

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Wednesday June 15, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson
Larry Swanson, Vice-Chairperson
Thomas Cramer
Michael Kaufman
Adrienne Esposito
Lance Mallamo
John Finkenberg

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst/Department of Planning
Penny Kohler, Department of Planning
Richard Martin, Historic Services
Ralph Borkowski, Suffolk County Department of Works
Charles Bender, Aide to Presiding Officer
Margo Myles, Town of Huntington Planning
Nick Gibbons, Suffolk County Parks
Lauretta Fischer, Suffolk County Planning Department
Michael Mule, Suffolk County Planning Department
Kevin LaValle, Aide to Legislator Losquadro

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Kraus - Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary

(THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 9:34 AM)

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Good morning. I would like to welcome everyone to the June 15, 2005 CEQ meeting. I am going to ask that the members review the minutes of the March 16 meeting and I'll entertain any corrections or a motion to accept.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Cramer. Do I have a second?

MS. ESPOSITO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Second by Ms. Esposito. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. We have --

MR. SWANSON:

One abstention.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

We have one abstention, Mr. Swanson. We have one piece of correspondence from Nancy Manfredonia to Presiding Officer Joseph Caracappa. "Due to time constraints I must officially resign my position on the County's Council on Environmental Quality. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the people of Suffolk County for so many years." So, I guess -- I guess it's effective immediately, Jim? Is that correct?

MR. BAGG:

I believe so. It doesn't have a date on it.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Well, I'd like to do a little something for Nancy, which I guess we can talk about after the meeting because I know that there are some people that have to leave. We'll get through the agenda and then maybe we can talk about what we can do for her.

Recommended Type II Actions. Ratifications of staff recommendations for legislative resolutions laid on the table June 7th. Anything you'd like to call to anyone's attention, Jim?

MR. BAGG:

No. It's pretty straightforward.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Any questions?

MR. KAUFMAN:

I read them through and I'll make a motion to accept staff rec's.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion to accept staff recommendation.

MR. CRAMER:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a second by Mr. Cramer. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Item one. The proposed improvements to water supply system at Cedar Point County Park, Town of East Hampton. I have a letter dated June 13th from Nick Gibbons. "Suffolk County Parks seeks to expand the existing water distribution at Cedar Point County Park. Currently, the park is served by a central SCWA water main along Cedar Point Road. This project will expand water service to other areas of the park including, but not limited to, the campground, restrooms and maintenance facilities.

I believe this to be a Type II Action under SEQRA Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (c) (11), extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list."

Nick, can you just give us a little explanation as to what you are doing? You are running a main or what are you doing?

MR. GIBBONS:

This particular one at Cedar Point County Park we already have a Suffolk County Water Authority main that runs through the central road, that's Cedar Point Road. That's within the park, not a public road. It currently serves our new maintenance facility, which was a project that was completed about two years ago. But in the future, we'd like to extend the water to our preexisting maintenance facility, that which dates back to the early 1970's which is currently on well water, in addition to potentially reconnection of and upgrading of bathrooms, a project that will come back to you for the buildings themselves. But this has to do with extending the water to those other areas of the park that currently are served by private wells.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I'm just looking at the classification that you suggest. And what I'm specifically looking at is that it's clearly not an approved subdivision so we have to be extending the utility in connection with any action on this list. I'm trying to find an action on this list that we're extending a connection with. Now, you did say, though, that you intend to come forward with an upgrade of the bathrooms -- that would be a Type II Action.

MR. GIBBONS:

Right. I wouldn't expect any of those structures proposed to be greater than 4,000 square feet or to involve any more than two-and-a-half acres of clearing or ground disturbance.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right. So then what we're doing is we're actually extending this water in connection with an overall upgrade of bathroom facilities that you are going to be doing in the park. Is that correct?

MR. GIBBONS:

Not -- right. Bathrooms is just one example. Another would be drinking water within the campgrounds.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right. But those are all Type II Actions and it has to be in connection with another Type II Action.

MR. GIBBONS:

Correct.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Okay?

MR. KAUFMAN:

Yeah. I've just got one question.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Go ahead.

MR. KAUFMAN:

How are you going to be putting this stuff in? Normal trenching?

MR. GIBBONS:

Yes.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Okay. Are you going to avoid ripping up the area?

MR. GIBBONS:

Well, you can't trench without digging.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Without ripping up the area extensively. Let me qualify my previous statement.

MR. GIBBONS:

I should, just as a point of information for the Council, we're going through a master planning process at Cedar Point which I think is a great idea. We're finally taking a step back and looking at the entire park as a whole. And that process began in earnest really just two months ago with our first public meeting and inviting the many constituencies that are interested in the future of the park. So I don't anticipate any of this work will actually begin until that master plan is back, at which point I'll bring that to the Council as well. But in an effort to secure this funding for the capital program and for any unforeseen reasons that being Type II water quality that we would want to act on this sooner than the master plan is ready to be enacted. That's why I'm here today.

MR. CRAMER:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion for a Type II.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a second for a Type II. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Okay. 1c, proposed improvements to water supply system at Cathedral Pines County Park, Middle Island, Town of Brookhaven. June 13th correspondence from Mr. Gibbons. "Cathedral Pines County Park is currently serviced by private wells. In an effort to address continually declining water quality, Parks seeks to extend nearby SCWA lines into Cathedral Pines.

I believe this to be a Type II Action under SEQRA Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (c) (11), extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer

connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list."

Can you tell me a little bit about what this is?

MR. GIBBONS:

The next two -- these are pretty straightforward and essentially identical. Cathedral Pines and Prosser are across the street from each other on Yaphank Middle Island Road. There is Suffolk County Water Authority service on that road, but it doesn't extend as far south as the park currently. We do have residences at Prosser, although really no parks infrastructure to speak of. But we do have residences there that have compromised water quality.

And then Cathedral Pines, certainly we have plenty of parks infrastructure. The entire park is served by private wells. And while the water quality is okay for parks use, other areas of the park it does not meet drinking water standards and so we bring in bottled water. Cathedral Pines is home to our Parks Maintenance Division. So that whole operation is run out of Cathedral as well as the campground, the activity building and the other parks infrastructure that most of you are familiar with.

So the idea is to use capital funding to have Suffolk County Water Authority run service down opposite both Prosser Pines and Cathedral Pines and then for Parks to run it into the park.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

But I have the same question I did the last time.

MR. GIBBONS:

Same answer.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

You're upgrading bathrooms and things as part of this?

MR. GIBBONS:

Correct. We would be extending the water service to serve existing parks bathrooms, the existing campgrounds facilities at Cathedral.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Yeah, but that's not the question. The question is that what you're specifically saying is that it's the extension of water connection to render service in approved subdivisions, which this isn't, or in connection with any action on the list. So you have to be doing one or the other Type II Actions for this to be a Type II Action. That's the question.

MR. GIBBONS:

No, we're not -- no, there is no plan then to build new facilities. This is --

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Or to upgrade or renovate any of the facilities that you have?

MR. GIBBONS:

Yes, there are upgrading of existing facilities, yes.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Of existing bathrooms and things like that?

MR. GIBBONS:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Where this water service would go?

MR. GIBBONS:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. GIBBONS:

Part of the -- I think part of the project would be not only to just simply connect the County water, Suffolk County water, to existing facilities without upgrading those as well as all part of the same project.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay.

MR. GIBBONS:

Does that -- that makes the difference.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Well, what you have to do is you have to tie the extension to another approved -- another action on the Type II list.

MR. GIBBONS:

Right.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

And here you just have extensions. They're not Type II by themselves. They are only Type II if they are connected to another Type II Action. So the renovation and upgrade of a bathroom, for example, is a Type II Action. If this is connected to that, then this is a Type II Action.

MR. GIBBONS:

But simply the connection of County water is not in and of itself an upgrading of the facility?

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

No. It would be an unlisted action. I mean, I would suggest if that's the case, it just requires a short EAF. We are not talking about anything extensive. But technically it's not a Type II Action because it's not -- to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any other action on the Type II list.

MR. GIBBONS:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay? So then I guess we're going to have to table this because we are going to need -- and the next one, because we are going to have to have short EAF's on them. Okay?

MR. GIBBONS:

Okay. Now I thought those were the easier of the three, but okay.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Yeah, but it has to be in connection -- all right. So, can I have a motion to table?

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. SWANSON:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a second. All those in favor? Okay. And then the same one for -- the same thing for 1d. Can I have motion to table?

MR. CRAMER:

Motion to table.

MR. SWANSON:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion by Mr. Cramer. Second by Mr. Swanson. All those in favor? Okay. I'm sorry, Nick.

MR. GIBBONS:

That's okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Item 1e. Proposed improvements to Police Headquarters, CP 3122, Yaphank, Town of Brookhaven. I have a letter from Mr. Borkowski dated June 1st, 2005. "The Department is ready to proceed with the planning and construction phase of the above referenced project. The project consists of interior alterations to the space once occupied by the Quartermaster section which have since relocated to their new building. This vacant space which is approximately 16,000 square feet will be designed to accommodate specialized units displaced from the 7th Precinct and include expansion and reorganization of existing departments within.

The Department considers this a Type II action under SEQRA in accordance with the provisions of NYCRR 617.5 (c), (1), (2) and (21) as this action involves the replacement and rehabilitation involving no substantial changes to an existing structure, or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind."

Hello, Mr. Borkowski. How are you?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Good morning.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Do you want to just give us a little bit of a description?

MR. BORKOWSKI:

Well, this is pretty straightforward. It's interior renovations to accommodate new units in this building. The existing units that were there are rehoused in the Quartermaster building that's now pretty much complete. And we're just reorganizing the existing space.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Anybody have any questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

MR. CRAMER:
Motion.

MR. KAUFMAN:
Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:
I have a motion for a Type II. I have a second by Mr. Kaufman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Thank you.

Item two. Proposed acquisition of land for open space preservation purposes known as the Emerald Estates - Christian City Church property, Town of Huntington.

Hello, Laretta. Good morning. Laretta, I have to ask you a question because -- is this a property that Vince _DiCanio_ was trying to develop? All right. I have to abstain because Mr. _DiCanio_ is a client of mine. I actually worked on this development. I'm going to turn the microphone over to Larry.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:
Okay.

MS. FISCHER:
This is an acquisition that we are doing a land preservation partnership with the Town of Huntington as a 50-50 match. There is a correction that should be made on your short EAF form, that it's a County and town acquisition. I just want to make that note. It's for approximately 11 acres, two parcels, in the Greenlawn area of Huntington. And this property is a piece that both the town -- there is also pieces of this property south of there that we are continuing to pick up as a part of a trail in the area and leave it. It's to be left as open space for natural resource protection.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:
Any questions?

MS. FISCHER:
If you have any questions --

MR. KAUFMAN:
I have one question on this. Actually a couple of questions. I'm looking at the aerial photograph and it does seem to look as if there is some sort of trail on the northern portion of it, the finger portion.

MS. FISCHER:
Yes. There is an existing trail there.

MR. KAUFMAN:
Okay. So this is part of a trail network that the County and the town are trying to set up.

MS. FISCHER:
Yes, yes. And the pieces to the south of -- to that are being acquired today are also in negotiations to be acquired as well.

MR. KAUFMAN:
How highly does this rate on the point scale, if you will, the old point scale or the new point scale. I'm not sure which one is being used right now. I'm just curious.

MS. FISCHER:

Let me see if -- I don't know what I have here.

MR. KAUFMAN:

If you have the information. It's not decisive.

MS. FISCHER:

They are rated 40 out of 110 on our old rating sheet, which is fair.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

Good or not?

MR. KAUFMAN:

No.

MS. ESPOSITO:

For western Suffolk that is good.

MS. FISCHER:

For western Suffolk it is a very decent score.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

Adrienne?

MS. ESPOSITO:

That's all I wanted to say. Keep in mind it's western Suffolk.

MR. KAUFMAN:

So anything undeveloped is good.

MS. ESPOSITO:

That's right.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

What's the difference between the solid green lines and the dotted?

MS. FISCHER:

On those dotted lines, those properties we're only taking a portion of the property. The front end or the end near the road is developed so we're only taking the back end of it to make a contiguous piece of open space. We don't want to take the residential use.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

Any other questions?

MS. ESPOSITO:

I'll make a motion.

MR. CRAMER:

Unlisted.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

Unlisted?

MS. ESPOSITO:

Yes.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Second by Cramer. All in favor?

MS. SQUIRE:

Larry --

MR. KAUFMAN:

Okay. Joy Squires has voted also.

VICE-CHAIRMAN SWANSON:

Motion passes.

MS. FISCHER:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Proposed acquisition of land for open space preservation purposes known as Brick Kiln Creek (Gerrato Property), Town of Islip. Hi, Lauretta.

MS. FISCHER:

Hi. Back again? This is a piece of property, a 1.35 acre property in the Hamlet of Oakdale in the Town of Islip. It is adjacent to Brick Kiln Creek that flows into Great South Bay. There are wetland title and fresh water wetlands on this property being that it is adjacent to the stream. There are properties in that immediate area that -- called \"Peppridge Hall\" that the State owns as well as the County and this would be an addition to the holdings in that area, as you can see on the map.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Extensive State holdings.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Any questions?

MR. SWANSON:

Just out of curiosity, in the yellow portion there is that appendage of the creek into the wetlands. Is that natural?

MS. FISCHER:

That pond type of thing?

MR. SWANSON:

Yes.

MS. FISCHER:

I'm not sure.

MR. SWANSON:

Okay. Thank you.

MR. FINKENBERG:

I don't think it is. I've been there a couple of times. It looks like it's been -- it was dredged out for potential development. The banks are all sanded.

MS. FISCHER:

Yeah, that would be my guess.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Yeah, it was definitely dredged.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Any other questions?

MR. KAUFMAN:

I'll make a motion. It's unlisted neg dec.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. CRAMER:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a second by Mr. Cramer. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

Item four. Proposed acquisition of land for open space preservation purposes known as the Sanford Pines property in the Town of Islip.

MS. FISCHER:

This is a -- less than half an acre parcel in the Town of Islip, Bayport area, Hamlet of Bayport. It's a single lot at the end of Elm Street. It was proposed by Legislator Lindsay to acquire under the old Drinking Water 12-5 E Program. This is now before us. This went before, I'm sorry, the Parks Trustees last month and they rejected this acquisition. They have authority under 12-5E.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

So then why are we here?

MS. FISCHER:

Well, it's pro forma. We just have to be here just to --

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Well, if they've rejected it, then there is no action, right? Can they be overridden?

MS. FISCHER:

That's a question and it's being explored. So --

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I'll entertain a motion to table.

MS. FISCHER:

-- it's tabled at the Legislature.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I have a motion to table. I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Oh, you want discussion? Go ahead, Larry.

MR. SWANSON:

Why are we tabling it?

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Because quite honestly, we can't reject it. We have to give it a SEQRA clarification. That's not our job. The Park Trustees can reject it, the Legislature can reject it. All we can do is give it a SEQRA classification.

MR. CRAMER:

Just out of curiosity, is there wetlands or anything on it or it's just a lot sitting out there.

MS. FISCHER:

It's a low-lying area. There's no designated wetlands on it. It was an area that, you know, that whole area in Bayport is very low-lying but it actually had no --

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Lauretta, if it's going to go forward, if it actually is an action, you have question. My reason for suggesting that we table it is that we don't even know if we have an action here. If we have an action and it comes back then it's going to get a SEQRA classification that I would suspect is going to be the same as all the rest of them. But I don't think that we should be making recommendations for SEQRA classifications for things that may not even be actions. Okay?

MS. FISCHER:

Okay. It was just tabled at the last EPA meeting and so it's where it is.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. So I have motion, I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

MS. FISCHER:

Thank you.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Lauretta, do let us know if it comes back how many points this one scores.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

It'll get back on the agenda.

MS. ESPOSITO:

And if it's in the negative points let us know that, too.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Other business.

MS. FISCHER:

I don't think we got over five so --

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Thanks, Lauretta.

MS. FISCHER:

You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Other business. Historic services.

MR. MARTIN:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Discussion with you is always animated.

MR. MARTIN:

Okay. We did have an animated meeting actually up at Coindre Hall. There's a lot of issues, current events up there, and Legislator Jon Cooper held a public forum on the 25th. The three issues that were discussed were the dog run problems on the property, the restoration of the boathouse, and actually the possibility of ferry service coming into the harbor became the largest issue to the group and it was very hard to dissuade them that this was not a plan that was on the books right now. But I guess there had been discussions out there within State agencies about this ferry service on Long Island Sound. So that -- these issues still need to be followed up with.

Then Legislator Cooper decided to form a committee to address these questions and these problems and I'm sitting on that committee and the Deputy Commissioner of Suffolk County Parks, Tracey _ Balone_ will be sitting on that committee. We will be meeting with the constituents there and trying to answer their questions.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

I know I'm going to regret this, but what is the status of the dog thing?

MR. MARTIN:

We are still -- the problem here is that was a joint effort between the Town of Huntington and Suffolk County.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right. I remember.

MR. MARTIN:

And the contract has not been executed with the Town of Huntington. And as far as I know it's still not executed. So once that is done a fence will go up and the dog run will be contained in the lower portion of the property.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

But for now the dogs are just still informally using the property as --

MS. ESPOSITO:

They're still running.

MR. MARTIN:

You could say that. The Commissioner of Parks, Ron Foley, started ticketing people that did not have the dogs on a leash which caused problems in the area, and that's what we're trying to address right now. And we're also trying to speed the process to get the formal dog run in place which was approved by the Legislature and by the CEQ.

MR. SWANSON:

What is the issue with the ferry? Is it proposed to tie up at Coindre Hall or?

MR. MARTIN:

There is no plans whatsoever. And -- but it was very hard to explain that to them. These are

just ideas that are floating out there and what is happening is on the internet you might have something on somebody's website and then everyone thinks that is going to happen. It was very difficult to explain to them that there are no plans.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Out of curiosity, Rich, I would think as a historic site there might be some issues regarding putting a ferry landing in there.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

But since there are no plans --

MR. MARTIN:

I just wanted to bring it up in case you hear about it.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right.

MR. MARTIN:

And maybe Lance --

MS. ESPOSITO:

Even though there's no plans.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right.

MR. MARTIN:

-- can explain it a little further.

MR. MALLAMO:

I guess I did it because I was accused with Bernadette Castro and I have a secret plan to bring a ferry from Connecticut to Coindre Hall. I don't know what we do when they get off the boat because there's no road that goes to the dock. And I tried to say -- unfortunately -- well, not unfortunately for me, I'm Co-Chairman of the -- Acting Co-Chair of the Long Island North Shore Heritage Area Planning Commission and we've completed a draft management plan for the Long Island North Shore Heritage Area which references the Long Island Sound Waterborn Transportation Plan as one of the documents we looked at. So it's been taken that we support that which supports ferries and I was shown a map, a very generic map of all of Long Island with at least 30 sites for a possible ferry location, one of which was in Huntington, one was in Northport, one was in Cold Spring Harbor. They were all over the north shore. But the man who gave it to me says, see, it is right there at Coindre Hall. Coindre Hall was not identified in any way. That certainly would be an alienation of parkland which I don't think anybody could get an Article 78 and stop that. So, I didn't know what else to say. We said emphatically that there is no plan to put a ferry at Coindre Hall but that didn't seem to go far.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

It'll take attention away from the dogs.

MR. MALLAMO:

Well, I did have just a question about the dog run, and I really wasn't sure of the answer, from an area resident. If you remember when we approved that, conditionally it was a two year experiment.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Yep.

MR. MALLAMO:

I had assumed this had been done two years ago. And the two years is probably up now. So someone supposed -- the two years when CEQ passes it is when it is ready to open.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

CEQ only made a SEQRA recommendation based upon a two year pilot program. It didn't mean -- we have no way to say when the pilot starts because we have no control over the action. All we did was make a SEQRA recommendation for a two year pilot program. Whenever it is, that two year pilot program is to start.

MR. MALLAMO:

Okay.

MR. MARTIN:

And that's the way the Parks Department understands it.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

That's the way it is.

MR. MALLAMO:

The dog ferry.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Right. It can be recreation for the dogs, yeah. Anything else?

MR. MARTIN:

Because of all the questions and concerns we are having an Historic Trust Committee meeting there next week, June 22nd at 9:30 in the main house. And we'll be addressing these concerns. Also Sagamore Rowing Club that does the rowing program in the boathouse will be attending that meeting and Legislator Cooper will also attend that meeting. He has since the meeting as part of the Suffolk County Legislature omnibus bill put \$800,000 towards the restoration of the boathouse and it is being discussed that the Town of Huntington would also contribute \$600,000, which is the money they were going to use to build a new boathouse in the parking lot at the beach next to Coindre Hall. So that's still in the discussion phase, but this would bring enough money into the project that we could start the restoration.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Great.

MS. SQUIRE:

What's the total?

MR. MARTIN:

The total we have in the budget now, including the town's money, it would be \$1,600,000. And we might need more but that would get us started, be able to hire an architect and be able to move forward.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

My understanding from Nancy Manfredonia when she called, when she told me that she was going to be resigning, is that she wanted to stay on the Historic Trust Committee. So can we just make sure that she still continues to get notices and such because she's very interested in still participating from her discussion with me.

MR. MARTIN:

Definitely.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Anything else?

MR. MARTIN:

That's it.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Okay. Any CAC concerns?

MS. ESPOSITO:

Can I just raise one quick thing?

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:

Sure.

MS. ESPOSITO:

This is just for folks interested in the offshore wind power project. The first round of public information sessions will be starting tomorrow. The first ones are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Tomorrow is at Robert Moses Beach field four. And they will be, you know, Army Corp of Engineers and the proposed developer, _Flora_ Power and Light and Energy, LIPA. It will be a large public information session if anybody is interested in that.

MR. CRAMER:

Free admission to the park?

MS. ESPOSITO:

Free admission, yes.

MS. SQUIRE:

When are the rest of them?

MS. ESPOSITO:

There are two more next week. Again, they're from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. I believe it's Wednesday and Thursday, although if that's not right, I'll call you. But there are -- one day will be in Copiague at ten, a park senior citizen facility, and then the following week will be at Massapequa Park and I believe that's at the -- yeah, I'm going to have to check that location. I think it's a village hall, but I'll check.

MR. KAUFMAN:

Quick question. Does Suffolk County have any jurisdiction over any of this?

MS. ESPOSITO:

No.

MR. SWANSON:

Not even running a cable to shore?

MS. ESPOSITO:

Well, the preferred alternative for running the cable to shore I believe is just over in the Nassau County line. It's going to come over on -- well, what is the easiest, most direct route. That's where the Sterling Station is. So it's going to come on shore just around the Massapequa east, Massapequa area, just south of the Massapequa Mall and run up to an existing generation facility called the Sterling Facility which has the capacity to bring back on 140 megawatts of power.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:
Anything else?

MR. CRAMER:
Motion.

MR. KAUFMAN:
Second.

CHAIRPERSON ELKOWITZ:
I have a motion to adjourn. I have a second. Thank you.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:02 AM)
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