

CENTRAL PINE BARRENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 6, 1994 Meeting
Brookhaven Town Hall 6:00 p.m.

1.) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Tripp and seconded by Buzz Schwenk to approve the minutes from February 17, 28 and March 18, 1994. A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

2.) Executive Directors Report

Ray Corwin gave the report. He reported on the Commission's activities, stating that they met once to look over the first draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. He explained that one draft has been produced and that the next draft will become available around April 20, 1994. Ray mentioned that these drafts are meant to capture a snapshot of the work in progress.

Ray spoke next about projects and decisions pending in the Compatible Growth Area and the Core Preservation Area. In the CGA, the Our Lady Of The Island project is expected to have a decision made at the next Commission meeting. The other project pending in the CGA is the A.B. Richards application. The Commission has to make a decision on this application by May 11, 1994. The only project mentioned in the Core Preservation Area was the Russell Furia second hardship application. This application is dealing with the building of one single family home on approximately 69 acres. The hearing is set for April 21, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at Riverhead Town Hall.

3.) Committee Reports

The **TDR Committee** report was given by Jim Tripp. He reported that the committee is currently gathering data to assist delineating receiving areas. They are also analyzing recent sales in all three towns. The TDR bill from Steve Englebright was mentioned.

The **Ecology Committee** report was given by Ray Corwin. He reported that they are meeting weekly and that they are almost completely done with the Town of Brookhaven as far as defining the potential critical resource areas (areas in CGA that need special attention). There are fewer areas than originally expected. They also have the help of people from some of the towns to identify these areas through aerial photos. They should be starting Riverhead and Southampton next.

The **Land Management Committee** report was given by Dan Morris. He report that they last met on March 29, 1994 to smooth out plan elements. They discussed filling in the gaps in the outline that need more information. He also explained that they are taking another look at

Law Enforcement and Interagency Cooperation. He explained that in the near future they are going to hold some meetings on Critical Resource Areas.

The **Economic Analysis** report was given by Dr. Tom Sexton. He reported that they are getting underway by gathering data with the help of the Suffolk County Planning and the Suffolk County Water Authority staff. He introduced the two grad students that are working with himself and Dr. Silkman.

The **Hydrology** report was given by Ray Corwin. He explained that an initial organizational meeting was held. The agencies involved are Suffolk County Planning, Suffolk County Health, USGS and the SUNY at Stony Brook Earth and Space Sciences Department. Ray mentioned that they will have something in writing to contribute to the April 20, 1994 draft. Also stated was the fact that they want input from various agencies and participants on this question: What hydrologic issues and questions should be addressed by the staff in this section of the plan? People were ask to please respond as soon as possible with questions and comments.

The **Public Outreach** report was given by Donna Plunkett. She mentioned that she has been returning land owners inquiries a week prior to this meeting. Donna also stated that she has started to make a list of civic organizations to contact for the public outreach meetings.

A report on the progress of the **GEIS** was given by Judy Jakobsen. She handed out copies of the outline for the GEIS and spoke about the Scoping session which is to take place on April 27, 1994 at Longwood JRHS at 7:30 p.m. She also explained that the GEIS will be a chapter included in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. She suggested that any comments or suggestions be forwarded to her, Jim Bagg or Terri Elkowitz as soon as possible.

The **Membership Subcommittee** report was given by Buzz Schwenk giving the recommendation that Bill Schaber should be appointed to the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee.

A Motion was made by Kim Darrow and seconded by Dick Amper to appoint Bill Schaber from the Sportsmen's Alliance of Suffolk Inc. to the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee membership. A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

4.) **Correspondence**

- a.) **George Fernandez Letter** - Letter opposing Longwood Greenbelt boundary change. Discussion held until after presentations.
- b.) **North Fork Environmental Council Letter** - Letter stating that Sherry Johnson has been replaced by Anne Lowry as a representative on the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee.
- c.) **SUNY Stony Brook Letter** - Letter stating that Dr. Martin Schoonen will be Dr. Henry Bokuniewicz's alternate to the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee.

d.) **Jose Martinez Letter** - Letter to request membership to the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee.

5.) **Herb Balin's Longwood Greenbelt Presentation**

This presentation was made at the request of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee. Mr. Balin went through Mr. Breslin's project history with the Town of Brookhaven and stated that the property mentioned was put inside the core boundary by mistake and should be taken out by moving the boundary. He stated that they want to link the properties with a two lane road and that a hiking and or biking trail would still be possible even if a roadway was constructed. He also mentioned that the town planners indicated that there should be a road of some type to access the main highway. Vincent Donnally also spoke on Mr. Breslin's behalf stating that in the first two drafts the parcel in question was not in the core. He also recommended that the Commission eliminate this parcel from the core and that a recommendation does not mean that the road gets built. A detailed discussion ensued to after which a Civic Representative, Gus Bremer, made a presentation opposing the core boundary change.

6.) **Kim Darrow's Longwood Greenbelt Presentation**

Mr. Darrow's presentation opposed the core boundary change, stating that if it was a mistake the first two times that it was corrected on the third time. He presented his case on why the boundary should not be changed, one of his arguments being that if the boundary is changed it would sever the Core Preservation Area into three unconnected areas. He also stated that the Longwood Greenbelt is an environmentally and historically significant part of the core. A detailed discussion ensued

A motion was made by Kim Darrow and seconded by Marilyn England that the proposal on behalf of the North Shore Properties, to alter boundaries of the Core Preservation Area to exclude the Longwood Greenbelt so that it may be incorporated into the North Shore Properties development, would sever the Core into three unconnected areas, and

Whereas, the Longwood Greenbelt is an environmentally and historically significant part of the Core, which contains a fresh water wetland and a colonial road, and

Whereas, the Longwood Greenbelt is essential to the integrity Core Preservation Area,

It is therefore Resolved that the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee urges the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission to deny the North Shore Properties application. A vote was taken and there was some controversy about AC representatives alternates votes counting or not but the motion was carried in a 9 yes 8 no 2 abstention vote.

Mr. LoGrande agreed to set up a subcommittee to further investigate this issue, to make recommendations and report back to this Committee.

7.) **Southampton Town Western GEIS on April 12, 1994 possible AC opinion and address**

This issue was addressed by Jim Zizzi, he stated that the hearings are starting and that their TDR program might help our plan. It was suggested that someone should make a presentation at the hearing. He mentioned that the GEIS states that the legislation is incorrect as far as core area. Mr. LoGrande said that a person would be assigned, Tim Hopkins, to attend the hearing.

**Next Meeting May 4, 1994 at Brookhaven Town Offices,
Building 4 Conference Room 5:00 p.m.**