

**Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee Meeting  
Held on November 1, 1993, 6:30 p.m.  
Brookhaven Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**1. Approval of October 4, 1993 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting shall be amended to include two motions that received a 9-9 vote that were omitted. The motion in the last meeting minutes that made reference to the Ecology committee recommendation concerning the nitrate standard will be corrected to read that this recommendation was made by The Nature Conservancy instead (see October 4, 1993, Meeting Minutes, as amended). Kim Darrow, LI Greenbelt Trail Conference, questioned the motion on page 2 of the last meeting minutes concerning the DEC to monitor active projects should have included that a procedure be developed to handle conflicts.

*A motion was made by Bob Yaro, RPA and seconded by Sara Davison, TNC to accept the minutes of the last meeting as amended. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.*

A discussion ensued on voting procedures. Some members present felt a 2/3 vote requirement would necessitate a consensus to be reached on issues of importance. Other members felt for issues of importance it may be best to present to the Commission all sides of the issue.

*A motion was made by Mitch Pally, LIA and seconded by Jim Tripp, EDF that a 2/3 vote of the members present be required for approval of a motion. Discussion ensued with finally a role call vote taken on the motion - 2 members voted yes and 19 members voted no. The motion was defeated.*

**2. Report of the Executive Director**

Ray Corwin, Interim Executive Director for the Commission, presented a report on past Commission meetings (Oct 12 & 13). Summaries of these meetings are available on request. He discussed adoption by the Commission of the Interim Goals And Standards at their Oct. 13th meeting. He also mentioned correspondence received concerning requests for acquisition and development applications. Mr. Corwin announced that a procedure to review and process applications in the compatible growth area during this interim period has been developed by the Suffolk County Planning Dept and Commission staff. He discussed hearing procedures for these applications, and public notification requirements. Some members present would like to be placed on a mailing list for these hearing notices.

John Turner from Assemblyman Engelbright's office asked the Chairman if he could be heard at this point since he had to leave. Mr. Turner discussed a memo from Assem. Engelbright to

the County legislature that requests 3 parcels on the County's surplus real estate auction list that total almost 100 acres (upset value of \$2.5 million) be removed from this list since they could potentially be used for land exchanges for areas within the pine barrens. He requested support on this measure from the members present in the form of a motion. A discussion ensued concerning who had the authority to remove these properties from the auction list and whether all pine barrens lands have been removed from this list.

*A motion was made by Jim Tripp, EDF and seconded by Lee Koppelman that a letter should be sent from the Advisory Committee to the Commission Chairman, County Executive and County legislature to set aside these lands and any other parcels outside of the pine barrens that are on the County surplus real estate auction list. The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.*

Ray Corwin then continued with a discussion of upcoming meetings and calendar of events. He announced a workshop that will be held on November 22 at Riverhead Town Hall at 9:30 a. m. on procedures to implement the interim goals and standards on the town level. There will be a presentation by SUNY Syracuse on vegetative mapping techniques at the next Ecology Committee on November 16th. Mr. Corwin also mentioned that a draft budget is being prepared for the \$500,000 state monies. A draft budget will be presented to the Commission one week from Monday. Brookhaven National Laboratory is contributing \$15,000 towards the Suffolk County Water Authority's \$50,000 Challenge Grant. This contribution will be matched by the Authority. Mr. Corwin made a plea to other organizations present for contributions toward this challenge grant.

### **3. Sub-Committee Reports**

Sub-committee reports were made by TDR, Ecology, and Land Management Sub-committees. Jim Tripp, co-chair of the TDR Committee, reported on the last TDR meeting held just prior to this Advisory Committee meeting. A presentation by Tom Thorsen on Southampton's TDR program was given at this meeting. All three towns have different TDR programs and there is a need for the development of common ground rules among the towns concerning the TDR program. His report included the status of sub-committees under the TDR committee that were formed for sending and receiving areas. Sending areas need to calculate develop yields and assistance will be requested from the ecology committee to identify additional potential sending areas in the compatible growth area.

Mr. Tripp also discussed the need for the Commission to consider hiring consultants to perform property appraisals for land acquisitions and for an economist. A discussion ensued who should prepare the RFQs or RFPs for these consultants and budget monies available to hire consultants. A determination was made that the Legal and Economic sub-committee would meet within the next week to draft the RFPs for the Commission to review. Mr. LoGrande would meet with subcommittee members and George Proios from the County Executive's Office to discuss qualifications criteria for consultants. Mr. Proios mentioned the County Executive budget includes provisions to hire 3 appraisers and he will discuss with Mr. Gaffney the possibility of

one of these appraisers to be dedicated to properties located in the pine barrens. The next TDR sub-committee meeting is currently scheduled for November 22nd and may be rescheduled to November 29th.

Sara Davison, co-chair of the Ecology sub-committee reported on committee activities and scheduled meetings. She expressed the sub-committee's need for maps from Suffolk County Planning Dept to assist them in their work. At the November 16th meeting, as previously discussed will be the presentation by SUNY Syracuse School of Forestry on vegetative mapping. The next scheduled meeting after November will be December 12th.

Adrienne Esposito, member of the Land Management sub-committee, reported on committee activities and scheduled meetings since both co-chairs were not present. This committee would also like to obtain maps from the Suffolk County Planning Dept. to assist them with their work. The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for November 12th at the SCWA Technical Services Building.

#### **4. New Business**

George Proios mentioned the Statewide Non-point Source Coordinating Committee that meets in Albany will be developing agricultural guidelines and a manual for alternative onsite septic systems. This committee could be a good source of information on how to address the nitrogen loading question in the pine barrens and also a potential source for funding through 319 grants. Vito Minei of the Suffolk County Health Services should be contacted for information on this committee and possible grant information. Mr. LoGrande mentioned a request has been made to the American Water Works Association for a bibliography on health effects pertaining to nitrates. He also mentioned potential research mechanisms available through the \$100,000 groundwater research institute that is in the process of being established at SUNY Stony Brook. A discussion ensued concerning why organics were not addressed in the interim goals and standards.

*A motion was made by Buzz Schwenk, LIBI, and seconded by Dick Amper, LIPBS, for the Advisory Committee to recommend to the Commission that Ray Corwin should serve as the permanent executive director for the Central Pine Barrens Commission. The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.*

Jan Naidu from Brookhaven National Laboratory announced the next meeting (November 29th) of the Advisory Committee would be held at BNL and would include a tour of BNL facilities. The time of the meeting was changed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. A TDR meeting is anticipated to be scheduled to follow the Advisory Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.. Twenty-two individuals present indicated an interest in attending the lab tour.

The requests for membership on the Advisory Committee were discussed. Bill Schaeffer from the Suffolk Alliance of Sportsman submitted a letter requesting membership on the Advisory

Committee. A discussion ensued on who will decide on new members to the committee. The NYS legislature feels it is in their purview to select the additional members to the Advisory Committee. It was decided by the members present that a small committee(Dick Amper, Bob Wieboldt, Buzz Schwenk, Kevin McDonald) will be formed to develop criteria for membership on the Advisory Committee. They will also review membership requests received and make recommendations to the Committee to be forwarded to the Commission.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29th at Brookhaven Laboratory, 2:00 p.m..