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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Council of Environmental Quality will convene a regular public meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 in the Arthur Kunz Library, H. Lee Dennison Building, Fourth Floor, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Pursuant to the Citizens Public Participation Act, all citizens are invited to submit testimony, either orally or in writing at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted prior to the meeting to the attention of:

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AGENDA

MEETING NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, March 17th, 9:30 a.m.

Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge

Call to Order:

Minutes - check the web at

<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/planning/minutes.aspx#ceq>

The February 17th, 2010 minutes are available on the website for review.

Correspondence:

Public Portion:

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report: Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites
Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Project Review:

Recommended TYPE II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table
March 2nd, 2010.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Lake Panamoka County Park Addition – Oakview Trail Trust Property, in the Town of Brookhaven.
- B. Proposed Review of Deepwells Farm County Park Historic Landscape Restoration, Head of the Harbor, Town of Smithtown.
- C. Proposed Intersection Improvements to CR 31 at CR 104 Roundabout, CP 5572, in the Town of Southampton.
- D. Proposed Construction of Sidewalks on CR 76, CP 5497, in the Towns of Islip and Smithtown.

Suffolk County Parks:

Other Business:

CAC Concerns:

*****CAC MEMBERS:** The above information has been forwarded to your local Legislators, Supervisors and DEC personnel. Please check with them prior to the meeting to see if they have any comments or concerns regarding these projects that they would like brought to the CEQ's attention.

*****MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

*****ALSO FOLLOWING THE MEETING PLEASE LEAVE BEHIND ALL MATERIALS OF PROJECTS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED AS WE CAN RECYCLE THESE MATERIALS LATER ON.**

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Hauppauge, New York

March 17, 2010
9:31 a.m.

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BEFORE:

R. LAWRENCE SWANSON, Chairperson

MICHAEL KAUFMAN, Vice Chairperson

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

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 EVA GROWNEY

6 TOM GULBRANSEN

7 RICHARD MACHTAY

8 GLORIA G. RUSSO

9 MARY ANN SPENCER

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11 ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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13 DANIEL PICHNEY

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15 HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERS:

16 RICHARD MARTIN

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18 ALSO PRESENT:

19 JAMES BAGG, Chief Environmental Analyst

20 LAURETTA FISCHER, Suffolk County Planning

21 RONALD N. HILL, P.E., Dunn Engineering

22 Associates, P.C. Consulting Engineers

23 RUSS MACKEY, Suffolk County Department of

24 Public Works

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S (Continued):

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4 ALSO PRESENT:

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6 HONORABLE VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER, Suffolk

7 County Legislature

8 TOM YOUNG, Suffolk County Attorney's Office

9 CHRISTINE DeSALVO, CEQ Staff

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2 (WHEREUPON, this proceeding
3 convened at 9:31 a.m. Off-the-record
4 discussions ensued, after which the
5 following transpired:)

6 (Time Noted: 9:32 a.m.)

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So we'll call
8 the meeting to order.

9 Did anybody review the
10 February 17th minutes?

11 MR. MACHTAY: I did.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes.

13 MR. MACHTAY: I think it's
14 perfectly adequate.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

16 MR. MACHTAY: And I will move it.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do we have a
18 motion to accept the minutes?

19 MS. SPENCER: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Is that a
21 second?

22 MS. SPENCER: It is.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
24 second from Mary Ann.

25 Any further discussion?

2 (WHEREUPON, there was no
3 response.)

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

5 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Aye.

7 Opposed?

8 (WHEREUPON, there was no
9 response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

11 MR. MACHTAY: What happened to the
12 January 20th minutes? They're not,
13 they're not posted.

14 MS. DeSALVO: We received them
15 really late. So they're -- they were
16 just posted, I believe this morning.
17 so --

18 MR. MACHTAY: We'll get it next
19 week -- next month.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Correspondence.
21 There is a letter in your packet from
22 the Town of Islip. And it says please
23 be advised that the Town of Islip
24 supports construction of sidewalks on
25 County Road 76, between Jackson Street

2 and Southern Boulevard in Hauppauge.

3 While we're on correspondence, I
4 just want to mention that last night,
5 Christine, Jim, Rich, Mike, and myself
6 all attended the public hearing on the
7 scoping document for the Yaphank
8 Development -- proposed development.

9 I just report that Tom Isles, I
10 thought, ran an excellent meeting. The
11 meeting was quite orderly, spirited
12 discussion -- or not discussion, but
13 spirited comments.

14 Some I think were constructive
15 comments, that, that, you know, I
16 thought were refreshing to, to hear.
17 And while it probably wasn't anything
18 that was overwhelmingly different than
19 what we already have heard or know,
20 nevertheless, there was, I think,
21 incremental bits of information that
22 would help.

23 And one of the most interesting
24 things to me -- and I'm not speaking
25 from a legal point of view -- but was

2 the position of a number of the people
3 from the community, that the County had
4 taken much of the property that they're
5 talking about, eminent domain, and that
6 they believe that there's -- there are
7 issues with now trying to sell it.

8 Legally, I understand there's
9 nothing that prohibits the sale. But I
10 do certainly think it's an interesting,
11 ethical, social issue, you know, that
12 probably will be debated.

13 The other thing that I was really
14 struck by, without going through my
15 notes, was several people challenged
16 the overall process of what has gone
17 on. And Richard Amper (phonetic) in
18 particular raised those issues.

19 And then also, one of the last
20 speakers I thought who was interesting
21 in that he was, first of all, an
22 experienced farmer. And he spoke about
23 the potential incompatibility of the
24 historic farm owned by the County and
25 any proposed development. Basically,

2 what he said was, as soon as the
3 development is, is complete, people
4 will start complaining about the, the
5 noise, and the dust, and so forth from
6 the farm, and ask to have the farm shut
7 down.

8 So those were just some of the
9 things. It was very orderly.
10 Although, I think the County was well
11 prepared to handle a disorderly
12 meeting, because they had guards on
13 duty and several other police presence.

14 Anyway, Mike, or Rich, anybody
15 have any other issues?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The legal
17 issues that they brought up, I thought
18 were interesting. I don't think
19 they're right.

20 As Larry was talking about, the
21 people were complaining about if
22 something is purchased by eminent
23 domain for a public purpose, can it be
24 sold later on? And the Court's
25 decisions are pretty clear that it can

2 be.

3 One of the things that I noticed
4 in there was, a lot of people were
5 talking about the Carmen's River and
6 the watershed impacts. And a lot of
7 people were very, very heavily focused
8 on that. So that's something that
9 we're going to have look at obviously,
10 very, very heavily.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And while you
12 mentioned that, Tom Isles made it very
13 clear that the County Health Department
14 will be working actively to look at
15 water quality issues in the Carmen's
16 River, and that their consultant, which
17 is Dvirka & Bartilucci, will be working
18 with the model that they have to help
19 elucidate issues with regard to the
20 Carmen's.

21 Sorry.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, not a
23 problem.

24 Again, as Larry was saying, some
25 of the people thought the process was

2 flawed. I don't necessarily buy that.

3 I think we've done -- as it's been
4 presented to us, I think everyone's
5 followed the correct process, starting
6 in December.

7 So legally, I think we're on okay
8 ground, as far as things have gone.
9 But --

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: But I think
11 they were not challenging the process
12 with regard to CEQ. It was the County,
13 the Government.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Well,
15 that's something else. I don't want to
16 go into it.

17 There was some of this -- what's
18 the right word for it -- people were
19 not happy about the way the entire
20 project has come about, but that's
21 outside of our purview.

22 Again, watershed was very
23 important. Traffic, cumulative impact,
24 there seems to be a lot of development
25 in the area that might be coming

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2 on-line. People are concerned about
3 nutrient loadings, et cetera.

4 Everything basically that we've
5 discussed in the past and that has been
6 put in this scoping document, seems to
7 have been hit on by the people last
8 night, in terms of those who were
9 raising environmental objections. So
10 I think the scope was pretty complete
11 and, and will be fleshed out by the
12 comments that were brought up, at least
13 again, on the environmental side of
14 things.

15 So I, I thought that a lot of the
16 people who showed up were very much on
17 point, in terms of what was really
18 needed to be looked at. So --

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Rich? You got
20 an opinion?

21 MR. MACHTAY: I thought it was
22 very civilized, as hearings go. I've
23 been to many and --

24 (Laughter.)

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No one was

2 hung.

3 MR. MACHTAY: And, and I, I think
4 there were a lot of good comments. I
5 got myself a bunch of notes that I will
6 be looking for when the impact
7 statement comes in.

8 Someone made the slight
9 reference -- the very slight reference
10 and then backed off on it -- of, of the
11 point of existing businesses and how
12 this would effect existing business, if
13 you put more retail in; okay?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

15 MR. MACHTAY: And it always
16 happens, the new retail supplants the
17 older retail, and the mom and pop shops
18 get, get hurt, and are forced out of
19 business. So I think that they really
20 have to look at that in the impact
21 statement also.

22 There is case law now that backs
23 up the issue of competition; okay.
24 And, you know, you have to address it,
25 and what it's going do to existing

2 small drug stores and -- when the big
3 CVS and Walgreens comes in, you know.

4 But, you know, the, the other
5 issues, most of the other issues that
6 the people brought up are already in
7 the scoping document. And had they
8 read the document, they may have saved
9 everybody a lot of time by just saying
10 we agree with the document.

11 So I think we're headed in the
12 right direction.

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Rich, I have
14 a question. You mentioned the small
15 businesses as being part of the EIS.
16 But is that part, but is that part of
17 the EIS, the economic impact?

18 MR. MACHTAY: Yes.

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I thought
20 that it was --

21 MR. MACHTAY: Yes --

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- I
23 couldn't -- I thought that was outside
24 of it.

25 MR. MACHTAY: -- yes. Read the

2 preamble to SEQOR --

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

4 MR. MACHTAY: -- economic, and
5 social, and environmental issues.

6 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Economic,
7 okay.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

9 MS. GROWNEY: I have a couple
10 questions. It partly goes to what you
11 were just talking about.

12 But the farm in particular, the
13 impact -- did they discuss any impact
14 of the project on the farm, in terms
15 of pollution aspects, environmental
16 aspects, because they didn't discuss
17 that?

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: They did not.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They
20 reversed it.

21 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It was the
23 impact of the farm upon the potential
24 development, in terms of odors, manure,
25 possibly migrating --

2 MR. BAGG: Right. And
3 incompatibilities usage.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- and
5 things like that, incompatible usage,
6 as Jim just said.

7 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh. Right.

8 But it seems to me that there is
9 another -- the flip, flip side of that
10 is also a factor.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, it could
13 be.

14 VICE CHAIR KAUFMAN: It just
15 wasn't raised.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We didn't say a
17 word --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- because we,
20 we just -- we listened.

21 Another thing that was raised was
22 sort of a challenge to the County's
23 position on Smart Growth.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And one of the

2 things that a number of people -- not a
3 number of -- three or four people
4 raised was that right now there are
5 about 12,000 vacant homes that would
6 classify as low-income housing. And
7 that we, we should be using that, as
8 opposed to constructing new homes --
9 which people alluded to were not really
10 going to be low-income housing given, I
11 guess, by what projected sales prices
12 might be.

13 So that was it.

14 Michael?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

16 They were talking about the
17 foreclosures, and they were almost
18 coming to the point of saying that the
19 County should develop a plan to
20 purchase foreclosed upon houses from
21 banks -- and this is sort of a current
22 idea -- and try to rehab them and
23 resell them at the lower prices, than
24 what the Yaphank project talked about.

25 I do want to say one thing -- one

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2 other thing. I want to thank Jim --

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: While you're
4 on that, Michael.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

6 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm sorry
7 for the interruption. But the count
8 that is being done and actually the
9 vehicle that the County uses is
10 not-for-profits, the housing
11 partnership for example. And although
12 there are 12,000 homes, the need for
13 affordable housing is between sixty-
14 and ninety-thousand.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Just,
16 just, okay, just letting you know that
17 was --

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm not --
19 well, I'm not trying to debate you.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, I'm
21 just saying what people were --

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Issues that
23 can --

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- I'm
25 aware of the Long Island Housing

2 Partnership, et cetera. I'm just
3 saying what people were talking about.

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: One thing
6 I do want to point out is, I want to
7 thank Jim for working on the scope. It
8 was very, very complete.

9 And again, as Rich said a moment
10 ago, if people had read the scope, they
11 might not have needed to say as much
12 they did. It was a very, very complete
13 scope. It hit all of the primary
14 issues.

15 And again, as a draft, it, it is
16 supposed to identify what issues might
17 need to be looked at, as opposed to
18 fleshing out in great detail what is
19 absolutely needed or what it is needed.
20 It's more, at this point in time, an
21 alert device to the people who will be
22 drafting the document. So again, it
23 was put together very, very well, and
24 anticipated most of the comments that
25 came up.

2 And I just wanted to thank Jim for
3 supervising and working on that
4 particular aspect of everything. It
5 was useful to me. And again, it serves
6 as an excellent starting point.

7 MR. GULBRANSEN: Mr. Chairman, is
8 this the point in time when we should
9 be providing official feedback to that,
10 that scope?

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Not yet.

12 MR. GULBRANSEN: But we'll, we'll
13 have a crack at that?

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah. There
15 are -- yeah, the written record is
16 open until the end of the month. And
17 then I guess Jim and others will be
18 compiling --

19 MR. BAGG: Yeah. As I, as I --
20 as Michael said, you know, I -- we
21 originally, you know, went with the --
22 you know, through it with the
23 consultants on the draft scope. But it
24 was really the consultants, Cameron
25 Engineering, that drafted the scope,

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2 and, and Michael Mulé in our office who
3 drafted the scope.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So I would
5 imagine sometime around the end of
6 April.

7 MR. BAGG: Before the end of the
8 month. You know, if you want to submit
9 written comments, they should be sent
10 in. You can send them in to me or
11 Tom Isles.

12 MR. GULBRANSEN: So CEQ members
13 should send comments to you now, as
14 contrasted with waiting until we meet?

15 MR. BAGG: Yes, most definitely.

16 MR. GULBRANSEN: Can, can the
17 e-mail that I sent be used --
18 forwarded?

19 MR. BAGG: Oh no, that's fine.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: But Jim,
21 don't -- once the draft, or once the
22 scope becomes organized by the
23 consultants and by the Department,
24 then we review it for completeness,
25 and in an official capacity. And we

2 have -- if I remember correctly, there
3 is some sort of an approval process by
4 us that has to be done, so we get our
5 shot at it --

6 MR. BAGG: Right.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- as a
8 body.

9 MR. BAGG: But in order to be
10 efficient, Mike, and organized, you
11 should put the comments in up front so
12 we can revise it, rather than present
13 it to CEQ and have you revise it at the
14 meeting. I mean --

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah. But
16 previously we have dealt -- when the
17 comments are all organized, and we have
18 the chance to see what everyone has
19 said. Again, under our rules and
20 regulations, we have the, the chance --
21 maybe we don't do the meeting and we
22 can send it in by e-mail or something
23 like that -- but we do have the chance
24 to look and see if anything is
25 incomplete, or if we want more emphasis

2 placed on something.

3 I mean that's what we've done in
4 the past.

5 MR. BAGG: Yeah, you, you do have
6 that chance, finally when it goes to
7 CEQ. But we would prefer -- the staff
8 would prefer that you get your ideas in
9 to us --

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

11 MR. BAGG: -- early on, so that we
12 can incorporate them if you think
13 changes should be made.

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Before Rich,
15 let me clarify something with Tom.
16 Tom, are you asking me to forward to
17 Jim what you forwarded -- sent to me --

18 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- or did you
20 send him --

21 MR. GULBRANSEN: I, I don't think
22 I copied Jim on the -- that initial
23 comment.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So I have to
25 remember to forward it to Jim.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MR. GULBRANSEN: No, no. I'm just
4 asking whether that's appropriate.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It is certainly
6 appropriate.

7 (Laughter.)

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Can I have
9 your pen for a second?

10 (Laughter.)

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay, Rich.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Reminder.

13 MR. MACHTAY: Just curious, the
14 consultant is being hired to do a draft
15 impact statement and a final impact
16 statement?

17 MR. BAGG: Everything, everything.

18 MR. MACHTAY: A finding statement
19 as well?

20 MR. BAGG: They already -- they've
21 already helped, you know, or did most
22 of the scope. We had a preliminary
23 meeting. And from now on, they'll be
24 doing everything -- you know, public
25 hearings, you know.

2 MR. MACHTAY: Okay. So they'll do
3 both impact statements?

4 MR. BAGG: Yes.

5 MR. MACHTAY: Okay.

6 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Although the
7 funding hasn't passed the --

8 MR. BAGG: Yeah.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes.

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- the
11 Legislature.

12 MR. MACHTAY: Well, if they, if
13 they are hired, they will do both.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I just
15 have --

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Details?

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- another
18 question.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Were you
21 finished, Rich?

22 MR. MACHTAY: Yes, sure.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: With regards
24 to sending individual comments to Jim,
25 I remember a few years ago -- and you

2 can clarify this for me if I'm
3 mistaken -- wasn't there a sense that,
4 if you're sending individual comments,
5 those aren't public. Those are just to
6 you as part of CEQ. Because you can't
7 speak as a member of CEQ publically, as
8 an individual, unless we have decided
9 something together.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I remember
12 we ran into some problems --

13 MR. MACHTAY: Hello.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- with that
15 about five years ago?

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah. Right.
17 It would be as an individual.

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: It would be
19 as an individual that --

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.
21 Collectively, we would have to send it
22 in, if we wanted to say --

23 MR. MACHTAY: Oh, jeez.

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- I as CEQ

2 member --

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- believe
5 this.

6 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But if --
7 but Tom's written comments would be as
8 Tom speaking for CEQ.

9 MR. MACHTAY: Oh, God. I'm at a
10 meeting. Where are, where are you?

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. We
12 ran into some problem with that about
13 five years ago.

14 MR. MACHTAY: Right, right.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: So I was
16 just, you know, curious.

17 MS. GROWNEY: He speaks as a
18 citizen.

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Just as a
20 citizen, yeah.

21 MR. BAGG: Once the final scope
22 has been prepared --

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

24 MR. BAGG: -- it will be brought
25 into the CEQ --

2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: That is what
3 I remember.

4 MR. BAGG: -- as a document. And
5 you will make a recommendation to the
6 Legislature in a formal vote, as to
7 whether that is -- whether that should
8 proceed or be modified in some way.
9 That would be the official CEQ
10 position.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yes, sir.

12 MR. YOUNG: All right. Well, you
13 know, I'm not -- this is my first
14 meeting here this morning. But I'm not
15 familiar with your rules that you may
16 have adopted internally.

17 But there may be a question as to
18 whether or not a member of the group
19 can comment publically, and then
20 have -- be able to review the document
21 when it comes here. So, you know --

22 MS. GROWNEY: I understand.

23 MR. YOUNG: -- so I think that's
24 a --

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

2 MR. YOUNG: -- a problem.

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Just
4 curious. I think that was what I was
5 speaking to --

6 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, right.

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- whether
8 Tom's comments are going internally to,
9 to Jim to start looking at it, or would
10 that be public?

11 MR. GULBRANSEN: How about if I
12 make the comment now and you can do
13 with it what you want?

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: That sounds
15 better.

16 MR. GULBRANSEN: Would that would
17 be more appropriate?

18 MS. GROWNEY: That might be a
19 better way to do it.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah. In
21 the discussion of CEQ, to make your
22 comment.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Make your
24 comment, yeah.

25 MR. GULBRANSEN: I don't have the

2 document here, but in the document they
3 talked about the developer's proposed
4 zero energy model of development.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

6 MR. GULBRANSEN: The way it was
7 phrased, that was a -- it seemed that
8 that was an optional maybe feature of
9 the development. And that if that was
10 exercised, then the EIS scope would
11 address it.

12 That didn't seem to be connected
13 enough. It seemed like the development
14 should state its intended methods and
15 positions on energy balancing overall,
16 and then the EIS can address it.

17 Otherwise, the EIS preparers would have
18 this potential matter, and say the no
19 action option is without it, the action
20 option is without it, maybe but, it's
21 with it.

22 It was not clear enough to, to
23 determine whether that was in the scope
24 or not.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Wait a minute.

2 Are you through?

3 MR. GULBRANSEN: So that scoping
4 document might, might be clarified in
5 that regard, in order for the overall
6 energy and greenhouse footprint kind of
7 thing that could be addressed like it
8 should be, not just at the discretion
9 of the developer's specific discretion.
10 Okay. Sorry.

11 MR. BAGG: I think that particular
12 issue, though, was put into the
13 contract by the County Executive as to
14 saying that's what they would like to
15 see.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Michael?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The issue
18 is, it has been part -- it has been
19 noted in the scoping document, it has
20 been noted in the RFP's, and it has
21 been part of the overall project, if
22 you will, presentation. As such, I
23 don't think the -- we need to worry
24 about whether it attaches as heavily as
25 you say.

2 If it's been noted, it's going to
3 form part of the scoping document and
4 also part of the EIS. You can't avoid
5 not mentioning it.

6 We all know that the document, as
7 it has been presented right now, talks
8 about a four megawatt electrical
9 distribution system, I believe in the
10 southern part. If it's mentioned, it's
11 going to be analyzed. So if it's in
12 there, it has to be analyzed.

13 There's not -- there cannot be an
14 uncoupling, the way you are worried
15 about. If it talks about it, it's got
16 to be done. Or as -- officially, in
17 our position, reviewing this document
18 at a later time, if the consultant does
19 not analyze the data aspect of the
20 project, we simply say it needs to be
21 analyzed. And that's in our official
22 capacity at that time. And that's
23 again, later when we are reviewing the
24 document itself.

25 So it's coupled in there. And it

2 can't be decoupled, unless they dump it
3 out of the project totally and remove
4 everything.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

6 MS. GROWNEY: Your last sentence
7 is the -- is my concern. Because this
8 is used so often as an eyewash for
9 development purposes, whether it's an
10 individual house or a large complex of
11 any, any structure. And it's -- I
12 think that it's prudent for us, as a,
13 you know, a vehicle for commenting on
14 environmental issues, that if there's a
15 way that we could mandate it, or
16 suggest that it be mandated, or
17 something, or not be in there as a
18 loosey-goosey, good feeling -- feel
19 good kind of thing that they can pull
20 out from underneath everybody at the
21 last minute, because that's been
22 happening all over the place.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: But they
24 can't pull -- if they do pull it out,
25 then it's not in the EIS. They can't

2 do it.

3 Essentially, under land use laws,
4 if an EIS is required, and if they
5 don't have it in there, it stalls.
6 They would be required to do a
7 supplemental.

8 So they can't just pull it out and
9 say, you know -- which is the developer
10 trick, to put it bluntly.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They can't
13 pull it out. It would require a
14 supplemental, if they wanted to put it
15 in back in at a later time. It will
16 stall the project, if they tried that.

17 Again, though, there's no
18 decoupling in here right now. And
19 frankly, if they did want to pull it
20 out if, for some reason, it -- the EIS
21 did come up with that concept, it
22 becomes one of the alternatives. And
23 it gets looked at that way, if the
24 developer wants to play with it.

25 It's been mentioned too many times

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2 to -- really to, to decouple --

3 MS. GROWNEY: No. I --

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- at this
5 point in time.

6 MS. GROWNEY: -- I guess I'm
7 uncomfortable because I've seen -- you
8 know, I'm in the --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I know.

10 MS. GROWNEY: -- industry for
11 35 years, so --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I've dealt
13 with land use also, so I know what they
14 do.

15 MS. GROWNEY: You know, it's very
16 uncomfortable for me, you know,
17 especially sitting on this committee,
18 you know, which I take very seriously
19 that there be a, you know, availability
20 to the developer to pull it out. So,
21 you know --

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They'd
23 have to change too much.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Well, you know, it
25 does, it does effect a lot of things.

2 You know, it's not just that project.
3 It effects, you know, the whole County,
4 it effects the immediate neighbors.
5 It's, you know, it has an impact on so
6 many things.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Well,
8 remember though, that's this is just in
9 the EIS that we're dealing with; okay?

10 MS. GROWNEY: Right. I know.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: What they
12 actually build, the -- it's actually
13 like a one-way ratchet.

14 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: They can't
16 do more than what is in the EIS.

17 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:
19 Theoretically, they don't -- after the
20 EIS is developed, they could
21 theoretically pull it out. That is
22 part of the contracting purpose,
23 contracting issues, et cetera.

24 And it will have been at least
25 analyzed in the EIS, and then you

2 get -- it, it starts going. What's the
3 right word for it -- there are -- there
4 would become complications, if they
5 start downscaling the project.

6 But again, that's downscaling,
7 that's less development than what an
8 EIS would have. And EIS is more --
9 covering what potentially could occur.
10 It doesn't lock them in, though.

11 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: In that, in
13 that same vein though, one of the
14 things that sort of is of interest to
15 me is the comments in the document that
16 we saw, about they were going to be
17 doing LEED buildings.

18 And Vivian, maybe you know, what
19 is the long-term commitment to keeping
20 things green, once the private
21 developer gets their hands on it?

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I was just
23 whispering with Jim about that --

24 MR. BAGG: Right.

25 (Laughter.)

2 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- because
3 the intent is there in the County
4 Executive's proposals. As you know,
5 our law is that any buildings built on
6 County property be LEED certified
7 buildings. You know, we passed that a
8 few years ago.

9 But we are surplusing these
10 profits and so the LEED or green
11 building component is appearing in some
12 other fashion, as this moves forward.
13 And I have to take a closer look at
14 that and see how we're addressing that.

15 Right now, I'm worried about
16 spending \$400,000 on an EIS, and how
17 we're bonding that, and paying for
18 that. And, you know, so it -- this is
19 so complex, and, you know, that there
20 are so many different layers of
21 concern.

22 But I, but I think that the, that
23 the green building is part of what the
24 County Executive has put in the
25 proposal, but I have to take a look at

2 that.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: But as you
4 know, once a private homeowner gets
5 something, what's to make him or her
6 continue it?

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But you also
8 have to remember what Brookhaven Town
9 is doing, okay, which is now every --
10 almost all of the townships, I think at
11 this point, all of them do have the,
12 you know, have the Energy Star home
13 component.

14 And it's moving up further. I've
15 been working with Mark Lesko to move
16 toward what Steve Bellone has been
17 doing in Babylon, you know. I had the
18 green homes, green jobs conference with
19 the supervisors.

20 And so, when it comes time for the
21 Town taking a hard look at it, I think
22 the Town is going to be looking at that
23 as well. So we have a good partner in
24 Brookhaven Town giving it a close look,
25 as far as green, green homes.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

3 Fine.

4 Just following up on that comment,
5 the way you handle it is in the
6 contract, and you put in covenants --
7 simple and easy.

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: You guys
10 have to approve any contracts that the
11 Executive makes between the developer
12 and the --

13 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- County.
15 So by contract, you put in those
16 terms --

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, we
18 haven't seen the contract yet.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- and
20 again, it's -- covenants is the way
21 you --

22 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- you
24 handle it.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

2 MS. GROWNEY: And, and this goes
3 to the, the great misconception that
4 it's going to cost more to build, so we
5 got to pull it out -- which is such an
6 erroneous statement because the truth
7 of the matter is, the amount -- the
8 percentage of increase for the cost --
9 which there is a minor increase -- far
10 benefits the, the -- far, you know, is,
11 is less than the benefits received over
12 the maintenance aspects of all the
13 systems that are put in.

14 So whether it's the building
15 envelope system, whether it's the
16 building HVAC system, you know, whether
17 it's the water system, whatever it is,
18 those systems become less needy upon
19 energy use -- usage, and, and, you
20 know, the quality of air is already
21 addressed in those things.

22 And that has to be -- too many
23 times, I've seen local governments out
24 here -- gives the contractor, oh, okay,
25 a feel good -- we know, we understand,

2 okay, you can take that out.

3 And I think that that is something
4 that the County needs to think about
5 hard lining, because it's, it's --

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So we
7 probably ought to move on.

8 I just would note that there
9 were two legislators there last night,
10 Mr. Romaine and Ms. Browning.

11 And then, upon a lighter side,
12 believe it or not, there were a number
13 of people that actually complimented
14 CEQ on going, going with the pos. dec.
15 Although the last speaker says, I
16 compliment you, but on the other hand.

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So --

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: But on the
20 other hand?

21 MS. RUSSO: What was the rest of
22 the statement?

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It was going
24 back to mosquitos.

25 MS. RUSSO: Oh, no.

2 (Laughter.)

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It was Kevin
4 McAllister (phonetic).

5 MR. BAGG: Can you guess who that
6 was?

7 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: He wanted to
8 insert the knife just a little bit.

9 MS. SPENCER: Oh, boy.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All righty. So
11 Historic Trust.

12 MR. MARTIN: Morning.

13 I've handed out a flyer last
14 meeting, on the vacant housing that
15 were available in the Parks Department
16 Housing Programming. And the response
17 has been very good to that flyer, and
18 we've rented four of the houses out of
19 the six that were listed.

20 We still have available the
21 apartment at Coindre Hall and the --
22 what we call the Stimson House at West
23 Hills. And another flyer will be going
24 into everyone's paychecks, Suffolk
25 County employees, next month, to again

2 attract some attention.

3 And also now, we have another
4 vacancy at Prosser Pines. So we have
5 three vacancies at this point.

6 So this is working and we're
7 pleased, like I said, at the response.

8 With our contract work through
9 the local groups at our historic
10 sites, we are renewing the contract
11 with the Great South Bay Audubon
12 Society, at Brookside County Park in
13 West Sayville. And they've been there
14 a number of years. We're just renewing
15 that at this point. We're very happy
16 with the work they've done, both with
17 the Historic House and within the
18 parkland there.

19 And also, initiating a new
20 contract with the North Fork Audubon
21 Society, which is located at what we
22 call the Red House at Inlet, Inlet
23 County Park in Greenport. They also
24 are within an historic residence, and
25 maintain the trails, and provide

2 programs at that Park.

3 And that's all I have today.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I have a
5 question. On Saturday night, when I
6 was out actually making measurements of
7 the storm surge, I noticed that the --

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Boy, you
9 know how to have fun on a Saturday
10 night.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. GROWNEY: Why didn't you call
13 me, Larry?

14 (Laughter.)

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: That's off
16 the record.

17 (Laughter.)

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The
19 previous Saturday, he went out with me
20 for dinner.

21 (Laughter.)

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: My wife always
23 says to me, you're going to do what.

24 (Laughter.)

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You may not

2 come back. And I say, well, you could
3 come, and she would always say, and
4 just what could I do.

5 (Laughter.)

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And so I have
7 to go by myself.

8 So, but at any rate, at the
9 intersection of Miller Place Road and
10 25-A, there's always a huge flood.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Was there any
13 consequence to your newly acquired
14 property there?

15 MR. MARTIN: Not to the, to the
16 house. That is up on the hill and I
17 don't think it's ever been impacted by
18 the water there.

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Does it have a
20 basement?

21 MR. MARTIN: It does have a
22 basement, but it's very high up --

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

24 MR. MARTIN: -- on that site.

25 Yes. So while that's not really an

2 issue there, it does obviously impact
3 the property and the pond that's there.
4 I mean I don't know, long-term, what
5 the issues of drainage in that area
6 will be.

7 The, the historic pond that's in
8 front of the house has kind of turned
9 into a runoff catch basin. So I don't
10 know if there's any plans to take a
11 serious look at that to -- as to how
12 that issue could be remedied there.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Do you own the
14 pond?

15 MR. MARTIN: The County owns
16 about, I think half to three-quarters,
17 the east side of the pond. The other
18 half of the pond is owned by the Town
19 of Smithtown.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And that's for
21 the Mills Pond House?

22 MR. MARTIN: For the Mills Pond
23 House, yes.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah. Michael?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I have a

2 question. A couple of days ago, right
3 after the big storm, I was at Caleb
4 Smith Park. And I was discussing with
5 the park director over there -- well,
6 he brought it up to me -- drainage
7 issues from the State Park, and I think
8 it's Willet Pond over there, draining
9 into the County's Park.

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And he had
12 gone down to the County's Park, and he
13 said the water levels were extremely
14 high. They were almost overtopping the
15 southwestern berms.

16 He said that there was also a near
17 washout condition by the Mill at
18 Blydenburgh. And he said it was very,
19 very dangerous. He thought that some
20 of the boards were going to collapse.
21 And they would have another blow out
22 like we did -- what was it -- ten,
23 fifteen years ago.

24 MR. MARTIN: Well, actually, we
25 had the problem with the storm, I think

2 it was 2005, the October storm.

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Whatever
5 year it was.

6 MR. MARTIN: Yeah.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And he was
8 very, very worried, when he took a look
9 of the condition of some of the boards
10 for the water regulation. And he
11 said -- he was very worried about them
12 possibly breaking and creating some
13 flooding downstream.

14 And he also was concerned about
15 coordination with the County, in terms
16 of lowering water levels and removing
17 boards. He was not sure that it had
18 been done at this particular time.

19 I remember -- I think it was two
20 meetings ago that we discussed that
21 particular issue. And he basically
22 asked me to bring it up today, if Nick
23 had been here, Nick Gibbons.

24 MR. MARTIN: Yeah, Nick Gibbons
25 coordinates that. I didn't hear -- or

2 have seen Nick since the storm, so I
3 haven't heard anything about it.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Did it get
5 washed away or anything?

6 MR. MARTIN: I haven't heard any
7 problems occurring. But I will check
8 with him and see that they're
9 monitoring that situation.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It's, it's
11 an issue, because there could be a fair
12 amount of damage to the Historic
13 District. If the berm gets overtopped,
14 if the dam gives way, that could ruin
15 the, the Mill Project, et cetera.

16 It's something that needs to be
17 looked at, because if we're going to be
18 expending money in the near future, as
19 you had informed us, on repairs, you
20 know, and gully washouts like we just
21 had, it could negate all of that work.
22 You can put something in and it can
23 blow out very, very quickly.

24 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And we've

2 got to be careful.

3 MR. MARTIN: I know. I will just
4 check with Nick to see how they're
5 monitoring that.

6 And the long-term plan is to
7 rebuild that culvert by the Mill, but
8 that's not part of the project right
9 now.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Mary Ann?

12 MS. SPENCER: Could you give us a
13 history of the Yaphank Historic
14 District, in 50 words or less -- who,
15 who created it, and what all it
16 includes?

17 MR. MARTIN: There's, there's
18 different layers at that location. And
19 the County Historic District is at the
20 intersection of Yaphank Avenue and Main
21 Street. And that contains the Hawkins
22 House which is run by the Yaphank
23 Historical Society.

24 There's also the gas station on
25 the corner, which is a dedicated --

2 also a dedicated landmark to the County
3 Historic Trust, and that is run by --
4 as part of the Police Museum. That's
5 annexed to the main museum at their
6 main headquarters on Yaphank Avenue.

7 On the east side of Yaphank
8 Avenue, on the corner, we have the
9 Homan House, which we have secured, at
10 this point, capital funding from the
11 County to start that restoration.

12 We also have a, a house that's
13 occupied to provide some on-site
14 security, which is a listed building to
15 our Historic Program. It's not a
16 dedicated building. And we have the
17 booth house that has been moved into
18 the Park, which we're currently
19 restoring at this point.

20 So these (indicating) are both
21 sides of the, the intersection there
22 (indicating).

23 We have a, a 19th Century Historic
24 District, which the Yaphank Historic
25 Society has been getting more involved

2 and will he be running all these
3 properties for us. We do have a
4 contract with them now for the Hawkins
5 House. We have to extend that contract
6 to cover the other side of the street.
7 And also know that the Homan House is
8 on the National Register of Historic
9 Places, as well as the Hawkins House
10 on the other side of the street. So
11 those two buildings are nationally
12 recognized.

13 The others are dedicated -- that I
14 mentioned -- to the Suffolk County
15 Historic Trust. And all of this
16 property is also with the Town of
17 Brookhaven Historic District, that they
18 designated.

19 Of course, that's honorary on, on
20 this property that -- since it's County
21 owned, but they, they do have their
22 signage at the -- at this intersection,
23 announcing that this is the beginning
24 of their Historic District.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: As we move into

2 this review of the EIS and so forth, I
3 guess I'd, I'd like to know a little
4 more about the community. Is it
5 possible that are -- that you could
6 arrange to take those from the CEQ that
7 are interested on sort of a tour of
8 what we're dealing with?

9 MR. MARTIN: Most definitely, we
10 can do that.

11 I don't know what all your
12 thoughts are. We had discussed having
13 a meeting off site. We had talked
14 about having it at the Mills Pond
15 House. But we do have a small
16 conference room at the Police Museum
17 Garage that we've had our committee
18 meetings at.

19 So you have the option I guess --
20 well, we can have a formal meeting
21 there if you wanted to do that, or just
22 to --

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, I'd just
24 like to get an -- I, I don't know what
25 the rest of the members want to do, but

2 I'd sort of like to get a feel for the
3 place, because one of the things that
4 we didn't mention that was brought up a
5 number of times is that this is a
6 community of, I don't know, of a
7 thousand, fifteen hundred homes.

8 And suddenly, it's going to double
9 or triple the population. And, you
10 know, I think as we review this
11 document, at least, I would be like to
12 be a little bit more familiar with the
13 turf that we're dealing with.

14 MS. SPENCER: So would you
15 prefer to meet in Yaphank in May, as
16 opposed to the Isaac Mills House, and
17 hold off the meeting at Isaac Mills to
18 a later date?

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Well, I'm
20 wondering if it should be done
21 separately because -- but if we go
22 to --

23 MS. SPENCER: Oh, all right.

24 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- the meeting,
25 then everybody would want to leave.

2 But if people want to actually see the
3 turf we're talking about, it might --

4 MS. SPENCER: Yeah.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- ought to be
6 separated --

7 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- from the
9 meeting.

10 MS. SPENCER: We can do that.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And you know,
12 we've got plenty of time.

13 MS. SPENCER: Right.

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: It's not like
15 it's going to be done overnight.

16 (Laughter.)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And maybe
18 we want to know that -- whether the
19 Legislature is even going to fund an
20 EIS, before we make a commitment to do
21 it.

22 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: But it's just
24 something I would, I would like to --

25 MS. SPENCER: It's, it's --

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- I have no
3 feeling at all for Yaphank, other than
4 what I've --

5 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- heard --

7 MS. SPENCER: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- and I
9 just -- in reviewing the documents.

10 MS. SPENCER: Well, I think that's
11 a, a marvelous suggestion. And, and
12 the District itself, it is, well --
13 and, and as, as Richard described is --
14 the District itself is, is both
15 interesting and easy to observe. Then
16 going through the community and going
17 to the farm --

18 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

19 MS. SPENCER: -- could all be part
20 of that. And I think that that would
21 be a good day.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

23 MR. MARTIN: Yeah, I just talked
24 about the Historic District at Main
25 Street in Yaphank. The County Farm,

2 also the Almshouse Barn at that
3 location is dedicated to the Historic
4 Trust. So you should be aware of that.

5 MS. SPENCER: It's just a stone's
6 throw.

7 MR. MARTIN: Not the whole farm
8 property, but the Barn.

9 MS. SPENCER: The Barn.

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

11 MR. MARTIN: And also, just to
12 mention that the Brookhaven Town
13 Historic District, the County District
14 is the beginning of east end of the
15 District, and then it extends all the
16 way west along Main Street, to the
17 intersection -- I think that's Yaphank
18 Avenue and Middle Island Road.

19 MS. SPENCER: To the upper lake.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So there's two,
21 two historic districts?

22 MS. SPENCER: Yes.

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes. The Town
24 Historic District which is much
25 larger --

2 MS. SPENCER: It's quite large.

3 MR. MARTIN: -- than the County's,
4 it overlaps at the east end of the
5 District, but then continues. I just
6 wanted you to realize that the town is
7 much larger and encompasses the
8 majority of Main Street.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

10 MR. BAGG: Larry, also it might be
11 pointed out that some of the comments
12 last night said that -- the people said
13 that the doctor's cottage is historic
14 and they want that reviewed in the EIS
15 in terms of the --

16 MR. MARTIN: Yeah. The, the
17 doctor's cottage, as Jim is mentioning,
18 is called a -- I call it a
19 bungalow-style home that's next to
20 the -- is it the voters? What's the
21 name of that building?

22 MR. BAGG: The Board of Election.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Board of
24 Elections.

25 MR. MARTIN: Board of Elections

2 building -- I'm sorry -- on the north
3 side there.

4 It has not been reviewed by the
5 Committee. We have never taken a, a
6 look at that building. We have looked
7 at the Potters Field, the cemetery for
8 the Historic Infirmary, that's behind
9 the woodland there (indicating) on the
10 corner.

11 And in looking at the plans -- and
12 that was brought up at our CEQ meeting
13 in December -- that was identified.
14 And that it's not, you know, to be
15 impacted as part of this development,
16 and preserved. And we did take a look
17 at that. But we never looked at the
18 house specifically.

19 MR. BAGG: Well, they want the EIS
20 to look at the historic integrity of
21 the doctor's cottage, because that was
22 the first cottage built, you know, for
23 the doctor for the infirmary.

24 MR. MARTIN: Yeah. I don't know
25 the history of it, to say it.

2 MR. BAGG: So basically --

3 MR. MARTIN: There was a
4 children's home on that side of the
5 street. Another large wooden
6 structure, Victorian-era structure,
7 that stood right next to that building,
8 so it could have related to that
9 building.

10 Again, it's a doctor's use, but
11 that's the, the history of that side of
12 the street. There was more there than
13 what you see now. The woodland there
14 (indicating), there was a large
15 building there.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

17 So thank you very much, Richard.

18 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Mr. Chair, I
19 have a question about that --

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

21 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- and
22 regarding the familiarity with
23 Yaphank as we're going forward. We
24 haven't -- I haven't seen a CAC member
25 from Brookhaven Town sitting with us

2 here for a long time.

3 I'd, I'd would like to request
4 that either you or, or Jim reach out to
5 Brookhaven Town and ask if they have
6 someone, and can they encourage them to
7 come to the meetings. Especially at
8 this juncture, I think there should be
9 someone from Brookhaven Town sitting
10 here.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And we should
12 talk about that. I think Jim Brown may
13 be no longer.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Steve Brown?

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Steve Brown.

16 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Steve Brown,
17 I ran into him somewhere. And I
18 don't -- he said -- and he's kind of in
19 a nebulous area I think, so maybe, you
20 know, as the Chair or, or Jim, as the
21 historic person.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim, can we do
23 that?

24 (No audible response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Uh-huh. Eva,

2 yes.

3 MS. GROWNEY: I just want to make
4 one more quick comment.

5 This area is, is, I think maybe
6 the last like little sleepy town area
7 on Long Island. It's, it's so
8 untouched for so long. I think that
9 the protection of it, in every capacity
10 that we can come up with, I think is
11 very critical.

12 And you can correct me Richard,
13 because you know better than I, but
14 it --

15 MR. MARTIN: Well, I think there
16 are other sleepy towns --

17 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

18 MR. MARTIN: -- in Suffolk County.

19 MS. GROWNEY: But it, but it --
20 it's one of the --

21 MR. MARTIN: But I appreciate your
22 comments --

23 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

24 MR. MARTIN: For the center of the
25 island, it's a unique --

2 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, very --

3 MR. MARTIN: -- historic district.

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 MR. MARTIN: And a lot of people
6 don't know that history.

7 MS. GROWNEY: So, so the whole
8 physical attributes of this, of this
9 little community is so special, from my
10 little experience of it, that I think
11 that the, that the site visit is, is
12 essential.

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So thank
14 you very much.

15 Recommended Type II Actions. Jim,
16 do you want to point out anything in
17 particular, with regard to
18 ratifications?

19 MR. BAGG: The packet's fairly
20 standard. Most of the actions are Type
21 II Actions, or they have been
22 previously reviewed.

23 There are some proponents that
24 were issued by the Legislature.

25 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah, thank

2 you. I appreciate that.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Just for the
4 record, Tom Gulbransen, and Gloria, and
5 Dan have all been reapproved as members
6 of the CEQ -- so congratulations,
7 condolences --

8 (Laughter.)

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- serious
10 condolences.

11 (Laughter.)

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: You're trapped
13 for five more years. That's what the
14 appointment is.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes, five
16 years.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Yeah.
18 Any comments or questions on
19 classifications of resolutions?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I make a
21 motion to accept staff recommendations.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
23 motion to accept staff recommendations.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

25 MS. RUSSO: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
3 second by Eva.

4 All in favor, aye.

5 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

7 (WHEREUPON, there was no
8 response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.
10 Proposed Acquisition for Open
11 Space Preservation, Lake Panamoka
12 County Park Addition.

13 MS. FISCHER: Good morning,
14 everyone.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Good morning.
16 You thought we would never get to you,
17 didn't you?

18 (Laughter.)

19 MS. FISCHER: An always
20 interesting discussion.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MS. FISCHER: Before you this
23 morning is a, a final acquisition of
24 part of what we had presented to you
25 maybe a month or two previously, of an

2 area on the east side of Lake Panamoka.

3 There were four or five properties
4 previously proposed to you and moved
5 forward. This is the last -- sixth and
6 last one on the eastern portion of this
7 area to be acquired. There's a small
8 pond just to the west, that then is
9 associated with the kettle hole pond of
10 Lake Panamoka to the west.

11 This (indicating) area obviously
12 is within the SGPA -- central Suffolk
13 SGPA area -- not within the core, but
14 very close to the core to the east.

15 So we're looking for your approval
16 to move this forward.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Now, just
18 refresh our memory, the area
19 (indicating) outlined in yellow is what
20 we voted on previously --

21 MS. FISCHER: Correct --

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: -- and that's
23 before the Legislature.

24 MS. FISCHER: Uh-huh, yes.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. So this

2 abuts that very nicely.

3 MS. FISCHER: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

5 Do we have any questions?

6 (WHEREUPON, there was no
7 response.)

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. A
9 motion?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion,
11 unlisted negative declaration.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second?

13 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Second by Eva.
15 All in favor?

16 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

18 MS. FISCHER: Thank you. That's
19 all I have.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Proposed Review
21 of Deepwells Farm County Park Historic
22 Landscape Restoration, Head of the
23 Harbor, Town of Smithtown.

24 MR. MARTIN: Okay. I'd like to
25 give you some background to this, which

2 I did include the documentation in the
3 package that was sent to you.

4 Shortly after the County acquired
5 the Deepwells property, the CEQ
6 reviewed the restoration of the farm
7 field, which is a nine-acre parcel for
8 agricultural farm management use. And
9 there was some interest, at the time,
10 of creating an organic farm at the
11 site. That did not materialize.

12 We did start the clearing at that
13 time. And if you look at the aerial
14 (indicating) from 2007, you'll see the,
15 the open field that we've maintained.
16 And at that time, we specifically
17 cleared the area on the corner
18 (indicating) of -- it's wrongly
19 identified -- well Harbor Hill Road
20 here, it's also Taylor Lane. Just so
21 you know, the corner of Harbor Hill
22 Road and North Country Road, that area
23 (indicating) was cleared out at that
24 time.

25 We did not complete the job. And

2 I'm bringing it forward to you today,
3 to make you aware of our -- what we're
4 interested in doing. And this is more
5 now relating to restoring the scenic
6 vistas that this (indicating) farm
7 field provided at this (indicating)
8 site.

9 I would like to amend the, the
10 short form a bit. Since I submitted
11 this, the area -- you can tell from the
12 earlier 1928 aerial -- showed the whole
13 farm field cleared. That is not our
14 objective, so I'd like to clarify that.

15 What we're looking now to do --
16 and I'll pass this (indicating)
17 around -- to kind of straighten off the
18 tree line on the -- I guess it would be
19 the south side of the property up to
20 25-A, and clear that to retain the farm
21 field. It's -- the brush is
22 encroaching into the farm field now,
23 and I'd like to restore the, the open
24 farm field.

25 But the Department is also

2 looking -- which is the amendment to
3 the short form -- to retain a
4 hundred-foot buffer on the Highland
5 Avenue -- along the Highland Avenue
6 property line. So that would be a
7 hundred feet from Highland Avenue
8 itself, and also the rear of the
9 property line of the residences that
10 you see further west, northwest I
11 guess.

12 And this (indicating), you know,
13 is presently vegetated, so we're not
14 looking to clear that out. I didn't
15 make that clear on the form that I
16 submitted.

17 So we're looking to establish, at
18 this point, a hundred-foot buffer zone
19 that historically was not there. But
20 we've done this at many of our historic
21 sites. We don't restore the landscape
22 exactly to the time period. We're
23 restoring the buildings, due to the
24 changes, and also trying to retain an
25 historic view shed and ambiance at the

2 site.

3 So with that said, I guess I'll
4 open it for questions.

5 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Since
6 I'm a Village Official for the Head of
7 the Harbor, I'm going to recuse myself
8 and let Mike take it from here.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.
10 Larry is the Deputy Mayor over there.

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Mike, I have
12 a question for you.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I didn't
15 know if you could see me.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No. Okay.
17 Well, first of all, Rich and I have had
18 some discussions about this, when I saw
19 this particular property. And I'm very
20 happy to see that he's talking about
21 the hundred-foot buffer along the
22 Highland Avenue area. The residence,
23 the residence in that particular area
24 had been somewhat sensitive to
25 clearing.

2 At the same time CEQ, in the past,
3 has supported some of the clearing, to
4 try and retain the farm field in that
5 area.

6 And what he's talking about -- I
7 know that property very intimately. I
8 live nearby. Larry lives nearby.
9 We've been on it a number of times. A
10 lot of the brush has been encroaching
11 over the year and it's pretty scraggly
12 vegetation.

13 What the County and what Rich is
14 talking about, again, we supported it
15 in the past. And I think, think,
16 they're trying to be careful about it.
17 I'd love to see the map.

18 Okay. One question each and then
19 I'll open it up to questions.

20 I'm seeing a square marked in
21 blue. That's (indicating) going to be
22 taken out or --

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

25 That's what you were trying to take

2 out.

3 All right. Any questions?

4 Legislator Fisher?

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm, I'm
6 trying to understand the agricultural
7 use piece.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Uh-huh.

9 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I don't know
10 whether you know or not, I've been
11 working on a Community Gardens Task
12 Force.

13 MR. MARTIN: I've heard, but I
14 don't know your background to it.

15 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: And actually
16 Pam Green is part of my Task Force,
17 identifying those County holdings where
18 community gardens would be appropriate.

19 So I'm, I'm wondering -- with the
20 language here, it became a little
21 confusing -- it said it had been
22 previously agricultural --

23 MR. MARTIN: There was a proposal
24 earlier on when the County bought the
25 property. There was some interest in

2 the community -- not that the County
3 would do it --

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

5 MR. MARTIN: -- that we would get
6 someone in to do it to --

7 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: And that's
8 what I'm talking about.

9 MR. MARTIN: -- provide a contract
10 in a sense --

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

12 MR. MARTIN: -- to provide -- an
13 organic farm was actually spoken of --

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Right.

15 MR. MARTIN: -- at the time. But
16 that never materialized.

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. So
18 would a, a proposal for a community
19 garden here(indicating), or some kind
20 of garden here (indicating), be in line
21 with what you're looking at, at this
22 time?

23 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

24 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay.

25 That's, that's really good to know,

2 because there are a couple of churches
3 right on the south side of 25-A, who
4 might be interested in participating in
5 a community garden program.

6 MR. MARTIN: Yes. We'd be happy
7 to entertain that idea.

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. Thank
9 you very much.

10 MS. GROWNEY: Is that it?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Any other
12 questions?

13 Mr. Bagg?

14 MR. BAGG: Is this Parks
15 initiated? I mean does this need
16 Legislative approval or funding?

17 MR. MARTIN: It's just Park staff,
18 Maintenance staff. It's, it's very
19 small saplings and brush that we would
20 be just looking to chip on site.

21 MR. BAGG: Okay. Fine. I was
22 just wondering.

23 MR. MARTIN: Right. And I'm just
24 using Parks and Maintenance staff to do
25 the work.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN:

3 Mr. Gulbransen?

4 MR. GULBRANSEN: I'm not sure I
5 understand the difference between an
6 agricultural field and a meadow.

7 But the DEC has meadows, and they
8 look to maintain those meadows. That's
9 an important kind of habitat. When
10 they do that, they actually have a
11 couple of windows of time when they'll
12 do the mowing, and other windows when
13 they won't touch it, for reasons of
14 birds and habitat use.

15 How would those kind of
16 considerations be taken for this
17 agricultural --

18 MR. MARTIN: Well, I don't think
19 the plan here was to restore it as a
20 meadow.

21 MR. GULBRANSEN: It says grass. I
22 wasn't sure what that means.

23 MR. MARTIN: Well, it's just lawn
24 grass, for lack of a better term. And
25 the idea was always to keep it as

2 agricultural.

3 It was, for many years, used as a
4 pasture land for horses actually, when
5 Winthrop Taylor owned the property.

6 But the idea that Legislator
7 Fisher has, we'd be definitely open to.
8 And that was the original intent when
9 the County bought the property, to
10 maintain it in some way as a working
11 farm, and, and to use the property as a
12 farmland. It was -- but I would never
13 discuss letting it just be a meadow, in
14 that sense.

15 MR. GULBRANSEN: Okay. When, when
16 you look forward to uses as farm
17 acreage, is there any sense for whether
18 fertilizers and other kinds of growth
19 agents would be able to be used or --

20 MR. MARTIN: Oh, definitely --

21 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- excluded
22 because it's ag..

23 MR. MARTIN: -- definitely.

24 That's been discussed. And that's why
25 we looked at the consequence of an

2 organic farm at the site.

3 And the County, as you know, as
4 we're under all these restrictions for
5 what kind of pesticides we can use in
6 parklands. So you know, the farm use
7 would be under those guidelines -- the
8 County -- the existing County
9 guidelines for pesticides.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Eva?

11 MS. GROWNEY: I, I could be wrong
12 about this, but I believe the
13 difference between the, the meadow and
14 the, the agricultural has to do with
15 the soils.

16 But like if I'm wrong about it,
17 I'd like to get some clarification
18 from somebody who does know the answer
19 to that, because I think that's an
20 important factor on a variety of
21 levels -- what Tom's just brought up.

22 MR. MARTIN: I wouldn't know.
23 Like that would a Nick, Nick Gibbons
24 question.

25 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I know a
3 little about it.

4 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: A meadow
6 is a little more -- what ag. purposes
7 are, obviously ag. purposes --
8 agricultural.

9 MS. GROWNEY: And the soils are a
10 factor of that.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes. This
12 is very rich soil.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: This has
15 been a farm for a number of years.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And I
18 believe that the nutrient is -- it's
19 pretty, it's pretty good soil. And I
20 don't believe that there have been many
21 chemicals dumped on it. And it hasn't
22 been used as fertilized -- or strike
23 that. It has not been fertilized in
24 many a year.

25 The meadow that you might be

2 talking about often will be taller
3 grasses and a different type of
4 vegetational assemblage. They're often
5 edge habitats and things like that.
6 That's what Tom, I think, was looking
7 at also.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: A meadow
10 generally, you know, you allow to grow
11 a foot, two feet, things like that.
12 You know, it provides cover for birds,
13 provides grazing for some of the small
14 animal, deer, things like that.

15 It's never been used that way. I
16 don't think we've had meadows like this
17 in this particular area, in a hundred
18 years. And right now, it's not
19 maintained that way.

20 Again, it would totally be a
21 different assemblage. And it really
22 has nothing to do with landforms or
23 anything like that. You can have rich,
24 environmentally-sensitive lands that
25 are kept as meadows.

2 For example, right near my house,
3 the Nature Conservancy owns formerly
4 agricultural land that they have let go
5 into meadows. So you have grasses
6 coming up --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- coming
9 up two, three, four feet.

10 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And
12 supports the deer population, et
13 cetera. It's -- just simply, it's a
14 management decision.

15 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Over here
17 (indicating), it's been always
18 agricultural. And historically, it's
19 linked to the mansion that's over
20 there, and it's been declared
21 historical.

22 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And that's
24 what Rich is trying to, to go towards.

25 MR. GULBRANSEN: But given

2 the, the clear agricultural use
3 trajectory --

4 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

5 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- I'm not
6 passing judgment on that. I'm just
7 trying to understand.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

9 MR. GULBRANSEN: Given that
10 understanding, then I would want to ask
11 that the plan consider more than just a
12 view shed, when it, when it decides
13 which trees and which brush to remove.

14 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

15 MR. GULBRANSEN: We -- you know,
16 ag. is something that is valued and --

17 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

18 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- when done
19 optimally, then not many issues with
20 runoff, things like that. So this
21 would perhaps be something worth
22 looking at, you know, which way does
23 the surface water flow.

24 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That would

2 flow over there.

3 MR. GULBRANSEN: That would be the
4 area to buffer more or less? It's --

5 MR. MARTIN: Oh, I see what you're
6 saying.

7 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

8 MR. GULBRANSEN: It's an
9 interesting --

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: There's no
11 flow off of there. I know the property
12 pretty well over there. There's no
13 flow off of there.

14 MR. MARTIN: There's no like
15 direct flow, but it is on a slight
16 incline.

17 MR. GULBRANSEN: There's no flow
18 off there, because of the vegetation.

19 MR. MARTIN: No, no, no, no.
20 Don't forget the field --

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: 25A and
22 Highland are above it.

23 MR. MARTIN: -- the field area
24 right --

25 MR. GULBRANSEN: I'm familiar with

2 the lay of the land.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. MARTIN: -- the field area
5 right next to it, if you look at the
6 2007 photo (indicating) --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

8 MR. MARTIN: -- is the same slope
9 as what I'm discussing, and we don't
10 have any problems there. So it's, it's
11 just, you know, continuing that over.

12 And then realize also, we have --
13 it's really an historic farm field. We
14 have a tree line around the whole
15 perimeter of the property, and a
16 hardened roadbed that surrounds the
17 whole property also.

18 And, you know, this has been used,
19 you know, for centuries as an
20 agricultural field. And it's just
21 trying to restore that and, and use it.

22 But it was, it was always an open
23 field, you know, like I said, for
24 hundreds of years. And there were no
25 drainage issues of exactly the type

1 Council on Environmental Quality 3/17/10 85
2 you're thinking of.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All right.

4 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: May I just
5 ask Tom and Eva a question --

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Legislator
7 Fisher.

8 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: -- because I
9 don't know a lot of these differences
10 that you're talking about. But if, if
11 we can't move forward or we can't use
12 the whole property for these community
13 gardens, there's a very important
14 program that's going on. The Soil and
15 Water District is very involved in
16 this. And that is the, the Native
17 Grasses Program.

18 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

19 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: And if a
20 portion of this property was used for
21 the Native Grasses Program, would that
22 constitute agricultural, or meadow, or
23 how would you see that, as part of
24 that?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: (Shaking

2 head.)

3 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Are you
4 shaking your head? That wouldn't be
5 part of it?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I don't
7 think it falls into either of those,
8 because meadow is not a classification
9 that exists in CEQR or any of the
10 categories that we have. That's just a
11 management style --

12 MS. GROWNEY: But if it is --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- where
14 ag. is something else. That is an
15 identified use.

16 MS. GROWNEY: But if it is being
17 farmed, which is what I'm kind of
18 taking, that might kind of fall under
19 agriculture.

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Which is
21 developing the native grass --

22 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: --
24 collecting the seeds and --

25 MS. GROWNEY: So that sounds like

2 it would work to me.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, it
4 would be a farm use of some sort.

5 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah. It
6 would be a farm use.

7 MS GROWNEY: It would be a farm
8 use.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I think it
10 could fall under --

11 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: That's just
12 a note to self.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

14 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Rich?

16 MR. MARTIN: Yeah.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: One
18 important thing, I don't think that we
19 should try to vote on this today. As
20 you and I had discussed, because this
21 is inside the Head of the Harbor and it
22 is a little bit of a sensitive
23 property. It would be advisable to
24 have a letter sent to the Mayor of Head
25 of the Harbor, informing him of this

2 particular project and possibly
3 soliciting comments, so that the
4 Village feels that it's involved in all
5 of this.

6 The Village, historically, has had
7 concerns about the management and the
8 development of the project. As you
9 know, a couple of years ago, with the
10 park pen that was put in over there for
11 the trucks, that had created a little
12 bit of a problem.

13 MR. MARTIN: I'll just explain
14 that a little bit. What happened --
15 the project Mike's referring to, there
16 was a plume that they were looking to
17 clean up, an Environmental Protection
18 Agency in this area. And they were
19 looking, I think, at the corner of
20 Highland Avenue and North Country Road
21 as a staging site. And CEQ did review
22 it at the time and approved it.

23 And it's starting to come back, so
24 it's hard to see, but there's like a
25 grassland and like a, like a circular

1 area that was used for that site
2 (indicating). We did bring crushed
3 stone in at that point. Part of the
4 contract -- it did go forward. Part of
5 the contract was they were allowed to
6 bring the crushed, crushed stone in, as
7 long as they removed it all.

8
9 There were concerns from the
10 residents after the CEQ approved it,
11 mainly to do with the, the active use
12 of the trucks going there. And there
13 was like a clean-out site, a washing
14 site for their trucks, from this clean
15 up effort that they had in the
16 neighborhood.

17 So that was really the concern of
18 the trucks going up and down their
19 street, their residential street. And
20 they contacted Parks, and the Parks
21 Department then cancelled the contract.
22 When the contract was cancelled the --
23 all the crushed stone was removed, as
24 it was required, so that is growing
25 back now as a field -- and actually now

2 would be within the hundred-foot buffer
3 that I mentioned.

4 Also, just a couple other points,
5 if you're in that area, to know are
6 going on with the trees along Highland
7 Avenue. The residents contacted the
8 Parks Departments that there were a lot
9 of dead -- large dead trees along
10 Highland Avenue, which was the historic
11 farmland perimeter plantings of trees.
12 And the Parks Department has trimmed
13 that out, and that was at the
14 residents' request on an emergency
15 basis. They said the limbs were
16 falling, and there's a bus station
17 along that roadway.

18 So we have worked -- and the
19 Village was aware of that. We did work
20 with the Village on that clearing.
21 They also had been contacted on this,
22 so everyone was well aware of that
23 issue.

24 We've also met with New York State
25 Department of Transportation and State

2 Assemblyman Steve Englebright, on the
3 tree trimming on the north side -- the
4 northwest side of North Country Road.
5 They had started to take down some of
6 our historic locust trees. Assemblyman
7 Englebright stopped that project and we
8 have met with them on site, to review
9 all their tree-trimming and cutting
10 along the section of North Country Road
11 in front of Deepwells.

12 So that's the another issue that's
13 been going on with the trees at that
14 site. And the Village has been aware
15 of those two projects. But like Mike
16 says, they're not aware of this current
17 clearing project.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.
19 Tom?

20 MR. GULBRANSEN: You just
21 mentioned the potential need to table
22 this until some kind of official letter
23 is sent out to engage the Village, more
24 with regard to this use, or its
25 acceptability -- consistency with the

2 Village. That sounds different than
3 the interaction we have with the
4 villages on other parcels that we've
5 done things to.

6 Yes, I understand that a truck lay
7 down area is substantial different use.
8 And I can see where --

9 MR. MARTIN: And the Village was
10 involved in that process, as you know.

11 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- in regard --
12 in this case, it's -- it doesn't sound
13 like it's such a departure. But before
14 we defer, I just want to understand,
15 are you, are you, Richard, are you
16 comfortable that the Village has not
17 yet been engaged enough to make this
18 plan the best it can, can be.

19 MR. MARTIN: I don't have a
20 problem with approaching the Village.
21 We've -- all the other work we've done
22 on site, they've been aware of.

23 In fact, the, the truck location
24 was suggested by the Village and by the
25 Mayor. So as -- because they didn't

2 want to do it on the Village property.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. MARTIN: So they approached
5 the County, can we please do it on our
6 property, because it was within the
7 Head of the Harbor -- this project.
8 And, and we brought it to the CEQ, and
9 the County was looking to accommodate
10 the Village. So we have, you know,
11 coordinated our efforts in the area.

12 MR. GULBRANSEN: And for this
13 proposed adjustment to the property,
14 you have not yet done that, so --

15 MR. MARTIN: No.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Tom, to
17 put it bluntly, the right word for it
18 is politic, to at least inform the
19 Village officially that this is going
20 to be going forward, as the safest
21 course of action to avoid any problems.

22 MR. GULBRANSEN: I was just simply
23 trying to understand, had we done that
24 a little bit, had we chose not to do to
25 that yet --

2 MR. MARTIN: Not as the specific
3 process.

4 MR. GULBRANSEN: And so the answer
5 is we haven't done it yet.

6 MR. MARTIN: No.

7 MR. GULBRANSEN: And this is the
8 next step.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Mary Ann?

10 MS. SPENCER: If it -- is time of
11 the essence here? When is this work
12 planned?

13 MR. MARTIN: Yes. Well we're
14 trying to get it done in the spring, so
15 we could put grass seed down and get
16 the lawn established. So that's the --

17 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. MARTIN: -- the timeframe.

19 MS. SPENCER: In that case, I
20 would like to echo what Tom just said.
21 This is unprecedented. It may be
22 politic, and we have two members of the
23 CEQ who live in that community -- one
24 of whom has recused himself. You also
25 live there.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I'm in
3 Nissequogue.

4 MS. SPENCER: Right, that's
5 contiguous. I really think we should
6 just really move forward on this, and
7 that's my opinion.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Mr. Bagg?

9 MR. BAGG: Well, you can also
10 request that, you know, as part of your
11 review, that the Parks Department will
12 touch base with the Village, and get
13 their input for the project before
14 proceeding --

15 MS. SPENCER: Uh-huh.

16 MR. BAGG: -- because I mean
17 basically, the real question before you
18 is, what is the environmental impact
19 for taking out the brush and the trees
20 from a former field, and turning it
21 into its former status. I mean that's
22 what's before you -- not whether the
23 Village approves or not.

24 MS. SPENCER: Right.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: No, I was

2 not talking about giving them approval.
3 It's just this has been an interesting
4 situation over the years. And
5 discretion being the better part of
6 valor, I was --

7 MR. MARTIN: Mike, should we
8 mention, just so people know, what the
9 guidelines for the buffer zone --

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yes.

11 MR. MARTIN: -- within the Head of
12 the Harbor is?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: The Head
14 of the Harbor has recently amended its
15 tree laws, and that's one of the things
16 that Rich and I have been discussing on
17 this particular project. And they've
18 decreased the buffers along the roads,
19 so we're trying to make sure that the
20 actions do not violate those particular
21 laws, because they do apply in this, in
22 this particular situation.

23 The County's property is subject,
24 to some degree, to the Village's
25 regulations. And I think --

2 MR. MARTIN: Is that true?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

4 This is under the Monroe Rochester
5 situation, with the case law that was
6 developed. This is not a primary
7 function, wherein the superior form of
8 government, the County, is allowed to
9 conduct its actions in isolation.
10 Ancillary functions of the higher form
11 of government, in this particular
12 situation, most likely would be subject
13 to the individual municipality's
14 regulations.

15 But again, the hundred-foot buffer
16 is more than double what we're talking
17 about.

18 MS. SPENCER: Yeah.

19 MR. MARTIN: Well, can you state,
20 what is the Head of the Harbor's
21 guidelines for the buffer?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: 25 or 50?

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: 25.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: 25, so
25 we're --

2 MS. SPENCER: And this is a
3 hundred.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah. So
5 I'm not worried about it.

6 MS. SPENCER: Yeah.

7 MS. GROWNEY: So it's --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah.

9 MR. GULBRANSEN: A hundred feet,
10 when you mentioned a hundred feet on
11 the west side, to the adjoining side --

12 MR. MARTIN: Right. From the
13 Highland Avenue --

14 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- but we're
15 going for a vista. I would presume
16 that means a vista from some road.

17 Is, is the local ordinance seeking
18 a 25-foot vegetated strip, which would
19 be the opposite of the vista.

20 MR. MARTIN: The Parks Department
21 is proposing a hundred-foot buffer,
22 along the Highland Avenue property line
23 behind the residences.

24 But at the 25A side, no. I
25 think the 25-foot buffer, we could

2 accommodate. That would include the
3 tree, the line of trees along 25-A.
4 And also if you notice right inside
5 that (indicating) line, you see kind of
6 a whitish line (indicating), that's the
7 roadway which I was talking about,
8 which is completely cleared of any
9 brush, and is used as a jogging trail
10 by the community.

11 And I'd also like to state that
12 I'd like to maintain that historic farm
13 road that goes around the perimeter of
14 the farm field. And it is used -- the
15 community has actually asked us to keep
16 that cleared, because it's used as a
17 jogging trail for the community.
18 People come in off Highland Avenue and
19 jog along that, and, of course, enter
20 the field for jogging purposes.

21 So I think they would be happy,
22 you know, that we would maintain that
23 road bed and that's an historic
24 feature. And that would bring us to
25 the 25-foot buffer that the Village

2 requires.

3 MR. GULBRANSEN: And that 25-foot
4 buffer, given the relatively flat
5 topography, would probably be
6 sufficient to handle any runoff that
7 might or might not happen. So that's
8 great to --

9 MR. MARTIN: Yeah. Well, that's,
10 in a sense, what I was explaining
11 before, how historically, the land's
12 been pounded down really, along that
13 roadway. And so any of the runoff
14 issues have been worked out over time,
15 on this -- at this site, on this
16 property.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All right.
18 I think the issues are pretty clear.

19 Jim has suggested that if the
20 Council approves, that we go forward
21 with this, and at the same time, the
22 Head of the Harbor Mayor be informed of
23 this, and his input be solicited on
24 this. That is -- I think that meets
25 the purposes of the Council on this

2 particular project.

3 So Jim, do you have any further
4 comments on the procedure?

5 MR. BAGG: That's all.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: If anyone
7 wants to make a motion --

8 MR. BAGG: You have to make a
9 recommendation, you know, in terms of
10 under CEQR. What is the classification
11 and proposal, and what is the
12 determination?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: This would
14 be unlisted. If anyone wants to make a
15 motion.

16 MS. RUSSO: Right. I'll make a
17 motion that this is an unlisted
18 negative declaration, and that the
19 County, and the Parks Department have
20 to notify the Mayor of Head of the
21 Harbor of their actions and what we're
22 doing.

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Second.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Okay.

25 Second by Legislator Fisher.

2 Yeah, comment?

3 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, just a
4 question. The result in action will be
5 clearing, to develop the land for
6 agricultural use, whether it's by the
7 community or a church group. That
8 is --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: In
10 clearing --

11 MR. GULBRANSEN: -- development
12 of, development of a sort. Is that
13 actually unlisted?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Yeah, that
15 would be unlisted.

16 MR. GULBRANSEN: It is.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: You don't
18 have a building in there. It's not a
19 Type I. It doesn't hit any of the
20 Type I practices.

21 MR. BAGG: Farming practices,
22 farming practices are exempt from CEQR.

23 MR. GULBRANSEN: It's an
24 exemption --

25 MR. BAGG: But I mean clearing the

2 land --

3 MS. GROWNEY: That's all we're
4 talking about --

5 MR. BAGG: -- is clearly a
6 CEQRable action.

7 MS. GROWNEY: -- is clearing.
8 We're not talking about the
9 development.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: That's
11 unlisted, right.

12 MR. BAGG: The ultimate use is for
13 the --

14 MS. GROWNEY: Another thing --

15 MR. BAGG: -- lawn or farm and
16 that's exempt.

17 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah, that's
18 separate.

19 MR. MARTIN: And just to be clear,
20 there's no plan at all to have any
21 structures on this property.

22 We do have our sheds, and, you
23 know, the buildings around the, the
24 Deepwells Farm House that could be used
25 if we need to store rakes or things

2 like that.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All right.

4 I'm going to call the vote.

5 All in favor?

6 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

7 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: All

8 opposed?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was no
10 response.)

11 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: I will be
12 abstaining.

13 And just again, let the record
14 reflect that, that Chairman Swanson has
15 recused.

16 Okay. The motion passes.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay.

18 Proposed Inspection Improvements
19 to County Road 31 at County Road 104
20 Roundabout, in the Town of Southampton.

21 MR. MACKEY: Good morning.

22 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Good morning.

23 MS. GROWNEY: Good morning.

24 MR. MACKEY: I'm Russ Mackey. I'm
25 from the Suffolk County DPW, Consultant

2 Management Division. I'm a senior
3 civil engineer with a p.e. license.

4 Today, I have with us, as the
5 County's consultant, Ron Hill from Dunn
6 Engineering, who will further explain
7 the project.

8 MR. HILL: Good morning.

9 I passed around some photos that
10 just replicate these, these pictures
11 here (indicating).

12 Our project -- intersection
13 improvement project is primarily based
14 on safety concerns. There's no
15 congestion at this intersection as we
16 see it today, or in the near future.
17 But what we've had some, some
18 accident-related problems, particularly
19 at this (indicating) intersection --
20 where southbound traffic and northbound
21 traffic -- this (indicating) is County
22 Road 31 into Westhampton Beach, 104
23 into Quogue, and County Road 104 into
24 Riverhead.

25 The northbound traffic and the

2 southbound traffic have had some
3 accident problems. We feel that it's,
4 it's primarily related to people that
5 are not signaling their intentions.
6 And the bulk of the traffic swings out
7 to the south here (indicating), and
8 these people unfortunately don't get
9 the right indication.

10 This (indicating) intersection is
11 actually three intersections all
12 controlled by stop signs. Our proposed
13 project is to put in a roundabout,
14 which will passively control the
15 traffic and slow it down.

16 The intersection itself is, as you
17 can see, is, is isolated. It's located
18 in the, in the Pine Barrens area. And
19 we will put a roundabout in. This
20 (indicating) red is raised, stamped
21 concrete or, or asphalt. So it's --
22 these (indicating) are channelizing
23 islands. There will be an apron around
24 here (indicating) that would allow
25 trucks to get through the intersection.

2 But the center of the circle we
3 will be vegetated and we will bring
4 considerable vegetation -- more
5 vegetation in on this (indicating)
6 side, this (indicating) green and this
7 side here (indicating). Also, I
8 believe actually we're increasing the
9 amount of vegetation with this project
10 and decreasing the amount of asphalt.

11 Now, there is currently no
12 drainage. Everything is, is in the
13 intersection. Everything just runs off
14 the road and into the side, into the
15 property around it. We will put in
16 leaching basins to recharge, which will
17 help the vegetation along the sides of
18 the road. This will be containing.

19 I don't know if you have any
20 questions. It's a relatively
21 straight-forward project.

22 We had an option about putting in
23 a traffic signal here (indicating), but
24 we rejected that. That requires
25 energy, it requires traffic signals.

2 And in this case, when you get
3 down to a signal versus a roundabout,
4 the information we have is that the
5 roundabout is safer -- results in less
6 accidents. And that's why it was
7 chosen --

8 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What's the
9 diameter of the roundabout?

10 MR. HILL: Excuse me?

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: What is the
12 diameter of the roundabout?

13 MR. HILL: I believe the outside
14 is about a hundred foot and that's
15 about a ten-foot apron on there
16 (indicating).

17 MR. MACKEY: They, they use
18 computer-generated turning templates,
19 just to make sure that all the vehicles
20 can make the appropriate turns.

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So our big fire
22 trucks and stuff will --

23 MR. MACKEY: That's why -- if you
24 see this (indicating) inner red here --

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

2 MR. MACKEY: -- that's a truck
3 apron. And on the outside is mountable
4 curbs that they can -- if, you know, if
5 say, for instance, a big truck, it
6 could still go around without keeping
7 the, the inner diameter circle small
8 enough where cars can just go right
9 through.

10 MR. HILL: Your fire truck would
11 probably go around without getting on
12 that (indicating) apron. The trucks
13 that would have a little more problem
14 are the large tractor-trailers. And
15 that's what that (indicating) apron is
16 for.

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

18 MS. GROWNEY: From my knowledge,
19 driving on this area, it's a great road
20 for cycling, because it's not highly
21 trafficked.

22 MR. HILL: Correct.

23 MS. GROWNEY: What accommodations
24 are being made for cyclists?

25 MR. MACKEY: The way -- just like

2 any other roundabout works is that they
3 would come up here (indicating) at the
4 ramps. They take them along the
5 sidewalk, and they can go through the
6 pedestrian areas, and go across.
7 That's the -- this is according to the
8 federal standards --

9 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

10 MR. MACKEY: -- as to how
11 bicyclists navigate a roundabout.

12 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

13 And so it's -- those are
14 relatively level also, for pedestrians
15 to walk those? I mean there's curb
16 cuts and all that kind of stuff there
17 (indicating)?

18 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

19 MR. HILL: Yes.

20 MS. GROWNEY: Okay.

21 MR. HILL: And those ramps have to
22 be one on twelve, so that's --

23 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

24 MR. HILL: -- fairly flat. It has
25 to be accommodated for the handicapped.

2 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Jim, then
4 Vivian.

5 MR. BAGG: I have a question.
6 What does it cost the County a year to
7 run a traffic light?

8 MR. MACKEY: I do not have that
9 information. But to my knowledge, I
10 believe we actually pass off
11 maintenance of the traffic signals to
12 the towns.

13 MR. HILL: That's correct. The
14 towns maintain it and pay for the
15 energy.

16 MR. BAGG: But, but still, I mean
17 when you install a traffic light, it
18 does use energy. And in this
19 (indicating) particular thing does not
20 use any --

21 MR. MACKEY: Yes. I -- to be
22 honest with you, I don't know how the,
23 the agreement between -- probably the
24 towns and the electric companies go.
25 I, I have no idea.

2 MR. HILL: If I remember the
3 pricing, it probably is in the range of
4 twenty-five hundred to three thousand
5 dollars a year. I think that may have
6 come down now, since we're using LED
7 signal heads, which reduce the energy
8 costs. That was the, that was the big
9 utility expense. Maintaining a signal
10 is probably about \$1,500 a year.

11 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Vivian.

12 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: With regards
13 to the vegetation, I'm, I'm assuming
14 all of the vegetation, vegetation will
15 take into account that we have, you
16 know, an invasive species list. And
17 sometimes we look for vegetation that
18 doesn't require a lot of maintenance,
19 and sometimes that winds up being very
20 aggressive vegetation. So we want to
21 make sure it's not.

22 MR. MACKEY: And obviously, it has
23 to be salt tolerant as well. But
24 usually, we usually just put grasses
25 in. We'll see about the center main

2 island because, again, it's federal
3 standards, as far as what you can put
4 in there. And for -- you want some
5 sight to go around, but yet you don't
6 want to, you know, block the straight
7 through. But again, you don't want to
8 block -- you know, you want to be able
9 to see merging distance.

10 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: I was
11 thinking more in terms of the
12 vegetation that we'll be putting along
13 the edges.

14 MR. HILL: We'll try and keep it
15 native to the area. They would
16 certainly stay away from an invasive
17 species. There's no water up here, so
18 it's going to have to be drought
19 resistant.

20 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.

21 MR. HILL: There's a lot of
22 sand --

23 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Uh-huh.
24 Right.

25 MR. HILL: -- underneath it, so it

2 will have to be very tough.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva?

4 MS. GROWNEY: Has, has there been
5 an analysis done between putting -- the
6 construction aspect of it, not the
7 maintenance aspect of it -- of this
8 solution versus the light solution, or
9 do you have a general idea of how --
10 what the difference is?

11 MR. MACKEY: Cost, cost-wise?

12 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

13 MR. MACKEY: Cost-wise, generally
14 from what we've seen coming through --

15 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

16 MR. MACKEY: -- I would
17 probably -- I would have to say this is
18 probably the cheaper one, due to the
19 steel signal poles, the light, you
20 know, the, the copper wiring and so
21 forth.

22 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

23 MR. MACKEY: So this is, you know,
24 expense-wise, a little cheaper. A lot
25 of times though, a little higher on

2 this is the maintenance of traffic,
3 when you're trying to build one of
4 these -- is just slightly higher, is,
5 you know, maintaining safety through
6 there.

7 MS. GROWNEY: When you're building
8 it you're saying?

9 MR. MACKEY: Yes, when you're
10 building it --

11 MS. GROWNEY: Okay. So it, it
12 might be a wash in terms of --

13 MR. MACKEY: -- because obviously,
14 you know, you're affecting traffic
15 pattern.

16 MS. GROWNEY: Right.

17 MR. MACKEY: You have to shift
18 them left and right. And, and that's
19 the aspect that's a little bit higher
20 than --

21 MR. HILL: Yeah. That
22 intersection, to clean that up and put
23 a traffic signal in, we'd really have
24 to -- what we want to do is come up and
25 bend this (indicating) probably

2 following this one (indicating), and
3 take that (indicating) out almost
4 entirely, and put that signal in here
5 (indicating). Sight distance is a
6 little bit of an issue for the signal,
7 because of the curb.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

9 MR. MACKEY: And a traffic signal
10 has more, more conflict points than a
11 roundabout, which is, you know, a
12 potential accident location.

13 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

14 MR. MACKEY: So that's why, you
15 know -- and generally roundabouts are a
16 safer alternative to traffic signals.

17 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

18 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Michael?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: For
20 whatever it's worth, this (indicating)
21 is an isolated area --

22 MS. GROWNEY: Yes.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- and I
24 think a roundabout, just in terms of
25 safety --

2 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- is a
4 better way of going about it. And
5 frankly, it's also more carbon
6 neutral --

7 MS. GROWNEY: Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- you
9 know. If you have to stop and start,
10 you're going to be expending more
11 carbon than just doing a roundabout,
12 even if you get trapped going around
13 and around.

14 It's still -- it's more rural.

15 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: It's the
17 way it used to be, in terms of
18 development around here (indicating).
19 If you look at old road maps --

20 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- this is
22 part of the historic type of design
23 feature, more than anything else.

24 So I think it's very appropriate
25 to put a roundabout in there

2 (indicating), as opposed to a traffic
3 light.

4 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: And I
6 think frankly that the design would --
7 the roundabout seems to be the, the new
8 wave, if you will --

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Gloria?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: -- of
11 control.

12 MS. RUSSO: I just want to add, I
13 do drive through this intersection very
14 regularly. And at night, especially
15 when you're coming north from Route 31,
16 and you want to go then left to 104,
17 you have to stop there. And it's
18 almost a blind curve --

19 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Yeah.

20 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

21 MS. RUSSO: -- to look to your
22 east, and it can be very dangerous.

23 And I think this is a very
24 positive thing to do because that
25 intersection is just, I feel, is very

2 dangerous at night.

3 MR. HILL: Yeah. It is, it is one
4 of Southampton's more dangerous
5 intersections. But as, as I, I said
6 before, the problem seems to be the
7 southbound and the northbound.

8 MS. GROWNEY: Uh-huh.

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Can we have a
10 motion?

11 MS. RUSSO: I'll make a motion.

12 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: We have a
13 motion by Gloria, and second by Eva.

14 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

16 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

17 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

18 (WHEREUPON, there was no
19 response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

21 MR. BAGG: Who's the second on
22 that?

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Eva.

24 MS. SPENCER: Eva.

25 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Now, we

2 have Proposed Construction of Sidewalks
3 on County Road 76, and CP 5497 in the
4 Town of Islip. And this is what we
5 have -- a, a letter of blessing from
6 the Town of Islip on this project.
7 It's in your packet.

8 MR. MACKEY: Okay. This is pretty
9 straight forward. One, we're going to
10 be constructing sidewalks on the south
11 side. If you look at -- I believe it's
12 the same thing as in your packets, the
13 same photo.

14 The purple line (indicating) is
15 what we propose to build, the yellow
16 (indicating) is the existing sidewalk
17 that is currently out there. There is
18 a traffic signal at Southern Boulevard
19 here (indicating). And there's an
20 existing sidewalk, which leads all the
21 way down to Terry road, which is CR16
22 in this area. So we're connecting from
23 one traffic signal to another.

24 The amount of land that will be
25 potentially effected is .344 acres.

2 And we will be installing -- because
3 we're going to be curbing the road for
4 the sidewalk, we will be installing
5 leaching basins where appropriate.

6 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Okay. Any
7 questions?

8 (WHEREUPON, there was no
9 response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Then, can we
11 have a motion? Can we have a motion?

12 MS. RUSSO: I'll make a motion --

13 MS. GROWNEY: Second.

14 MS. RUSSO: -- unlisted negative
15 declaration.

16 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: And a second by
17 Eva.

18 Any further discussion?

19 (WHEREUPON, there was no
20 response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: All in favor?

22 (WHEREUPON, the members voted.)

23 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Opposed?

24 (WHEREUPON, there was no
25 response.)

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2 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion carries.

3 Thank you.

4 Nick isn't here, so we don't have
5 anything from Suffolk County Parks.

6 Any other business?

7 (WHEREUPON, there was no
8 response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: No CAC
10 concerns.

11 (WHEREUPON, there was no
12 response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: I'm concerned,
14 Joy has not been here the last two
15 meetings. Can we find out if she's
16 okay?

17 HON. VILORIA-FISHER: Joy Squires
18 hasn't been here for the last two
19 meetings.

20 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: So there's no
21 other business. Then do we have a
22 motion to adjourn?

23 VICE CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN: Motion to
24 adjourn.

25 MS. GROWNEY: Second motion to

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2 adjourn.

3 CHAIRMAN SWANSON: Motion seconded
4 by Eva.

5 And we'll see you.

6 Thank you.

7 (WHEREUPON, the meeting of the
8 Suffolk County Council on Environmental
9 Control adjourned at 10:58 a.m.)

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4 I, STEPHANIE J. VALDER, a Shorthand
5 Reporter and Notary Public of the State of
6 New York, do hereby certify:

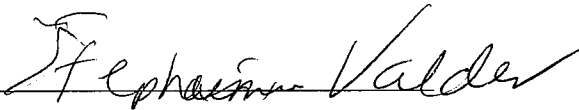
7 That the foregoing is a true and accurate
8 transcription of the stenographic notes taken
9 herein.

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

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand this 24th day of March, 2010.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephanie Valder", is written over a horizontal line.

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STEPHANIE J. VALDER

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