



**Commission Meeting of February 16, 2011
Town of Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, New York**

Present: Mr. Scully (for State of New York), Mr. Lesko (for Town of Brookhaven), Mr. Isles (for Suffolk County), Mr. Walter (for Town of Riverhead), Ms. Throne-Holst (for Town of Southampton)

**Adopted Resolution
Core Preservation Area
Nassau County Boy Scouts of America
(Schiff Scout Reservation, Camp Wauwepex), Wading River
Town of Riverhead, SCTM No. 600-75-3-10.3**

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Mark Lesko
Member

Steve A. Levy
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

Whereas, on January 28, 2011, the Nassau County Boy Scouts of America (the “Applicant”), sought permission to remove the invasive species *Phragmites australis* (hereinafter referred to as *Phragmites*) on five acres of Deep Pond at Camp Wauwepex in Wading River; and

Whereas, Camp Wauwepex is a 403 acre Boy Scout Camp which includes Deep Pond, a 32 acre glacial kettle hole pond, located on the east side of Wading River Manorville Road, in the Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens, in the Town of Riverhead; and

Whereas, on December 18, 2008, the Applicant granted the Commission a conservation easement on Camp Wauwepex as part of the Applicant’s participation in the Pine Barrens Credit Program; and

Whereas, a goal of the easement is the preservation of the ecological value of Camp Wauwepex; and

Whereas, the easement states that the Applicant will not engage in development as defined in the easement but may undertake environmental restoration projects at Camp Wauwepex upon approval of applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and upon the approval of the Commission; and

Whereas, the Applicant proposes to remove *Phragmites* by applying AquaPro, a chemical herbicide with the active ingredient Glyphosate, to *Phragmites* growing along the edge of Deep Pond (the “Project”); and

Whereas, the element of the Project that includes the proposed application of chemical herbicide as a method to control invasive *Phragmites* is not consistent with the terms of the easement; and

Whereas, the Commission has considered all of the materials submitted in connection with the Project, now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, the Commission determines that environmental restoration to control and remove the invasive species *Phragmites* from Deep Pond is consistent with the recorded conservation easement; and

Resolved, the Commission denies the element of the Project that includes the application of chemicals as a control method including, but not limited to, herbicides or pesticides; and

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Resolved, the Commission authorizes the hand and/or other mechanical method of removal of *Phragmites* on five acres of the shoreline area of Deep Pond as environmental restoration, subject to the following conditions:

1. Install minimal site fencing to demarcate the general boundaries of the two active beach areas from the areas to remain natural on the shoreline of Deep Pond.
2. Areas outside of the existing aquatic center and “Future Swimming Area” swimming beaches, as shown on the “Survey for Schiff Scout Reservation Camp Wauwepex” prepared by Howard Young last dated October 21, 2008, from which *Phragmites* is removed shall be monitored for *Phragmites* regrowth. If regrowth of *Phragmites* occurs, it shall be managed by hand and/or other mechanical method of removal, as necessary. Restoration shall be allowed to occur naturally and passively on the shoreline. Any native vegetation, which is present on the project site prior to the *Phragmites* removal activity, shall be protected and preserved during the *Phragmites* removal activity and shall remain after the *Phragmites* removal has been completed. Any new native plants that sprout after the *Phragmites* has been removed shall also remain and not be removed during any subsequent restoration or *Phragmites* removal activity. If active restoration with native plantings is proposed, the applicant shall submit a planting plan to the Commission, subject to Commission review and approval prior to planting. Any active restoration plan for the shoreline outside of the swimming beaches shall not include the application of fertilizers or pesticides.
3. Submission of a *Phragmites* removal plan and schedule which provides the date of commencement and number of days of *Phragmites* removal activity per year. Approval of the plan and schedule by the Commission shall be required prior to commencement of any restoration activity.
4. Submission of annual status reports on the success of restoration work. Success at the end of five years shall be considered achieved if 85% control of *Phragmites* has occurred.
5. Prior to commencement of any restoration activity, an on site meeting with the Commission shall be required.
6. Notification to the Commission two weeks prior to the commencement of the Project.
7. This resolution shall expire on February 16, 2016. In order to conduct the proposed activity after the expiration date of this resolution, the applicant must submit a request to the Commission, subject to review and decision.

Resolved, the Applicant shall be required to obtain additional permits and approvals, as required by law, including but not limited to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permits and Town of Riverhead permits, prior to commencement of activity related to the Project. The Applicant must forward copies of such approvals and/or permits to the Commission Office two weeks prior to commencement of the Project. If any substantial changes occur in the Project, the Applicant shall return to the Commission for review and approval, prior to implementation.

Record of Motion:

Motion by: Mr. Walter

Seconded by: Ms. Throne-Holst

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0