

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Lawrence Swanson
Chairperson
CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: May 16, 2018

TIME: 9:30 am – 11:20 pm

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

Eva Growney

Tom Gulbransen

Hon. Kara Hahn

Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Constance Kepert

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Principal Clerk

GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Frank Castelli, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Water Quality

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

Diego De La Rocha, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Alex Gimpelman, Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Bobby Castello, Jr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Paul McMahan, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

John Sohngen, Principal PH Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Bob Steele, Engineer, LK McLean Associates

Brendan Clinch, Engineer, LK McLean Associates

Christina DeLisi, Legislative Aide, Presiding Officer Gregory

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, Legislator Hahn, District #5

Meagan Bamberger, Legislative Intern, Legislator Hahn, District #5

Rick Brand, Reporter, Newsday

Minutes:

April 18, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Mr. Swanson, Mr. Doall, and Mr. Carpenter all abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites

Mr. Martin, Director of Historic Services noted that there is still a vacancy at the Robert Cushman Murphy County Park located on Old River Road in Manorville. The long term tenant moved out and Parks will be renovating the unit and then it will be reappraised and rented out again.

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Mr. Martin noted that there was nothing new to report regarding the Custodial Agreements.

Chairman Swanson introduced Mr. Gulbransen and explained to the Council that Mr. Gulbransen had been reinstated to CEQ and welcomed him back. He asked Mr. Gulbransen to introduce himself to the Council since there have been some new members since he was last on the board.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

A. Proposed 2018 Suffolk County Annual Agricultural District Modifications

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst for the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment gave a presentation regarding the project. The project involves the proposed 2018 Suffolk County Agricultural District Modifications which consist of the inclusion of 5 applications totaling 404 parcels of land for possible inclusion within certified Agricultural Districts. The Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, at its April 26, 2018 meeting, recommended that 400 parcels, which are indicated in the EAF, be included within certified Agricultural Districts. The Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board determined that these 400 parcels are viable agricultural lands that would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the 2018 Suffolk County Agricultural District Modifications applications with the exception of the Bridge A, LLC application as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

A. Proposed Road Improvements to CR21, Yaphank-Middle Island Road from Longwood Middle School to NYS Route 25, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation regarding the project was given at the meeting by Alex Gimpelman, Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. The proposed project involves road improvements to CR 21, Yaphank Middle Island Road, from the Longwood Middle School to NYS Route 25.

These road improvements include providing continuous curb and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway for improved pedestrian safety mobility and the widening of the roadway within the existing right-of-way to provide shoulders and left turn lanes where necessary for improved safety and mobility for both motorized and non-motorized roadway users. The proposed road improvements also involves construction of a left turn lane and traffic signal upgrades at the Longwood Middle School to provide operational improvements at this intersection. The project may also include ancillary work to be performed by various utility companies, which may include relocating underground and/or overhead electric, underground and/or overhead telephone/communications, and underground gas, water, and/or sewer infrastructure as necessary to construct the proposed roadway improvements. The project also includes the replacement and upgrade of an existing stormwater outfall pipe to the proximity of the Carmans River headwaters which involves replacing the existing 15 inch corrugated metal pipe with a 24 inch polyethylene pipe and a stormwater treatment structure. This project, with the exception of the replacement of the outfall pipe, was reviewed by CEQ and Legislature in 2016 and received a SEQRA Negative Declaration via Suffolk County Resolution 776-2016. This updated SEQRA review is being done so that the replacement of the outfall pipe is also considered as part of the overall road improvement project.

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

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

B. Proposed Road Improvements to CR41, Springs Fireplace Road, Town of East Hampton

A presentation regarding the project was given at the meeting by Paul McMahon, Principal Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. The proposed project involves road improvements to CR 41, Springs Fireplace Road, from the vicinity of North Main Street to the vicinity of Hildreth Place. The project involves roadway resurfacing, pavement rehabilitation, curb and sidewalk installation, drainage improvements, traffic signal improvements and the installation of signing and pavement

markings. These improvements will result in continuous sidewalks along the south side of CR-41, new drainage catch basins, leaching pools and drainage swales (where space allows) and a resurfaced roadway with proper sloping. The project may also include ancillary work to be performed by various utility companies, which may include relocating underground and/or overhead electric, underground and/or overhead telephone/communications, and underground gas, water, and/or sewer infrastructure as necessary to construct the proposed roadway improvements.

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

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table April 24, 2018

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations on Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table – April 24, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned