

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: February 15, 2017

TIME: 9:35 am – 11:18 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair
Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair
Robert Carpenter Jr.
Frank De Rubeis
Michael Doall
Mary Ann Spencer
Hon. Kara Hahn
Hon. Al Krupski

ABSENT:

Eva Growney
Thomas Gulbransen
Constance Kepert

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner
John Corral, Senior Planner
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Ben Wright, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Jeff Dawson, Associate Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Attorney's Office
Ken Zegel, Associate Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment
Dorian Dale, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Paul Lappano, Vice President, LKB
Dan Gulizio, Peconic Bay Keeper
Vincent Frigerid, PSEG
Nanette Henry, CDM Smith
Steve Normandin, NV5
Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

Minutes:

Minutes for the January 18, 2017 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve January 18, 2017 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mr. Swanson mentioned and passed around a letter he received indicating that on March 8th and 9th the New York State Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission will hold a conference on Southern Pine Beetle in the Northeast Region.

Mr. Corral noted that no other correspondence was received.

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

There was not a Director's Report but Mr. Swanson commented that he would like to continue the CEQ tradition to have one or two CEQ meetings at Historic Trust properties during the calendar year. Mr. Swanson noted that he believes it is very important that the CEQ understand what the Historic Trust is and the wonderful historic properties that the County owns.

Project Review:

Recommended Type I Actions:

- A. Proposed Final Scoping Document for the Suffolk County Wastewater Management Program for the Mitigation of Nitrogen Impacts from Wastewater Sources.

Prior to the project presentation, Mr. Corral explained to the Council where the project was in the SEQRA process and what Scoping means based on the SEQRA regulations.

Ken Zegel, PE, Associate Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, gave a presentation on the Final Scoping Document for the Suffolk County Wastewater Management Program. The presentation included an overview of the proposed action which involves the implementation of the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan.

After an extended discussion and questions on the Final Scoping Document the CEQ requested amendments to the Final Scoping Document. These amendments included:

- that the Final Scoping Document include an attachment that describes the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Management Plan
- clarifying the language in the Water Quality Protection District section from “a water protection fee is proposed” to “will be discussed”
- moving the “Purpose and Need” section of the Scoping document in front of the “Proposed Action” section of the Scoping document
- clarify and expand the sections in the Final Scope regarding Land Use, Community Plans & Character and Cumulative Impacts

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend the amended Final Scoping Document to the Legislature for adoption subject to CEQ Chair’s review and approval of the CEQ’s requested amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Rubeis. Motion carried.

- B. Proposed Port Jefferson – Wading River Rails to Trails Pedestrian and Bicycle Path, CP 5903, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Riverhead and the Village of Shoreham

Jeff Dawson, Associate Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Eileen Kelly and Steve Normandin from NV5, Technical Engineering and Consulting Services gave a presentation on the proposed project. The proposed project involves a shared use pedestrian and bicycle path within an approximately ten mile long strip of abandoned Long Island Rail Road right-of-way which is presently owned by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). The shared use path will be designed to provide safe access and travel needs for bicyclists and pedestrians.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type I Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doall. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #7 - Medford, CP8194, Town of Brookhaven

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the proposed project. The proposed improvements to the Suffolk County Sewer District No. 7 – Medford would take place at the Woodside facility which is one of the two wastewater treatment plants in the Sewer District. The proposed improvements will be in-kind replacement with a focus on the replacement of the denitrification filter system along with auxiliary equipment. The proposed replacement system will replace an outdated system and provide the capacity to treat sewage from the potential development in North Bellport and the potential sewerage of the Village of Bellport.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Motion carried.

- B. Proposed, Suffolk County Sewer District No. 22 Hauppauge Municipal Recharge Facilities Project, CP 8171, Town of Smithtown

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Paul Lappano, Vice President at the consulting engineering company Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc. gave a presentation on the proposed project. The project proposes to abandon the Sewer District #22 wastewater treatment plant facility and pump the wastewater to Sewer District #18 for treatment in order to alleviate the poor recharge conditions at Sewer District No. 22's wastewater treatment plant. The control building and emergency generator at Sewer District No. 22's current wastewater treatment plant will remain active and supply power to the new pump station.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hahn. Motion carried.

Project Review:
Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table February 7, 2017

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations for the February 7, 2017 Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned