al Krupski

ABSENT:

Thomas Gulbransen

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Boris Rukovets, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Attorney's Office

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aid to Hon. Kara Hahn District #5

Catherine Stark, Legislative Aid to Hon. Al Krupski District #1

Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Dan Gulizio, Peconic Bay Keeper

Minutes:

Minutes for the December 14, 2016 CEQ minutes were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve December 14, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

It was noted that the CEQ received an informational mailing on the Forge River Watershed Sewer Project. The mailing provided an update on the project and noted that the project is currently in the permitting and environmental review phase. CEQ staff noted that the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery is the SEQRA Lead Agency for this project and that the CEQ was included in the SEQRA Coordinated Review process.

CEQ staff also noted that as requested at the December 2016 CEQ meeting they contacted the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for additional information on the issue of the replacement salt dome project being located in an archeological sensitive zone. Staff noted that in response to the inquiry they received an email from Tim Lloyd who handles SHPO archeological reviews for Long Island which stated that due to the disturbed nature of the site there was not a concern with the project impacting archeological resources.

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

None

Project Review:

Recommended Type II Actions:

- A. Proposed Design and Construction of In-kind Replacement and Rehabilitation Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #14 – Parkland, CP8118 and for Repairing Portions of the Collection System Sewer Lines and Pumping Stations of Suffolk County Sewer District #14 – Parkland, CP815, Town of Islip

A presentation was given by Boris Rukovets, Special Projects Supervisor, with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. The project involves the design and construction of the necessary rehabilitation and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and for repairing portions of the Suffolk County Sewer District # 14 – Parkland’s collection system sewer lines and pumping stations.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Motion carried.

- B. Proposed Design and Construction of In-Kind Replacement and Rehabilitation Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #21 – SUNY, CP8121, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was given by Boris Rukovets, Special Projects Supervisor, with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. The project involves the design and construction of the necessary improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

During the CEQ review a question was brought up regarding TMDL requirements and their potential impact to the operations at the Suffolk County Sewer District #21. Boris Rukovets, noted that he has not been involved in recent TMDL discussions. The CEQ requested that CEQ staff reach out to DPW and see if they can provide some additional information regarding this question. CEQ staff noted that they will reach out to Suffolk County Department of Public Works to see if there is additional information that can be provided to the CEQ.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Motion carried.

Project Review:
Recommendations for LADS Report:

- A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table December 20, 2016 and January 3, 2017

Mr. Corral noted that the staff’s SEQRA recommendations are listed on the December 20, 2016 and January 3, 2017 LADS reports.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the December 20, 2016 and the January 3, 2017 Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Election of Officers

Ms. Spencer made a motion to nominate Mr. Swanson as CEQ Chair and Mr. Kaufman as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires stated that in the December, 2016 CEQ minutes her attendance wasn't noted. Mr. Corral noted that staff will correct the minutes.

After the completion of the CAC concerns, Mr. Kaufman expressed his heartfelt appreciation for working with Ms. Russo for the last ten years and noted that she is going to be terribly missed.

Ms. Growney also thanked Ms. Russo for being extremely supportive and inclusive of all of the CEQ members' opinions.

Ms. Russo thanked everyone for the last ten years noting that she truly enjoyed the experience and working to make Suffolk County a better place environmentally for our children and grandchildren. Ms. Russo also encouraged the CEQ members to keep up the good fight and said that the members can really make a difference.

Meeting Adjourned