



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, January 15, 2014 (Final-Approved 2/19/14)
Riverhead Town Hall
200 Howell Avenue
Riverhead, NY**

2:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea (for Southampton), Ms. Longo and Mr. Freleng (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m. with five members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Administrative and Public Comment

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Public Comments

Sean M. Walter
Member

Summary: Ms. MaryAnn Johnston, President of ABCO, expressed concerns on behalf of a number of ABCO partners regarding the recent legislation that was passed related to the Carmans River which expanded the Core Preservation Area (CPA) and Compatible Growth Area (CGA) of the Pine Barrens. Ms. Johnston stated that since the entire length of the Carmans River is now under the Commission's jurisdiction the Commission's responsibilities for the oversight of activities along the river should intensify and include monitoring the dredging activities that occurred in Upper Yaphank Lakes. The dredging caused increased turbidity and had to be terminated. She discussed the wetland waiver granted by the Town of Brookhaven and that the Commission should extend its jurisdiction to regulate wetlands.

Ms. Denise Speizio, President of the Nassau Suffolk Horseman's Association (NSHA), explained that she was present at today's meeting to find out the status of the Ray Corwin North-South Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail and to show that she represents more than just her own interests concerning the equestrian use of trails by having other members of the equine community attend today's meeting. Mr. Scully asked Mr. Pavacic to provide a progress report on the status of the trail.

Mr. Pavacic reported that a preliminary hiking and equestrian route has been mapped and that the Commission's staff is working on a final review of the map with the land managers. He explained that the south end of the trail route located on Smith Road is currently being evaluated for its ability to be used due to erosion issues from ATV activity. He discussed concerns related to ongoing issues with illegal ATV activities. Mr. Pavacic noted that he expects to have a final trail map ready to present to the Commission in approximately two months. Ms. Speizio offered the assistance of NSHA to help address the erosion issues at the southern portion of the trail. Other discussion points related to the trail included, a timeframe to determine the extent of the erosion problem and how long it would take to repair, the need for significant community interest to assist the land managers with ATV mitigation efforts along the trail, such as installing barricades, and the need to create a presence in the area by user groups to deter illegal activities and to assist with reporting these illegal activities to law enforcement agencies.

Ms. Leslie Lowery and Ms. Dai Dayton, representing the Pony Express and the Horses on Trails Division of the Southampton Trail Preservation Society, discussed the horse community's interests and concerns associated with the hiking and equestrian trails in the Central Pine Barrens. Ms. Lowery mentioned that both the Southampton and

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Easthampton Trail Societies were founded by horseback riders that have worked to construct and maintain miles of trails that would have otherwise been lost to development. She offered their complete and continued support to preserve and maintain the trails on public lands. Ms. Dayton submitted the attached letters from herself and from the Horses on Trails Equestrian Division of the Southampton Trail Preservation Society, which support the concerns she expressed at today's meeting.

Ms. Karen Rivera, L.I. Farm Bureau President, expressed the Farm Bureau's support of the equine community and equestrian trail uses in the Pine Barrens. Others that appeared today to express their support on behalf of the equine community to promote equestrian trail uses in the Central Pine Barrens included, Annette Kattau, from ABCO, Kay Intemann from NSHA and Jerry Trapani, from Friends of Connetquot and a former board member of NSHA.

Minutes for 12/18/13

Summary: A motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the 12/18/13 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Science and Stewardship

Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action items

Summary: *Mr. Pavacic reported that there has been some progress in Firewise related areas and with other wildfire response issues. Ms. Jakobsen reported that last week she and Ms. Hargrave met with the Brookhaven Town staff to discuss the proposed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standard and there are plans to meet with the Southampton Town staff to receive their comments based on their own internal review of the standard. In February, a meeting will be held at Riverhead Town to discuss their concerns with the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standard and on February 19th a meeting will be held at the Ridge Civic Association at 7:30 p.m. where a Firewise presentation will be provided by Ms Heidi Wagner, from The Nature Conservancy.*

Land Use

Planning and Land Use

CLUP Amendments

Summary: *Mr. Scully noted that at today's CLUP worksession a productive discussion took place and he thanked the Commission representatives and staff for continuing to participate in the monthly meetings.*

Land Use

The Oaks at Miller Place Subdivision CGA Hardship Waiver application, (SCTM# 200-212-1-9, 10, 11.1, 11.2 and 12)

Summary: *Ms. Hargrave discussed the attached previously distributed letter dated, January 7, 2014 from the Attorney on behalf of the Applicant of the Oaks at Miller Place to request a 120-day extension of the decision deadline.*

A motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Walter to approve The Oaks at Miller Place Applicant's request for an extension of the decision deadline. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Walter. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting concluded at 2:40 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion):

1. January 15th Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for December 18, 2013 (5 pages)
3. Letter from Dai Dayton to the Commission regarding the Pony Express Trail (1 page)
4. Letter from Barbara Bornstein regarding public land access and trails (1 page)
5. The Oaks at Miller Place Applicant's attorney letter requesting an extension of the decision deadline dated January 7, 2014 (1 Page)



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Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Hynes, Ms. Parrott and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

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Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

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Member

Administrative and Public Comment

Public Comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

Minutes for 1/15/14

Summary: Ms. Prusinowski noted that there was an error in the first paragraph of the January 15th meeting summary. She noted that the dredging occurred in the Upper Lake and not the Lower Lake as indicated in the minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the 1/18/14 meeting summary as amended. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

Resolution to Reschedule the April Commission meeting

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Resolution to Reschedule the Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 to Wednesday April 23, 2014 (attached) and he noted the change was due to scheduling conflicts.

A motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the attached Draft Resolution to Reschedule the Commission meeting on April 16, 2014 to April 23, 2014. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

Renewal of SCWA-Commission Contract

Summary: Mr. Scully discussed the previously distributed expired Agreement Between the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission and the Suffolk County Water Authority (attached) and he explained that the contract had expired on March 31, 2013. He explained that since March 31st, the Commission and SCWA have been operating on an expired contract while waiting for the results of the fee analysis to determine the new administrative services fee that would be included in a new contract. In Mr. Pavacic's letter to the Commission, dated February 14, 2014 (attached) he noted that the new Commission-SCWA Agreement for the time period 4/1/13 – 2/28/19 (attached) contained language that bears greater specificity, contains some new terms that list the types of services the SCWA is providing and other new language.

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A motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Freleng to approve the attached new agreement between the SCWA and the Commission. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick arrived to the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Science and Stewardship

Education and Outreach Division

Summary: Ms. Parrott discussed the previously distributed Education and Outreach Division January-February 2014 update (attached). She reported that in the last two months, 312 students and teachers were reached through educational outreach programs. Ms. Parrott mentioned that Jessie, a home school student from Calverton, was present at today's meeting who is one of six students who participated in a Legos robotics competition with a theme on Natural Disasters. The six students selected wildfires as their subject and they have met with Ms. Parrott and Mr. Urevich, the Wildfire Task Force Chair to discuss their project that involves smoke detector technology that could potentially be used for detecting wildfires in the Pine Barrens.

Ms. Parrott also reported that several schools including, Mattituck High School, Shelter Island Schools and others will be participating in "A Day in the Life of the Peconic River" which will be held on October 1st. She also discussed, the 7th Annual Pine Barrens Discovery Day which will be held on May 31st, the NYSDEC will be participating in the 2014 Summer Camp and that both events will be held at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge. Other items that Ms. Parrott discussed included, "A Day in the Life of the Carmans River" that will be held on September 26th and how that event was the inspiration for "A Day in the Life of the Peconic River". Ms. Parrott noted that she has applied for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help finance the two "A Day in the Life" river events.

A motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the application for an EPA grant to finance the "A Day in the Life of the Carmans and Peconic River" events. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Science and Stewardship Division

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed highlights from the previously distributed Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated February 19th (attached) such as the ongoing cooperative stewardship work that is being performed as a result of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Long Island Wing and the Commission. Mr. Pavacic reported that CAP has new leadership and at the last meeting CAP announced that they are interested in broadening their role on the ground as well as in the air, including having new cadets doing reconnaissance work in the area of Warbler Woods. Commission staff will prepare a list of initiatives for the cadets to perform including, mapping the Ray Corwin Trail and performing digital mapping of existing trails.

Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action items

Summary: Mr. Pavacic distributed and discussed the attached Brush Truck Training flyer noting that since the course was so well attended and successful in the fall that the decision was made to hold a second brush truck training this spring. He asked the Commission members and representatives to assist in disseminating the information about the brush truck training to interested folks in the Towns. In appreciation of the training that they received at the Fall Academy, Mr. Pavacic displayed a plaque that was presented to the Academy by attendees from Greece.

Ms. Jakobsen mentioned that Commission staff has met with both Brookhaven and Riverhead Town staff to review the proposed wildfire hazard mitigation standard and

the areas that could be potentially affected by this new proposed standard. Commission staff is currently working on a new approach for mapping the remaining undeveloped and under-developed parcels that maybe affected by this proposed standard. A draft map was prepared for the Riverhead Town area by Commission staff that was discussed with Riverhead Town staff. The Town staff was asked by the Commission staff to forward their comments on the proposed wildfire hazard mitigation standard to Judy Jakobsen.

Ms. Jakobsen mentioned that Ms. Heidi Wagner from the NY Firewise Council will be providing a Firewise presentation to the Ridge Civic Association which has been rescheduled to March 19th and that Ms. Wagner has been invited to attend the Commission meeting on the same day to discuss the Staten Island Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the Cragsmoor Firewise Community. Ms. Jakobsen noted the Commission has potential federal grant funding available to them from the NY Firewise Council to help them prepare a community wildfire protection plan for an area in the Pine Barrens. She further noted that the Flanders civic association has not shown interest in becoming a Firewise Community.

The next step in this process of assessing the areas that could be affected by the proposed wildfire hazard mitigation standard would be to meet with staff from the Town of Southampton. It was noted by Mr. Shea that a meeting would be scheduled once the Town has completed a draft map that identifies the potential areas that could be affected by the standard.

Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that the sizable snow amounts have interrupted further progress on planning the Ray Corwin Trail. Mr. Casey mentioned that on March 23rd, he plans to have a hike along a portion of this trail and anyone interested is invited to join him.

Land Use

Planning and Land Use

CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that the CLUP Worksession originally scheduled for 12:00 noon today was cancelled due to staff needing additional time to finish rewriting sections of the amendments. Ms. Hargrave is preparing a revised matrix table and updated timeline for the Commission to finish its review of the CLUP Amendments.

Compliance and Enforcement

Summary: The Compliance and Enforcement Division report (attached) was previously distributed and Mr. Hynes reported that on March 5th, the participants in the MOU between the Commission, CAP and the National Guard Units out of Gabreski and McArthur Airports met to discuss scheduling the next water bucket training mission and a possible vehicle air lift in the spring. Five vehicles in total need to be air lifted from areas in Calverton and Manorville. Mr. Hynes mentioned that he and Sgt. Pendzick, Chair of the LEC, meet weekly to discuss illegal activities in the Pine Barrens and they also perform outreach to local civic associations on the illegal activities to try to gain their support in reporting these activities to the authorities. He and Sgt. Pendzick met with folks from the Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt who will be mailing a newsletter to Southampton residents informing them about the illegal ATV, 4 X 4 and dumping activities. The newsletter will include a phone number they can call to report incidents.

Additional items that Mr. Hynes discussed included a hunting complaint that was referred to NYSDEC, two new encroachment complaints in the Yaphank area and that he is working with the Forest Rangers on an incident pertaining to trees that were

cleared in Ridge. Mr. Walter expressed his concerns related to illegal ATV activity at the eastern end of EPCAL. Mr. Hynes responded that he would follow up with Chief Hegermiller at Riverhead Town.

Land Use Division

Summary: Ms. Hargrave reported that the previously distributed Land Use Division Update: Mid-December to mid-February 2014 (attached) indicates the decision deadline for The Oaks at Miller Place is May 30th. The applicant has submitted a revised plan and the SEQRA determination is still pending.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Shea, which was immediately followed with a motion to keep the meeting open to enable the Commission members to go into Executive Session. The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Shea. The motion as approved by a 5:0 vote. The Commission went into Executive Session and it was noted that they would not be returning to public session.

The meeting concluded at 2:35 pm prior to Executive Session.

Attachments (in order of discussion):

1. February 20th Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Resolution to Reschedule the Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 16,, 2014 to Wednesday April 23, 2014 (1 page)
3. Final Approved Resolution to Reschedule the meeting on April 16, 2014 Commission to April 23, 2014 (1 page)
4. Expired Agreement Between the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission and the Suffolk County Water Authority (3 pages)
5. New Commission –SCWA Agreement for the Time Period 4/1/13 – 2/28/19 (4 pages)
6. Education and Outreach Division January-February 2014 update (2 pages)
7. Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated February 19th (2 pages)
8. Brush Truck Training flyer (2 pages)
9. Compliance and Enforcement Division report for February 2014 (5 pages)
10. Land Use Division Update: Mid-December to mid-February 2014 (1 page)



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Administrative

Plaque presentation honoring the contributions of Mr. William Spitz

Summary: Mr. Scully explained that Mr. William Spitz has been in his position at the NYSDEC Region 1 for many years and that he is retiring. He noted that Mr. Spitz's technical expertise and advice in matters associated with the workings of the Central Pine Barrens Commission will be greatly missed. Mr. Scully read the plaque inscription acknowledging his years of service to the Commission and then presented the plaque to him.

Public Comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

Minutes for 2/19/14

Summary: A motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the 1/19/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Science and Stewardship

Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action items

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the first Brush Truck training course that was offered at the fall Fire Academy last October, which included a classroom session and field training. He noted that due to the very positive response from the fire departments the decision was made to conduct a second Brush Truck training course. The classroom section of the second course was held last weekend and the field training section is scheduled for next weekend. He noted that there is a waiting list of registrants from fire departments across Long Island that included, Massapequa, Brentwood, Eastport, Flanders, Gordon Heights and many others, who will be accommodated when a third Brush Truck training course is held during the week of April 21st. He further discussed how the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service would like to reproduce the course for use elsewhere in the Country.

Mr. Pavacic explained that due to poor weather conditions and overseas deployments, water bucket training exercises have not been held over the last several years. Representatives from the Army National Guard have suggested holding the next water bucket training exercise during the week of April 21st, on the first day that the weather conditions are favorable.

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Mr. Scully introduced Ms. Heidi Wagner, from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) who is the Manager of the Sam's Point Preserve and a member of the NY Firewise Council. He explained that Ms. Wagner was attending today's meeting to provide a Firewise presentation, which she will also be presenting at the Ridge Civic Association this evening. Ms. Wagner began her presentation by discussing the Sam's Point Preserve area located at the lower southeast portion of the Catskills on the Shawangunk Ridge in Ulster County and the Cragmoor community that is located just above the Shawangunk Ridge. She further noted that Cragmoor has not been affected by fire in over 60 years and discussed the blueberry pickers who years ago would actually set fire to the blueberry bushes to get larger berries to grow the next season. She mentioned that she was involved in educating the public about the Firewise program when she was a Firewise Advisor at the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA).

Additional points in the presentation that Ms. Wagner discussed included, the Firewise program is managed by the NFPA, the wildfire prevention outreach that is being performed by the NY Firewise Council, and the wildfire prevention information that is available for free from the Firewise website. She explained how the Firewise and Firewise Communities programs, which are both voluntary, instruct homeowners on measures that they can implement on their own to protect their homes before a wildfire occurs. Ms. Wagner discussed comparisons between the dwarf pitch pines located in the Sam's Point Preserve area and those located in the Central Pine Barrens area and how both of these ecosystems renew themselves through fire. Ms. Wagner explained there are a series of steps that communities would need to take before they could become a Firewise Community. The first step would be to create a Firewise Board made up of homeowners and the local fire departments and then a community assessment would be performed by a local ranger or fire department person, which would then be followed by the preparation of an action plan. She noted that becoming a Firewise Community included the obligation to hold some type of annual community Firewise Day event. She also discussed the "Ready Set Go" program which is an initiative that involves family emergency planning for wildfire events.

She discussed the intensive wildfires that occur on Staten Island in the Phragmites which grows right up to the homes, and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that was prepared for Staten Island. She discussed the components of the CWPP and how Federal funds and grants become available once a CWPP has been prepared for an area, which becomes a motivating factor for communities to work with their local governments to develop these plans. She noted that the CWPP addresses wildfire hazard mitigation on public lands and includes a community outreach component such as Firewise and Firewise Communities.

Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that a formerly scheduled field meeting will be rescheduled to occur before Easter in order to assess the conditions at the north end of Smith Road. The primary stakeholder groups including the Long Island Green Belt Trail Conference (LIGBTC) and the Nassau Suffolk Horseman's Association (NSHA) have visited northern sections of the trail to blaze and mark. The LIGBT will be leading a trail hike this coming Sunday on the northern portion of the trail. Mr. Scully noted that the Governor has incorporated funding in the 2014-2015 NY State budget for 50 trail access projects, one of which would include a new trail head for the Ray Corwin Trail in Ridge.

Planning and Land Use

CLUP Amendments

Summary: It was mentioned that a CLUP worksession was held prior to today's Commission meeting.

Ms. Prusinowski asked about the status of the Suffolk County Park Police and the County's plans to terminate this unit. Mr. Pavacic mentioned there is a bill at the State legislative level as well as a resolution for approval at the Suffolk County legislative level to terminate the County Park Police unit and to transfer patrols formerly under the Park Police's jurisdiction to the Suffolk County Police Department. Supervisor Walter expressed his concerns about this change and suggested that the Commission should reach out to members of the NYS Senate in an attempt to prevent the bills from being passed. It was noted that the Park Police play a very important enforcement role in the Central Pine Barrens area.

A motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Collins to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting concluded at 3:15 pm prior to Executive Session.

Attachments (in order of discussion):

1. March 19, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)



Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, April 23, 2014 (Final - Approved)
Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY

2:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea (for Southampton), and Ms. Longo (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Hynes, Ms. Parrott, Ms. Carter and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. with four members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Administrative & Public Comment

Administrative

Summary: Mr. Scully announced the sad news that Mr. John Urevich who was the Chair of both the Wildfire Task Force (WTF) and the NYWIMA had passed away on April 10, 2014. He noted that Mr. Urevich's contributions to the Commission were many and significant. Mr. Scully stated that the loss of Mr. Urevich from the fire community has left a huge void in the work underway now in the area of wildfire response. John will be greatly missed and a moment of silence was held in his memory. There are plans to hold a memorial service for Mr. Urevich on May 10th.

Public Comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

Minutes for 3/19/14

Summary: A motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the 3/19/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

Mr. McCormick arrived to the meeting at 2:13 pm.
Supervisor Romaine arrived to the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Science and Stewardship

NY Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (NYWIMA) report on 2013 Academy

Summary: Mr. Bill Fonda, Academy Coordinator for the NYWIMA, discussed how previous students of the NYWIMA have expressed to him that they were able to go further with their careers in the fire service after receiving training at the Academy. He also noted that the course evaluation forms indicate that the attendees had only positive things to say about the recent Brush Truck Training Course. The course enabled many volunteer firefighters to experience driving brush trucks for the first time and for them to learn how to maneuver the trucks through the woods. Mr. Fonda mentioned that the members of the Nassau County

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Emergency Management Team who received training at the Academy were able to create an Incident Action Plan (IAP) last year for their annual marathon.

Mr. Fonda discussed the 2013 Academy including, despite the affects of the Federal shutdown, the Academy was successful, tuition funds enabled the Academy to run self sufficiently, attendees participated from all over the Country and internationally and that the Academy continues to operate in partnership with the Colorado Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (CWIMA) and the Northeast Compact. Mr. Fonda mentioned that due to Hurricane Sandy, a number of courses were cancelled in 2012 and a makeup session was held on March 11th through March 15th in 2013, with five instructors and 55 students, which also provided additional income for the Academy. Mr. Fonda noted that the first Spring Academy was held in April 2013 that was conducted from April 8th through April 15th, 80 students attended and courses included RX-310, S130/190, in addition to other classes that were held. Mr. Fonda further noted that the federal budget sequestration caused the cancellation of several advanced prescribed fire classes because certain instructors that work for federal agencies could not participate at that time.

Mr. Fonda reported that the 2013 Academy that was held from October 25th through November 3rd provided the most diverse offerings in the history of the Academy. New courses included, the Brush Truck Training for the volunteer fire service, Initial Attack Incident Commander, All Hazard Incident Management Team, and others. The shutdown of the federal government impacted the 2013 Academy and it had to be moved from Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) to other locations including, Stony Brook at Southampton Campus, the Southampton Fire Department, Dowling College Aviation Center at Calabro Airport, Hotel Indigo in Riverhead and NYSDEC property in Ridge. Mr. Fonda noted that as a result of the Academy training being held at several locations, the 2013 Academy was run under more realistic conditions. Mr. Scully discussed that the most significant progress related to the multipronged approach in wildfire response and awareness has been in the area of the Academy initiatives such as the Brush Truck Training course and he thanked Mr. Fonda and all those involved in the effort.

Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action items

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen distributed and discussed the handout *Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Hazard Mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface Areas and Firewise and Firewise Communities Outreach*, dated April, 23rd (attached). She explained that prior to his passing, she and Mr. Urevich, had taped a segment, entitled, "Fire in the Pine Barrens" for the Long Island Pine Barrens Society's television program. The program, which is scheduled to air in April, includes information pertaining to the Wildfire Task Force (WTF), fire weather, prescribed fire, Firewise and Firewise Communities.

Additional items that Ms. Jakobsen discussed included, Ms. Heidi Wagner's Firewise presentation that was provided at the Ridge Civic Association, feedback after the Firewise presentation indicated that the public expects the land managers to protect property with prescribed fire and fire breaks and that the focus of Ms. Wagner's approach is to educate homeowners on ways they can protect their homes themselves. Other points Ms. Jakobsen made included, the communities lack substantial interest in the Firewise program, a Firewise Council meeting may be hosted in May, and Ms. Wagner will be attending the Annual Discovery Day event on May 31st to provide Firewise program information. Ms. Jakobsen also discussed her interest in working with local fire departments to host a Firewise information event. There are plans to reach out to other civic associations by mail to offer to provide a Firewise presentation at one of their meetings.

She stated that Commission staff met with Brookhaven and Riverhead Town staff in January and February and on May 6th Commission staff will be meeting with Southampton Town staff to discuss the proposed Wildland Hazard Mitigation standards. She noted that Commission staff has prepared draft maps of parcels that could be potentially affected by the WUI standards. Ms. Jakobsen discussed the grant money that is available through the NY Firewise Council to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for an area

within the Pine Barrens. Additional points that were discussed included, presenting Firewise information at the public libraries, alternative communities to be selected for a CWPP such as Ridge, Manorville and others. Mr. Romaine offered the use of the Town's public service and email announcement system to the Commission to inform the public about Firewise and to put the fire segment recorded by the Pine Barrens Society on public access television.

Mr. Pavacic mentioned that the response to the Brush Truck training course has been remarkable and very positive. He noted that two training sessions were necessary to accommodate all of the firefighters wanting to take the class and that the fire departments have very few chances, if any, to practice driving their brush trucks that are difficult to maneuver. Additional discussion points related to wildfire response included, the areas affected by the oak tree mortality in Flanders have become less hazardous since the fallen oak trees are decaying, and the press release (attached) related to the Incident Action Plan (IAP) (attached) for the recently held waterbucket training session with a second session scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd.

Education and Outreach

Summary: Ms. Parrott discussed the previously distributed Education and Outreach Division March/April 2014 update (attached). She reported that in the last two months, 934 citizens were reached through the Division's activities. Highlights from the report that Ms. Parrott discussed included, the 7th Annual Discovery Day and that will be held on May 31st from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, and the six-week summer camp that will also be held at the Refuge. The Commission is collaborating with Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) and the NYSDEC to coordinate the annual "A Day in the Life of the Carmans River" program and "A Day in the Life of the Peconic and Nissequogue Rivers", which will be held on separate days.

Science and Stewardship

Summary: Ms. Carter distributed and discussed highlights from the Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated April 23rd (attached) such as, the 19th Annual Research Forum that will be held on October 2nd and 3rd at BNL. Other items that Ms. Carter discussed included, the Ecological Services contractor has finalized a scope of work for priority ecological assessment and restoration projects, that land managers and Commission staff are working on the final plans for the Ray Corwin Rocky Point To Yaphank Trail and that the Protected Lands Council (PLC) met on March 4th at the SCWA training facility in Coram. At the PLC meeting, Ms. Carter provided a presentation on the public lands that lie within the new expanded Pine Barrens Core and CGA within the Carmans River Watershed area. As part of the MOA between the Commission and the L.I. Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an aerial reconnaissance mission is being planned for the spring to continue to monitor forest health.

Additional items that Ms. Carter reported on included, the PLC and the LEC continue ATV damage and dumping mitigation work with landowners and they are conducting an inventory of problem access points. The NY State Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA) met on April 10th at Fort Totten, Queens and they discussed various issues including mile-a-minute vine found in the area of the Crescent Bow fire. The next LIISMA meeting is on June 12th at the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge. Ms. Carter noted that the mapping of the expanded Core boundary area has been finalized.

Mr. Scully noted that he has received calls from the public expressing concerns related to the dissolution of the Suffolk County Parks Police unit and the impact it will have in the areas of the Pine Barrens area covered by the SC Park Police. Mr. Romaine expressed similar concerns such as, funding sources for the different districts and jurisdictions, which may make consolidation a problem.

Summary: Mr. Pavacic noted that last month Commission staff met with the land managers and staff from the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District who will be sending a report on their observations and recommendations for the southern most portion of the proposed trail system. He stated that the NY State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) needs to review the report to provide recommendations for the right of way at the Long Island Expressway (LIE). Mr. Pavacic further noted that the trail section at the northern portion of the trail at Route 25 has been agreed upon by the key stakeholders and once agreement is reached on the southern portion of the trail, a map will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

Planning and Land Use

CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that at the last CLUP worksession in March significant input was received related to the rewritten CLUP Amendment sections that were reviewed. He explained that completion of the review may need to extend into June.

Trocchio Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application (SCTM# 200-460-1-10)
Sunderland Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application (SCTM#200-460-1-11.1)

Summary: Mr. Scully stated that two Core Area Preservation hardship waivers need public hearings to be scheduled.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Ms. Longo to approve the scheduling of a hearing for the Trocchio Core Area Hardship waiver on April 21st at 3:00 pm. The motion was approved by a 4:1:0 vote with Mr. Romaine opposed.

A motion was made by Ms. Longo and seconded by Mr. Scully to approve the scheduling of a hearing for the Sunderland Core Area Hardship waiver on April 21st at 3:00 pm. The motion was approved by a 4:1:0 vote with Mr. Romaine opposed.

Compliance and Enforcement

Summary: The Compliance and Enforcement Division report dated April 23, 2014 (attached) was previously distributed and Mr. Hynes provided updates on items such as, conservation easement site visits he performs with Jerry Tverdyy, and project and restoration site visits he performs with Ms. Hargrave. He noted that he meets with the police chiefs of the various law enforcement agencies to encourage patrols of public lands. He mentioned the Commission's Law Enforcement Council (LEC) has expressed concerns about the situation with the dissolution of the Suffolk County Park Police.

Additional discussion points included, Suffolk County Park Police plans to hire part time peace officers, funding and budgeting related to the proposed changes in police coverage of the public lands, and ATV damage and dumping mitigation statistics. A discussion ensued related to the status of ATVs that have been seized from owners.

Land Use Division

Summary: Ms. Hargrave reported that the previously distributed Land Use Division Update for the meeting of April 23, 2014 (attached) indicates the decision deadline for The Oaks at Miller Place is May 30th, but SEQRA is pending at the Town level. Mr. Milazzo explained that the Commission could deny the application if SEQRA is not complete or the Commission could pass a sense resolution. Ms. Hargrave discussed the physical locations of the previously distributed Sunderland and Trocchio hardship waiver applications (attached). Mr. Scully noted that Commission hearings for these applications were scheduled earlier during today's meeting for May and that the scheduling of hearings does not in any way mean that the Commission endorses a particular application.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Shea. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting concluded at 3:10 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion):

1. April 23rd Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Hazard Mitigation in Wildland Urban Interface Areas and Firewise and Firewise Communities Outreach, dated 4/23/14 (4 pages)
3. Education and Outreach Division March/April 2014 update (2 page)
4. Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated 4/23/14 (2 pages)
5. Trocchio Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application (SCTM# 200-460-1-10)
6. Sunderland Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application (SCTM#200-460-1-11.1)
7. Compliance and Enforcement Division report dated April 23, 2014 (5 pages)
8. Land Use Division Update: for the meeting of April 23, 2014 (2 pages)



Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, May 21 2014 (Final Approved – 7/16/14)
Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY

2:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Collins and Mr. Shea (for Southampton), and Ms. Lansdale, Mr. Freleng and Ms. Longo (for Suffolk County)

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Hynes, and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Steven Bellone
Member

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. with five members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Administrative & Public Comment

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Public Comments

Sean M. Walter
Member

Summary: *There were no public comments.*

Minutes for 4/23/14

Summary: *Ms. Prusinowski stated that there was an error on page 4 of the April 23rd meeting minutes in the section related to the motions to schedule hearings for the Trocchio and Sunderland Core Preservation Area Hardship Waivers. She noted that each of the motions should be 4:1:0 with Mr. Romaine opposed and not 4:0:1 as was indicated.*

A motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Freleng to approve the 4/23/14 meeting summary as amended. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote

Mr. Romaine arrived to the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Science and Stewardship

Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action items

Summary: *Mr. Pavacic stated that previously at the April Commission meeting he had provided information on the two very successful brush truck training courses that were offered through the NYWIMA last fall and that this April an additional training was held. He mentioned that the Commission has been searching for a permanent site for future brush truck classes. He indicated that due to poor weather conditions and the lack of sufficient staff resources, no prescribed fires have been performed, however, there are plans to conduct woodland prescribed burns in the summer at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL).*

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Ms. Jakobsen reported that a mailing will be sent out to various civic groups in the Pine Barrens to offer them a Firewise presentation during one of their upcoming meetings. She noted that the Commission staff has met with the Southampton Town staff to discuss how to integrate the proposed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standards into the Town's review process. Commission staff is working on items such as, revising the text

for the criteria that defines where the draft Hazard Mitigation Standards would apply, organizing comments received from the Towns related to the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standard and also reaching out to Bruce Johnson from ICC to discuss some of the concerns that were raised by the Town staff.

Mr. Romaine restated his offer previously made at the April Commission meeting which related to making available the use of the Town's public service announcement system to inform the public about Firewise information and to help set up community meetings that also involve local fire departments.

Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: *Mr. Pavacic distributed and discussed a report that he had received from the Soil and Water Conservation District after a visit to the end of Smith Road that their staff had made with Commission staff and public land managers to determine whether it was suitable for equestrian use. The report reflected that equestrians should be able to use this portion of the proposed trail with no problem.*

Some additional trail map work has been completed with the NYS DEC and the equestrian trails on NYS DEC property north of Route 25 have been finalized internally. The last thing that Mr. Pavacic is waiting for related to the trail is some information from the NYS DOT regarding the south end of Smith Road and once this information is received, the draft trail map would be finalized. Mr. Scully mentioned that the Governor has announced the plans for fifty public access projects statewide, which includes a trailhead at the Lustgarten property.

Planning and Land Use

CLUP Amendments

Summary: *There will be another worksession scheduled before the Commission's June meeting that will be held at Brookhaven Town Hall. There was a discussion on how many more worksessions are anticipated to be held. Mr. Pavacic anticipates that worksessions will continue through June and July and then in August the Commission may be ready to discuss what amendments they may be ready to vote on. Mr. Scully noted that the mandatory Credit redemption amendment discussed during the worksession today did not receive support from the Commission members to move forward. Mr. Pavacic anticipates that before the end of the year, a vote on the amendments should occur and he discussed although not required, that a public hearing should be held. He also noted that there is a requirement to publish and provide for a 30-day public notification of the Commission's intent to vote on the Plan amendments. Mr. Scully felt that today's worksession was helpful and there is a need to continue to move forward with the rest of the amendments.*

The Oaks at Miller Place Subdivision CGA Hardship Waiver application (SCTM#s: 200-212-1-9,10,11.1,11.2 and 12)

Summary: *Ms. Hargrave stated the applicant has requested a 120-day extension of the decision deadline.*

A motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Romaine to accept the request made by the applicant for the Oaks at Miller Place for a 120-day extension of the decision deadline. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Public Hearings

Summary: Mr. Scully inquired about the status of the two public hearings scheduled for today's meeting for the Trocchio and Sunderland hardship applications. Mr. Milazzo read a letter received from Mr. Scheyer who represents both the Trocchio and Sunderland applications and in which he requested that both of the hearings for these applications be adjourned. Mr. Scheyer's letter indicated that Mr. Trocchio was in the process of transferring the title to his client, Peter Barone and therefore a new application will need to be submitted and that the Sunderland application is going to be amended from a single request to a subdivision request which will also require a new application. A discussion ensued concerning the request for the adjournment of the hearings for these applications and the decision deadline for these applications. Based on the receipt of this letter, the public hearings for these applications were cancelled for today. Mr. Romaine expressed his displeasure with these applications. Mr. Walter suggested going into executive session to discuss further how to handle these applications.

Prior to entering into executive session, Mr. Romaine distributed aerials that showed the Dosiak property, which is located in the Core Preservation Area. Mr. Romaine discussed the uses that were visible on the aerials such as an ATV track and a new building being constructed that may be considered development under the Pine Barrens law and how this may not be in keeping with the agriculture use allowed on this property. He formally requested that the Commission launch a full investigation into the whether the uses on this property comply with the Pine Barrens regulations and law.

A motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Scully to move into executive session. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The Commission entered into executive session and when they returned to public session, they made the following motions.

A motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the adjournments in the Trocchio and Sunderland matters. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Romaine for the Commission to take all necessary steps to enforce Article 57 and the CLUP against the Dosiak family for ATV use on a farm and change of use of a farm field. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Ms. Lansdale. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Attachments (in order of discussion):

1. May 21, 2014 Commission meeting sign in sheet (1 page)
2. Soil & Water Conservation Association report on Longwood Road, prepared by Polly Weigand, dated May 4, 2014. (9 pages)
3. Letter from Mr. Scheyer dated May 20, 2014, requesting the adjournment of the Trocchio and Sunderland hearings. (1 page)
4. Aerial showing the Dosiak Property, submitted Supervisor Mr. Romaine.



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, June 18, 2014 (Final Approved-7/16/14)
Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY
2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Ms. Throne-Holst and Mr. Shea (for Southampton), Mr. Freleng and Ms. Longo (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Hynes, Ms. Parrott, Ms. Carter, and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with five members present, which constitutes a quorum.

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public comments

Summary: Ms. Speizio, from the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association mentioned that she had attended the Protected Lands Council meeting which was held this month and that she has met with John Pavacic from the Commission and Heather Amster from the NYSDEC to plan the route for an equestrian trail on the RCA property. She also mentioned that a safer crossing on Whiskey Road has been identified which will be mapped. Ms. Speizio discussed a parking area owned by the Town of Brookhaven on Ridge Road that would be suitable for parking horse trailers and would enable access to the equestrian trail in the area. She mentioned that she has spoken with Brookhaven Town staff about the parking area and that a possible land swap between NYSDEC and the Town of Brookhaven is being explored which would enable the use of this parking area by equestrians to park horse trailers. She wanted to make the Commission aware that the Association is looking into a new location for parking.

Supervisor Romaine requested an update on a potential violation involving an illegal ATV track on farmland in the Core Area that was discussed at the last Commission meeting. It was suggested that this should be discussed in an executive or advisory session since the discussion would involve an enforcement strategy. It was mentioned that there was some discussion with the Attorney General's office concerning this matter. Supervisor Romaine discussed the extensive ATV damage and dumping that is occurring in the Pine Barrens and questioned who is in charge of enforcement especially now that the Suffolk County Park Police are being dissolved. Supervisor Romaine would like to review the Commission's budget and how money and staff resources are allocated, particularly toward law enforcement, at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Scully discussed the amendment made by the NYS legislature to NYS ECL Article 57 in 2003 which added enforcement provisions that gave the three Towns the primary enforcement authority for violations in the Pine Barrens rather than the Commission. It was noted that the Towns were against an initial bill that was proposed by the NYS legislature that did not give the Towns the primary enforcement authority for violations in the Pine Barrens. Mr. Scully acknowledged that the ATV problem is a significant ongoing problem on the broad scale and

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explained how ATV enforcement has never been the responsibility of the Commission because it does not have peace officers to write summons or patrol cars for enforcement and therefore the Commission relies on the Law Enforcement Council.

Mr. Freleng arrived at 2:14 pm.

Supervisor Walter discussed how the primary enforcement in the Pine Barrens is performed by the Suffolk County Parks Police Department and he provided an update on the pending legislation which would cause the transfer of the Suffolk County Parks Police into the Suffolk County Police Department, therefore dissolving the Suffolk County Parks Police Department. He made the recommendation, in light of this change, to reach out to Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent De Marco to see if his agency would be willing to be the primary law enforcement agency for the Pine Barrens since the Sheriff's Office is the only entity that can come into all of the towns for enforcement purposes.

There was additional discussion on who was representing the Town of Brookhaven on the Law Enforcement Council (LEC). Formerly Town Park Rangers who had peace officer status would attend the LEC; however, they were eliminated under a prior administration. Mr. Pavacic discussed the reliance on the LEC for enforcement on issues such as illegal ATVs and how they have performed ATV enforcement operations in the field through the ATV Task Force. He mentioned that the LEC is looking into technology that can be used in the field and also on how to strengthen the existing Suffolk County law that pertains to illegal ATV use. He discussed the current ATV legislation that is in effect in Suffolk County and how after three times the ATV offense is considered a misdemeanor, however, there is no centralized database to share this information with officers in the field. The possibility of creating a centralized database is being explored; however, it has to be retained by a law enforcement entity due the nature of the information. The other issue is when ATVs are seized and not redeemed by the perpetrator that they are sold at auction and not destroyed and therefore end up back in circulation. PR efforts are being explored such as PSAs to develop a campaign to get the message out that it is illegal to ride ATVs on public land and on private land without the owner's written consent. Mr. Pavacic mentioned that there used to be a 1-877-Barrens telephone number that individuals could call to report environmental violations such as illegal ATVs that was operated by the Suffolk County Parks dispatcher on a 24 hour basis, however the dispatchers and radio operators were eliminated a number of years ago. It was discussed how individuals are reluctant to use the 911 number for this type of reporting since it is not a medical or life threatening situation; instead the 852-COPS number is suggested for these individuals to use since it is meant for more quality of life issues and goes through the same 911 operator. It was suggested that further discussion on potential enforcement operations should be reserved for executive session.

It was further discussed to send a letter to explore requesting the Sheriff's Office to be the Pine Barrens enforcement arm. It may require an MOU between the Sheriff and the Commission that might require approval of the Suffolk County legislature. Mr. Walter discussed having the 1-877-Barrens number go through the Riverhead dispatch.

A motion was made by Supervisor Walter and seconded by Mr. Freleng to draft a letter to be signed by the Chairman to reach out to the Suffolk County Sheriff to explore the possibility of this agency becoming the Pine Barrens primary enforcement arm. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

There was a discussion about the Commission's website and the need for it to be updated.

- b. *Minutes for 5/21/14: review, approval*

Summary: A motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Supervisor Walter to approve the 5/21/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

2. Science and Stewardship

- a. *Education and Outreach Division*

Summary: Ms. Griffiths provided a handout (attached) on the Education and Outreach Division's activities that have occurred over the past few months such as Discovery Day that had over 860 visitors. She also discussed the upcoming events such as the Barrens To Bay Camp at Wertheim, the Day in the Life of the Carmans River and Peconic River events planned for the fall, and the Long Island Natural History Conference that is planned for the Spring 2015 as a two day event. Supervisor Romaine asked that the Commission members be emailed reminders about these events. She also discussed the Open Space Stewardship Program's annual student celebration that highlighted a number of programs that Ms. Griffiths has worked closely on with the students.

- b. *Science and Stewardship Division*

Summary: Ms. Carter provided a handout (attached) on the Science and Stewardship activities that have occurred over the past few months. She discussed the field work being performed as part of the ongoing ATV damage and dumping project that has identified over 200 problem access points for ATVs. She also discussed other barricades and measures that are being used to deter ATV access. Ms. Carter mentioned that attendance at the Protected Lands Council (PLC) meetings has been increasing and that the PLC wants to do some field work over the summer. She discussed the work being performed under the Ecological Services contract and other science and stewardship initiatives currently underway. Ms. Carter mentioned that she has met the new DEC Forester and has taken him on a tour of certain key areas in the Pine Barrens.

- c. *Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response*

Summary: Mr. Pavacic provided an update on wildfire response activities. He mentioned that Brookhaven National Laboratory intends to perform some prescribed burns during the summer, possibly starting this weekend. He discussed that the NYWIMA will be offering the brush truck training course again this year at the end of October.

Ms. Jakobsen discussed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the funding that is available from the NY Firewise Council that would enable the stakeholders to hire a contractor to prepare a plan for an area in the Pine Barrens. At this point it is important to try to bring the stakeholders together soon to try to identify a possible location. The plan requires a community outreach and participation component. Manorville and Ridge were discussed briefly as possible areas. Once the plan is completed, it opens the door to apply for federal funding to implement mitigation activities.

- d. *Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail*

Summary: Mr. Pavacic provided an update on the Ray Corwin Trail. He reiterated that the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association attended the last PLC meeting where they discussed they have performed additional ground-truthing of the trail. The maps have been revised with this information and forwarded to the

landowners for their review. Now the only item left related to the trail is to obtain additional information from NYS DOT on the south end of the trail where it hits Main Street in Yaphank and to meet with them. The information request to the NYS DOT has been treated like a FOIL request. Mr. Scully requested that a copy of the draft trail map be sent to him. It was noted by Ms. Carter that the trail map has been revised to reflect the crossing location at Whiskey Road that was coordinated between the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association and NYS DEC.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Scully noted that there was good progress made during today's worksession and that there will be another worksession before the Commission meeting in July.

b. Rock of Salvation Church CGA Hardship Waiver application / Hampton Bays/ expansion of existing church (SCTM #: 900-221-3-8)

Summary:

A motion was made by Supervisor Romaine and seconded by Supervisor Walter to schedule a public hearing for the Rock of Salvation Church on July 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

c. Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application / Manorville / construction of a single-family residence (SCTM #: 200-460-1-10)

Summary:

A motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Mr. Scully to schedule a public hearing for Armand Gustive, LLC on July 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

d. Sunderland Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application / Manorville/ construction of a single-family residence (SCTM #: 200-460-1-11.1)

Summary: Mr. Milazzo provided an update on this pending application. He noted that the Commission at its last meeting accepted a request from the applicant's attorney, Richard Scheyer, for an extension of the application's decision deadline, however no specific date for the new deadline was provided in Mr. Scheyer's request. Through additional discussion with Mr. Scheyer, Mr. Milazzo was made aware of his desire to withdraw the current application and submit a new application. Mr. Milazzo noted that he had made Mr. Scheyer aware of the need for him to submit a withdrawal letter for the application; however, it has not been received to date. Mr. Milazzo made the recommendation to the Commission to deny the application without prejudice in order that no default approval occurs.

A motion was made by Supervisor Romaine and seconded by Mr. Freleng to deny the Sunderland Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application without prejudice. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

e. Compliance and Enforcement Division

Summary: Mr. Hynes distributed information and photos on the water bucket training recently completed with the New York Army National Guard and other photos that showed dumping incidents and ATV apprehensions. He noted that the LEC celebrated the 20 year anniversary of its creation this year. Mr. Hynes discussed the cooperation and communication he coordinates with the member agencies of the LEC to stress the importance of maintaining a presence in the Pine Barrens through patrols in this area.

He discussed his concern and disappointment with the dissolution of the Suffolk County Parks Police Department and the transfer of the Parks Police into the Suffolk County Police Department. Mr. Hynes noted that he was a former Chief of the Suffolk County Parks Police Department. He mentioned that the Suffolk County Police are a member of the LEC and that they will need to become more active once the transfer occurs and also that he and Mr. Pavacic plan on meeting with the Suffolk County Police at that time. Further discussion occurred on the pending State legislation to transfer the Suffolk County Park Police into the Suffolk County Police.

Mr. Hynes provided statistics on recent ATV stings and mentioned the increasing issue of illegal 4 X 4s. The next LEC meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 1:00 pm at Southaven County Park. Mr. Scully asked Mr. Hynes to send a notification to Supervisor Romaine on the meeting in case he would like to attend, should his schedule allow.

f. Land Use Division

Summary: Ms. Hargrave mentioned that she had previously provided her report in the e-packet that was sent to the Commission members and that she has two hardship applications, Gustive, LLC and Rock of Salvation to distribute. She provided a brief overview of the applications. She mentioned that Celi Electric may come before the Commission next month for an amendment to their prior hardship that was granted by the Commission. She briefly described the changes they would be seeking to their permit approval. She mentioned that the conservation easement for the Westhampton Properties sand mine was recently received. She noted she continues to receive many referrals from the Town to which responses are provided and that she participates on the staff level in the review of work under the Ecological Services contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Scully to go into executive session to discuss an enforcement matter. The motion was approve by a 5:0 vote.

The Commission entered into executive session at approximately 3:30 pm.

The meeting ended at approximately 3:45 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. June 18, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for May 21, 2014 (3 pages)
3. Education and Outreach Division June 2014 update (2 pages)
4. Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated 6/18/14 (3 pages)
5. Compliance and Enforcement Division report dated 6/18/14 (3 pages)
6. Land Use Division Update: for the meeting of 6/18/14 (2 pages)
7. Gustive, LLC CGA Hardship Application, (34 pages)
8. Rock of Salvation CGA Hardship Application, May 20, 2014 (30 pages)



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, July 16, 2014 (Final Approved - 8/20/14)
Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge
Visitor Center
Smith Road, Shirley
2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea (for Southampton), Ms. Lansdale, Mr. Freleng and Ms. Longo (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with five members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Steven Bellone
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

Edward P. Romaine
Member

a. Public comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

b. Minutes for 6/18/14: review, approval

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the 6/18/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Sean M. Walter
Member

2. Science and Stewardship

a. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen reported that a Fire Danger rating sign has been placed in front of the Commission office in Westhampton Beach on County Road 31. She mentioned that the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has been offering virtual workshops to homeowners and interested individuals to help them prepare for and survive a wildfire and she noted that the next virtual workshop on "Mulch combustibility and choosing the right type mulch for your wildland interface home" is scheduled for August 19th.

Mr. Scully discussed the difficulties related to creating public interest in Firewise and that the public needs to be informed about the dangers of wildfire to stimulate interest. Ms. Jakobsen mentioned reaching out to the local fire departments to insert Firewise information into their newsletters and to distribute this information during their October Fire Prevention month activities. He discussed that at previous Commission meetings Supervisor Romaine has offered to the Commission to utilize the Town's public service announcement system to broadcast information related to the dangers of wildfire in the area and Firewise and that staff should follow up on this offer. He noted that the fall would be the best time of year to possibly hold community outreach meetings that should include the local fire departments and government and that staff should follow up with the Town with a possible plan of action for the fall.

Ms. Jakobsen discussed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is being contemplated for an area in the Pine Barrens such as Manorville or Ridge and that she has reached out to various key stakeholders which are

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primarily the public landowners. She noted that she has spoken with the grants person at the Town of Brookhaven to discuss the possibility of the Town participating as one of the key stakeholders involved in overseeing the preparation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan that would be prepared by a consultant. Other entities that she has reached out to about becoming a stakeholder in the CWPP process included the NYSDEC Forest Rangers, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Ridge Fire Department, and the Suffolk County Parks Department.

Ms. Jakobsen distributed and discussed the handout, "Wildfire Hazard Mitigation in Wildland Urban Interface Areas (Proposed CLUP Amendment) and Firewise and Firewise Communities Outreach" (attached) and she noted that it has been updated to include comments from a meeting that Commission staff had with the staff from the Town of Southampton to discuss the proposed Wildfire Hazard Mitigation standards. During the meeting with the Town of Southampton staff, some changes were suggested that would help streamline the review of projects for conformance with these standards. Additional points of discussion included, setting up a review process for the proposed Hazard Mitigation Standards between the Commission staff and the Towns to review the proposed text changes that include changes to defensible space requirements and to the criteria that identifies which parcels would be affected by these standards, and to ask the Towns to prepare maps that depict these parcels. The proposed revised text would also need to be reviewed by the International Code Council (ICC) and the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS). The main comments and concerns received on the draft standards from the Commission and the Towns would be sent to the ICC and NYS DOS to obtain their clarification and response to them. Mr. Pavacic clarified that after the revised standards are fully vetted and a modified proposal that is acceptable to all is developed, that this would then be a standalone amendment to the CLUP since the review process for this amendment is anticipated to take longer than the other CLUP amendments.

b. *Ray Corwin Rocky Pont-to-Yaphank Trail*

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has notified the Commission staff that plans, maps and other documents will be available for their review next week and that they will meet with staff at that time to go over the DOT right of way at the southern portion of the trail. After meeting with the DOT, the final draft of the trail map will be completed and brought to the Commission in the fall.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

a. *CLUP Amendments*

Summary: Mr. Pavacic noted that the next worksession should be the last meeting related to the review of the CLUP Amendments and then the next steps would involve preparing a final draft and for the Commission to decide whether it wants to hold a public hearing to gather public comments. A final decision on the Amendments could possibly occur by the end of the year. It was noted that the only required legal notice is related to the Commission's intent to vote; a public hearing is not required, but the Commission would normally hold such a hearing. After the hearing a final draft of the amendments could be ready for the Commission to approve by the end of the year.

- b. *Celi Electric Lighting Inc. / Westhampton/ proposal to amend 2006 Core Hardship Waiver (SCTM#: 900-311-1-3.3, 8.9)*

Summary: Ms. Hargrave explained that in 2006 the Commission approved a Core Area Hardship for a dry storage warehouse building on County Road 31 which was never constructed. Since then, the size of the building in the original application was reduced from 2,800 square feet to 1,872 square feet and there was a change in the orientation of the building to provide for better circulation of vehicles on the property. She noted that the other criteria that was associated with the Commission's 2006 approval remains the same including a 25 foot buffer on the west side and 10 foot buffers on the north and south sides. She also noted that the owner agrees to include an amendment on the record to recognize the changes in the site plan. Other points discussed included whether the applicant should install fencing to prevent encroachment into the buffered areas, the status of previously cleared areas on the site, and to allow natural recovery with some planting in the disturbed areas that need to be revegetated. It was mentioned that a landscape plan will be submitted by the applicant. It was noted that the resolution to amend the prior waiver should include the requirement that a post and rail fence be installed as a condition of approval to prevent future encroachment into the buffer areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Ms. Lansdale to approve the Draft Resolution to Amend the Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver for Celi Electrical Lighting, Inc. dated September 20, 2006 (attached) as amended to include the installation of fencing on the inside boundaries of buffers. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Land Use Hearings

- a. *Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application / Manorville / construction of a single-family residence (SCTM #: 200-460-1-10)*
Summary: Mr. Milazzo discussed the previously distributed letter that was received at the Commission office pertaining to the Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver (staff report attached). The letter from the Applicant's representative, Mr. Scheyer dated July 11th (attached) requested that today's hearing be adjourned until September because the Applicant, Mr. Barron is currently in negotiations to purchase an adjacent parcel to merge with his parcel. In light of this information, Mr. Milazzo stated that he will contact Mr. Scheyer to obtain a letter of withdrawal or an extension of the decision deadline for the application. The motion to adjourn the hearing will be made at the scheduled 3:00 pm time for the hearing.

At 2:30 pm, the Commission recessed until the 3:00 pm public hearings.

- b. *Rock of Salvation Church CGA Hardship Waiver application / Hampton Bays/ replacement and expansion of existing church (SCTM#: 900-221-3-8)*

Summary: A separate stenographic transcript exists for this hearing. The record was left open and the Commission and the applicant agreed to extend the application until November. (staff report attached)

The motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Walter to accept the applicant's request for an extension of the decision deadline through November. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Walter to adjourn the Armand Gustive LLC Core Hardship Waiver hearing until September. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Ms. Lansdale to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. July 16, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for June 18, 2014 (5 pages)
3. Hazard Mitigation in Wildland Urban Interface Areas and Firewise and Firewise Communities Outreach, 7/14/14 (10 pages)
4. Draft Resolution to Amend the Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver for Celi Electrical Lighting, Inc. dated September 20, 2006 (2 pages)
5. Staff report for Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application / Manorville / construction of a single-family residence (SCTM #: 200-460-1-10) (29 pages)
6. Letter dated July 11, 2014 from Mr. Scheyer, request for a hearing adjournment for the Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver Application (1 page)
7. Staff report for Rock of Salvation Church CGA Hardship Waiver application / Hampton Bays/ replacement and expansion of existing church (SCTM#: 900-221-3-8) (26 pages)



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, August 20, 2014 (Final Approved-9/17/14)
Town of Brookhaven
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY
2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea and Mr. Collins (for Southampton) Ms. Longo and Mr. Freleng (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Carter and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with five members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Steven Bellone
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

Edward P. Romaine
Member

a. Public comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

b. Minutes for 7/16/14: review, approval

Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the 7/16/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.**

Sean M. Walter
Member

c. Renewal of Directors & Officers Insurance Policy

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution of the Central Pine Barrens Commission Authorizing Renewal of the Commission's Directors and Officers (Errors and Omissions) Insurance Policies and Payment of any Associated Premiums and he stated that the resolution is to authorize the renewal of these policies for a one year term.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Longo to approve the attached Draft Resolution for the renewal and payment of the Directors & Officers Insurance Policies. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

2. Science and Stewardship

a. Resolution to adopt and review the approval procedures for expenditure of EBF funds

Summary: Mr. Scully discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution of the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission Establishing Procedures for Administration of Environmental Benefit Fund. He explained that the origin of the monies that comprise the Environmental Benefit Fund was from an enforcement action taken by the NYSDEC. The LEC utilizes this fund to purchase equipment such as ATVs, which are used during patrols for illegal activity in the Pine Barrens. It was noted that in order to continue to move forward with authorizing future LEC purchases made with EBF monies that the Commission needs to establish an approval procedure.

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The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the attached Draft Resolution of the Commission Establishing Procedures for Administration of Environmental Benefit Funds. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

- b. Purchase of two 2014 Polaris Sportsman 400 All Terrain Vehicles for the NYS Police and for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office using EBF monies

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the procurement process that the Commission office follows and the two previously distributed Draft Resolutions for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All-Terrain Vehicle by the Law Enforcement Council for the NY State Police and for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office (attached). He noted that the Commission staff is required to obtain three quotes for expenditures at this level and the company that provided the lowest quote was recommended to the Commission to accept. He explained that the purchase would enable the Suffolk County Sheriff's office and the NY State Police to participate in ATV patrols more effectively. It was noted that the Town of Riverhead may have a suitable ATV available to donate. It was decided that the Commission would approve both ATV purchases, however, Mr. Pavacic is to follow up with Supervisor Walter on the possibility of Riverhead donating a ATV prior to purchasing the second ATV.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the Draft Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All-Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the NY State Police. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Walter to approve the Draft Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All-Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the County Sheriffs' office. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

- c. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action Items

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen reported that she has scheduled a Community Wildfire Protection Plan meeting for next week with the NYSDEC and she plans to meet after that with the other stakeholders which would include, Suffolk County Parks, BNL and the Town of Brookhaven. She noted that once an area has been located and selected to establish a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that the appropriate fire departments would be contacted.

Ms. Jakobsen discussed the status of the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standards. She explained that after meeting with the Towns and receiving their comments that she has sent a revised document that contains the Commission and Town comments along with the revised CLUP amendment text related to the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Section in Chapter 5 to Mr. Bruce Johnson at the International Code Council (ICC). She asked for Mr. Johnson's feedback and response to the comments and revised text to ensure it would adequately meet the ICC and NYS DOS requirements. He intends to discuss these documents with representatives from the NYSDOS Division of Building and Code Enforcement to obtain their comments. Ms. Jakobsen would then review and revise the documents based on their feedback and then forward the

documents to the Town staff for review and comment. She hopes to have this information ready for the Commission sometime in September.

Additional items Ms. Jakobsen discussed included, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has been sponsoring virtual workshops on topics such as "Mulch Combustibility" and in September there will be a workshop on "Surviving a Wildfire", that is based on a true story. She noted that the schedule of workshops can be found on the Firewise website, Firewise.org. and that prior workshops are available "on demand" on this website.

d. Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has responded to his request for maps of the LIE right of way at the Service Road between exit 66 and 68. After receiving the maps, Commission staff went to the DOT office to discuss with their staff these areas that have proposed developments nearby and how this might affect trail access. A draft proposal of the trail at the LIE right of way will be sent to the DOT soon for their review.

e. Resolution to accept grant funds from FERN to purchase testing equipment and field gear for the "A Day in the Life of..." events

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that an application was submitted to the Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast (FERN) for a grant to purchase testing equipment for the Commission's "A Day in the Life" program. The grant was approved by FERN for \$4,228 (letter attached). The funds are to be used to purchase new testing equipment that would replace the equipment that was previously borrowed for the "A Day in the Life of the Carmans River" program.

The motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the attached Draft Resolution of the Commission to Accept a Grant from the Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast for A Day in the Life of the Carmans River Program. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

f. Education and Outreach Division: update

Summary: Mr. Pavacic provided the previously distributed Education and Outreach Division, August 2014 update (attached) on behalf of Melissa Parrott and he noted that today Melissa was at the Ray Corwin Pine Barrens Trail Center working on a field study with a local school. Items from the report that Mr. Pavacic discussed included, the 2014 Summer Camp at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, the "A Day in the Life of the Carmans River" planned for the Fall and that there will be two additional rivers this year involved in a "A Day in the Life of" program, the Peconic and Nissequogue Rivers. He also mentioned the deer management comparison study that is being performed by a student from Stony Brook and a student from MSRN in Pisa, Italy.

g. Science and Stewardship Division: update

Summary: Ms. Carter discussed the previously distributed Science and Stewardship Division Update for August (attached). Items that Ms. Carter reported on from the report included, ATV damage and dumping mitigation field work that was performed along the Rocky Point to Yaphank trail to evaluate problem vehicle access points, and the 19th Annual Research Forum on October 2nd and 3rd and its topics which will

cover, water quality, wildlife management, climate risk, among other topics. Ms. Carter discussed the status of invasive species management, the impact of Mile-a-Minute vine infestations and the introduction of the Weevil to control Mile-a-Minute vine, and the recording of plant infestations using the iMapInvasives NY State centralized database.

Additional updates that Ms. Carter discussed included, Forest Health surveys, that she attended advanced training on the early detection of invasive insects and plant pathogens in New York, that the Stewardship Division is coordinating plans with the NYS DOT for the Ray Corwin Rocky Point to Yaphank Trail segments near the LIE and she noted that there is severe dumping activity at the LIE right-of-way. Ms. Carter discussed the Ecological Services Contract work related to the contractor's assessment of monitoring protocols and restoration plan development, and that the next PLC meeting is scheduled for December 2nd, at Southaven County Lodge.

3. Land Use Planning & Land Use

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: It was noted that today's CLUP Amendment worksession was productive and there was a discussion on how to advance a draft version of the CLUP Amendments. Comments were requested from the Commission members on the design manual. At the September meeting options for moving forward with a draft document will be discussed. Mr. Pavacic noted that there is no minimum time frame to provide public notice for a hearing; the Statute only requires 30 days advance public notice when scheduling a vote.

b. Compliance and Enforcement Division: update

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Compliance and Enforcement Division update for August 2014 (attached) which contains an up to date status of cases and statistical information.

c. Land Use Division: update

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed the previously distributed Land Use Division Update for the Meeting of August 20, 2014 (attached) which includes current Land Use Division activity under review by the Commission. She mentioned that the Commission office has commented on the revised plan for the Oaks at Miller Place which is a pending application before the Commission and is currently undergoing revision at the Town level.

Other items in the Land Use report that Ms. Hargrave discussed included, referrals related to proposed site work at the Albert Prodell Middle School in Shoreham and the Shoreham Wading River High School and previously granted Commission waivers related to these schools, the Commission office has received the EPCAL Environmental Impact Statement and comments related to the Wetland Restoration Plan at Longwood Public Library were sent out. Ms. Hargrave noted that the Division is responding to inquiries related to the Carmans River Watershed Expansion.

Project Review Compatible Growth Area

d. Riverhead Central School District Bus Depot/ Edwards Avenue/Calverton/
(600117-1-8.3)/Determination of Jurisdiction/ Ms. Hargrave)

Summary: Mr. Walter expressed his concerns related to the Commission's review of projects related to public entities including, school districts, fire departments, libraries and others and that he would like to the Commission to have a more consistent approach for dealing with projects related to these entities. Mr. Amper stated that the intention of Article 57 was to protect the entire region equally and that the Commission needs to look at what are the environmental impacts related to these projects. Mr. Scully suggested that the Commission should explore the possibility of establishing a consistent policy.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. August 20th Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page)
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for August 20th (5 pages)
3. Draft Resolution of the Central Pine Barrens Commission Authorizing Renewal of the Commission's Directors and Officers (Errors and Omissions) Insurance Policies and Payment of any Associated Premiums, 9/20/14 (1 page)
4. Final Approved Resolution of the Central Pine Barrens Commission Authorizing Renewal of the Commission's Directors and Officers (Errors and Omissions) Insurance Policies and Payment of any Associated Premiums, 9/20/14 (1 page)
5. Error & Omissions, quotation for coverage letter, dated 8/6/14 (9 pages)
6. Final Approved Resolution of the Central Pine Barrens Commission Authorizing Renewal of the Commission's Directors and Officers (Errors and Omissions) Insurance Policies and Payment of any Associated Premiums
7. Draft Resolution of the Commission Establishing Procedures for Administration of Environmental Benefit Funds, dated 8/20/14 (2 pages)
8. Final Approved Resolution of the Commission Establishing Procedures for Administration of Environmental Benefit Funds, dated 8/20/14 (2 pages)
9. Draft Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All –Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the NY State Police, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
10. Final Approved Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All – Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the NY State Police, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
11. Draft Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All –Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the Sheriffs' office, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
12. Final Approved Resolution for the Commission to Authorize the Purchase of One All – Terrain Vehicle by the LEC for the Sheriffs' office, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
13. Draft Resolution of the Commission to Accept a Grant from the Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast for A Day in the Life of the Carmans River Program, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
14. Final Approved Draft Resolution of the Commission to Accept a Grant from the Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast for A Day in the Life of the Carmans River Program, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
15. Application for a grant letter to FERN Board of Directors, for testing equipment to use at A Day in the Life of the Carmans River Program, dated 6/13/14 (2 pages)
16. FERN letter approving grant to purchase testing equipment, dated 8/5/14 (1 page)
17. Education and Outreach Division update, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
18. Science and Stewardship Division update, dated 8/20/14 (2 pages)
19. Compliance and Enforcement Division update, dated 8/20/14 (2 pages)
20. Land Use Division update, dated 8/20/14 (1 page)
21. Riverhead Central School District Bus Depot and Fueling Facility request for determination

of jurisdiction letter, dated 7/31/14 (3 pages)



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, September 17, 2014 (Final Approved-10/15/14)
Town of Brookhaven
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY
2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Ms. Throne-Holst, Mr. Shea and Mr. Collins (for Southampton) Ms. Longo (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Parrott and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with four members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Edward P. Romaine
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public comments

Summary: There were no public comments.

b. Minutes for 8/20/14: review, approval

Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the 8/20/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.**

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

Mr. McCormick arrived at approximately 2:10 pm

2. Science and Stewardship

a. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action Items:

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen reported that a new page was added to the Commission's website which contains information pertaining to wildfire prevention that is entitled "What Homeowners Can Do To Better Protect Their Families and Homes from Wildfire".

Additional points related to Wildfire Response that Ms. Jakobsen discussed included, that she will be coordinating a meeting with all the stakeholders that will be involved in the CWPP for the Ridge-Manorville area and that she will be speaking at the Suffolk County Planning Conference that will be held at BNL on October 21st, and starts at 3:00 pm. She will be speaking on the subject of planning safer communities through the Firewise and Firewise Communities Program. She noted that Mr. Bruce Johnson from the International Code Council (ICC) is in the process of preparing responses to the questions that she had sent him which she had compiled from meetings held with the staff from the three Towns related to the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standard and the revised CLUP Amendment text. Ms. Prusinowski offered to assist with coordinating a representative from the Town to attend the CWPP stakeholder meeting. A

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Request for Proposal (RFP) will need to be prepared through the New York Firewise Counsel to hire a consultant for the CWPP work.

b. New York Wildfire and Incident Management Academy Fall Academy and Financial status

Summary: *Mr. William Fonda, Academy Coordinator for NYWIMA, was present at today's meeting to provide an update on the upcoming fall Academy. Mr. Fonda reported that the registrations for this year's Academy are in the low two hundreds, but it is anticipated that the number of registrations will increase, several new classes are being offered which includes special training for the Brookhaven Fire Safety Officers Association, the FDNY and the Suffolk County Police Department. Academy flyers have been distributed by the Suffolk County Fire Academy to all of the fire departments in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The flyers advertise courses such as the brush truck training, urban search and rescue, social media and heavy equipment.*

c. Colorado Wildfire Academy/UAVWF Agreement

Summary: *Mr. Pavacic explained that the Colorado Wildfire Academy is the leading expert in the use of Events Pro which is a specialized software program used for event planning and management. The Colorado Academy has provided the NY Academy personnel with training on this software program that is used extensively by NYWIMA and they have also provided ongoing technical assistance in the use of the software for the last several years. He noted that the Commission has had a mutual beneficial and ongoing contract with the Colorado Wildland Fire Academy that currently needs to be renewed.*

The motion was made by Ms. Longo and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the Draft Resolution of the Commission to Contract with the Upper Arkansas Valley Wildfire Foundation, representing Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy, to Provide Additional Support Services for the 2014-2017 NY Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (attached). The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

d. Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: *Mr. Pavacic reported that the Commission office is waiting for a written response from the Department of Transportation (DOT) that it has no plans to develop the Long Island Expressway (LIE) right of way at the Service Road between exit 66 and 68. After the formal response has been received, the final draft conceptual plan for the Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail will be submitted to the Commission for its review and approval. Mr. Pavacic added that he hopes that the beginning stages of trail blazing can move forward soon after that from Route 25A to at least Whiskey Road.*

e. Draft resolution to transfer the title of an all terrain vehicle to the NYS Police

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that at last month's meeting the Commission authorized the Law Enforcement Council (LEC) to purchase an ATV for use by the NYS Police. He reported that the Commission staff was notified that the ATV is ready for pickup and that the ATV will be delivered directly to the NY State Police. Since the NY State Police do not own an ATV, getting this one into their hands as soon as possible will enable them to participate in the much needed patrols in the Northampton and the Riverside areas. He noted that the use of the ATV would further strengthen the role that the NY State Police has in supporting the efforts of the LEC.

The motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Longo to approve the Draft Resolution to Transfer the Title of an All Terrain Vehicle to the NY State Police (attached). The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Mr. Scully mentioned that at the June Commission meeting there was a discussion pertaining to the potential consolidation of the Suffolk County Parks Police with the Suffolk County Police Department. He noted that the Commission directed staff to write a letter to the Suffolk County Sherriff's office to request that the Sherriff's office explore whether they could take over patrols at Suffolk County Parks. He further noted that he received a call yesterday from Chief Deputy Sherriff Sharkey who expressed a willingness for the Sheriff's office to consider this possibility and suggested that a meeting be held to explore what this would entail.

Mr. Walter and Ms. Throne-Holst arrived at 2:30 pm.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed items that were provided to the Commission members that included a memo from him to the Commission members that was dated September 12th (attached), the second item was a minor Amendment to Chapter 6 to address fractional Credit transactions that result in multiple decimal point transactions, and the third item was the conservation design and the self heal manual and guides which he asked for comments on from the Commission members. A more refined final version of these documents will be provided to the Commission at the next meeting.

At the last meeting, the Commission members received the final version of the CLUP amendments for Chapters 4, 5, and 6. The Commission members have received in their packet a rough schedule that provides a timeframe and step by step process for adopting the amendments that have been endorsed by the Commission. Mr. Pavacic explained that NYS ECL Article 57 does not require a public hearing, however, it requires 30 days public notice prior to the Commission's intent to vote. He reviewed the proposed schedule for adopting the amendments and a discussion ensued on the final draft version of the amendments, how changes to the documents were tracked, and that more than 30 days will be required to review the final version. It was decided that the

Commission would have 60 days to review the documents and then in November it would be decided when to hold a public hearing. It was clarified that the final version of the CLUP chapters were provided at the August Commission meeting. Copies of the final version of the CLUP amendments will be redistributed to ensure everyone has the correct version.

Ms. Jakobsen discussed and distributed the handout CLUP Amendment Section 6.7.6.8. Transactions involving Pine Barrens Credits (attached), which was a simplified version of the same CLUP Amendment distributed in the e-packet. She explained that some Credit owners are performing transactions involving Credits that result in final Credit amounts that go beyond the one hundredth decimal place. These transactions are problematic to track and could potentially result in transactions that exceed the original Credit certificate amount. She noted that this had occurred once before with a Credit transaction made at the Town level

which was brought to the attention of the Credit Clearinghouse. The Credit Clearinghouse at that time resolved this issue by rounding up the Credit to get rid of the thousandth place. Currently in the CLUP there is a provision that Credit allocations are required to round to the nearest hundredth of a Credit, however there is nothing in the CLUP that addresses other Credit transactions. The proposed amendment would take care of this issue.

The Commission members agreed that the second version of Section 6.7.6.8 should be the one included in the CLUP Amendments.

b. "A Day in the Life" Program Update

Summary: Ms. Griffiths-Parrott thanked the Commission members for approving the receipt of grant funds from BNL which allowed the purchase of supplies and equipment for the "Day in the Life" programs. Ms. Parrott displayed one of the equipment purchases, a Go-Pro camera that will be used by students to take underwater pictures of the Peconic Estuary and Carmans River where they will be collecting samples. She invited the Commission members to attend either of the events that will take place a week from today's Commission meeting at the Carmans River and then a week later at the Peconic Estuary. Ms. Parrott distributed information on the sites that will be tested and she noted that over 1000 students, 23 school districts and 28 partner agencies are participating in this year's "A Day in the Life" programs and she will be providing a summary of both events at the next Commission meeting.

Project Review
Core Preservation Area

c. Armand Gustive, LLC Core Preservation Area hardship Waiver application / Manorville / construction of a single-family residence (SCTM# 200-460-1-10)

Summary: Mr. Milazzo explained that an application was received at the Commission office from Mr. Dick Scheyer on behalf of his client, Armand Gustive LLC and subsequently he submitted a second application for a different project on the same property. A letter of withdrawal for the first application has not been received; therefore, it is necessary to deny without prejudice the first application to avoid the possibility of the Commission having a default decision.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to deny the first application made by Armand Gustive, LLC without prejudice. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Compatible Growth Area

- d. Riverhead Central School District Bus Depot / Edwards Avenue/Calverton/ (SCTM# 600-117-1-8.3)/ Determination of Jurisdiction

Summary: *Mr. Scully explained that the application from the Riverhead School District relates to a parcel that the School District intends to use as a bus depot. He noted that the School District representatives were present at today's meeting to ascertain whether the Commission would have jurisdiction over this project. The applicant's representative, Mr. David Wortman from VHB Engineering, Ms. Nancy Carney, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Sam Schneider, the School District's Architect and Mr. Roger Smith from BHP Architects, were here today to help answer questions about the bus depot project. Mr. Wortman explained that the VHB correspondence, dated February 12, 2014 (attached) provided an outline of the reasons why VHB believes the project is not development. Mr.*

Wortman further explained that Commission staff responded to his letter that the project does constitute development and he is at today's meeting to obtain a formal determination from the Commission.

Ms. Hargrave provided additional background information pertaining to the bus depot project including, the Applicant's first submission which was a SEQRA coordination letter and materials received at the office on January 23rd, a letter was sent to the applicant indicating that the Commission had no objection to the Board of Education serving as lead agency for the project, and she reported on other information pertaining to the timeline of correspondences. Additional materials received at the Commission office from the applicant included a request to come before the Commission, site plans and aerial photos. Ms. Hargrave stated that the proposal is to construct a bus depot and fueling facility. The site consists of 6.7 acres and is located in the Compatible Growth Area within the Town of Riverhead, on the west side of Edwards Avenue. Ms. Hargrave discussed the current clearing percentage of the site, existing site conditions including the grassy area and whether or not it should be considered a landscaped area or natural and how it relates to the clearing standard and that the site is currently being used as a truck storage facility. The applicant believes the project is a non-development because it is for public health and safety.

A discussion ensued that included, clearing limits, status of buildings at the site, intensity of usage, the definition of development, how this project compares with past actions with respect to schools and clearing thresholds. Mr. Milazzo discussed what happens with a project such as this when it is determined to be non development or development and that if it is determined to be development and does not comply with the CLUP Standards a hardship application would be required.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to move into Executive Session to receive legal advice. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The Commission entered into executive session at 2:53 pm. and returned to its regular session at 3:10 pm.

The regular Commission meeting resumed and Mr. Wortman discussed the project as it relates to current and past clearing conditions and other uses at the site. Mr. Wortman reiterated reasons why the bus depot project does not constitute development and is consistent with the current use of the site. Additional points were made related to the CLUP Standard Section 5.3.3.6 the definition of clearing limits, vegetation turf at the site, a history of vegetation at the site and Mr. Wortman distributed aerial photographs that were taken in previous years. Mr. Smith discussed that the site was originally approved as a bus garage with no further expansion of clearing.

Mr. Amper expressed his concerns related to the Commission's role in trying to protect the integrity of Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 57 while at the same time the Commission must allow applicants to present their interests. He further expressed his concerns related to the use of the executive sessions and advice from the Commission's Council on these matters. Mr. Wortman expressed his concerns related to the bus depot project and the Commission's jurisdiction and he explained the reason for coming before the Commission today was to outline reasons the project should be determined to be non-development.

e. The Oaks at Miller Place Subdivision CGA Hardship Waiver application/ Miller Place (SCTM#s 200-212-1-9, 10, 11.1, 11.2 and 12)

Summary: *Ms. Hargrave explained that the applicant for the Oaks at Miller Place has requested a 120 day extension of the decision deadline.*

The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Scully to approve the applicant's request for a 120 day extension of the decision deadline. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Ms. Longo and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. September 17, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page).
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for August 20, 2014 (5 pages).
3. Memo from Mr. Pavacic to the Commission, dated 9/12/14, Extension and Modification of Agreement with UAWWF (3 pages).
4. Draft Resolution of the Commission to Contract with the Upper Arkansas Valley Wildfire

- Foundation, representing Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy, to Provide Additional Support Services for the 2014-2017 NY Wildfire and Incident Management Academy. (1 page).
5. Final Resolution of the Commission to Contract with the Upper Arkansas Valley Wildfire Foundation, representing Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy, to Provide Additional Support Services for the 2014-2017 NY Wildfire and Incident Management Academy. (1 page).
 6. Draft Resolution to Transfer the Title of an All Terrain Vehicle to the NY State Police, dated 9/17/14 (1 page).
 7. Final Resolution to Transfer the Title of an All Terrain Vehicle to the NY State Police, dated 9/17/14 (1 page).
 8. Memo dated 9/12/14 from Mr. Pavacic to the Commission, CLUP Amendment Review for 9/17/14 Meeting and Timeframes and CLUP Amendments – Potential Schedule Leading to Adoption, dated 9/17/14 (2 pages).
 9. Commission Endorsed CLUP Amendments, Chapters 4, 5 and 6. Dated 9/17/14 (98 pages)
 10. Draft Subsection 6.7.6.8 Transactions involving Pine Barrens Credits, dated 9/17/14 (1 page)
 11. Riverhead School District Request for Determination of Jurisdiction. Summary of school decisions, dated 7/13/14 (35 pages).
 12. Letter from the Oaks at Miller Place requesting a 120 day extension of the decision deadline, dated 9/5/14 (1 page).



Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, October 15, 2014 (Final Approved-11/19/14)
Town of Southampton
116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY
2:00 pm

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Ms. Throne-Holst and Mr. Collins (for Southampton) and Mr. Freleng (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Carter and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with four members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Steven Bellone
Member

Mr. Scully mentioned that an item that was not on the agenda for the meeting today was Sergeant Arthur Pendzick's update on the status of the merge of the Suffolk County Parks Police into the Suffolk County Police Department. He also mentioned that Sgt. Pendzick was retiring from the Suffolk County Parks Police. Mr. Scully provided details about Sgt. Pendzick's lengthy career including that he joined the Suffolk County Parks Police in 1971 and he thanked Sgt. Pendzick for his many years of service.

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

Sgt. Pendzick read aloud a letter that he wrote to the Commission, the staff and to the members of the Law Enforcement Council (LEC). The letter included information pertaining to his retirement, his thoughts about the merger of the two police departments and his hope that the merger will not compromise the future protection of the parklands that he has sought to protect during his tenure with Suffolk County Parks and as the Chairman of the LEC. Sgt. Pendzick also noted that the merger of the police departments became effective at midnight on October 12th, and that on October 14th all of the Park Police officers were sworn in as Suffolk County Police Officers.

Additional points that Sgt. Pendzick discussed relating to the merger of the police departments included, 45 additional Park Rangers may be hired, currently there are only five Park Rangers patrolling park areas, patrolling is limited to the east end of Long Island and the Commissioner of Suffolk County Parks offered Sgt. Pendzick the opportunity to be considered for the position of Director of Security at Suffolk County Parks. Sgt. Pendzick also discussed that as of October 17th, Lieutenant Dallas Bengal, who is currently the Vice Chair of the LEC, will become the LEC's acting Chair. Sgt. Pendzick noted that if he is hired as the Director of Security at Suffolk County Parks that he would agree to be the Park Rangers representative on the LEC. Mr. Scully thanked Sgt. Pendzick for his many years of service as Chair of the LEC and as an ardent volunteer in the Commission's stewardship activities that included the ATV mitigation project.

Mr. Amper noted that at the last legislative session, Senator Engelbright announced that he was going to meet with the Suffolk County Executive to discuss concerns related to the merger of the Suffolk County Parks Police into the Suffolk County Police Department. Mr. Amper expressed his concerns about the gap in coverage of the parks after the merger when park police patrols will discontinue.

Mr. Scully thanked Sgt. Pendzick once again for his many years of service to the Commission and Mr. Casey on behalf of the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference

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expressed his gratitude to Sgt. Pendzick as well. Then Mr. Scully presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Sgt. Pendzick on behalf of the Commission.

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public Comment

Summary: None

b. Minutes for 9/17/14: review, approval

Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Ms. Throne-Holst to approve the 9/17/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.**

c. Draft resolution to accept the Commission audit prepared by KPMG for year ending March 31, 2014

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that the previously distributed KPMG audit report for the Commission's fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, was ready for the Commission's approval.

The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Ms. Throne-Holst to approve the KPMG audit report for year ending March 31, 2014. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

2. Science and Stewardship

a. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response Action Items:

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that there are over 200 students registered for the Commission's Annual Wildfire Academy this fall. He noted that 25 people have signed up for the brush truck training classes and that the Academy will run from October 23rd through to November 1st.

Ms. Jakobsen reported that letters were sent out to potential stakeholders to ascertain their interest in participating in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) process for the Ridge-Manorville area. Responses were received from the Town of Brookhaven and the Ridge Fire Chief that they were very interested in participating. Ms. Jakobsen stated that she would be contacting the stakeholders to schedule a meeting in November to start the CWPP process.

Ms. Jakobsen also reported that the next online virtual workshop sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is scheduled for October 23rd at 3:30 pm, on the topic of "Improving Access for Firefighters". Ms. Jakobsen also reported that the Commission's website is going to be upgraded soon.

Mr. McCormick arrived at the meeting at 2:30 pm.

b. Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that he had a conversation with the Director at the NY State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) concerning the status of the Commission's request for the NYS DOT to determine if there were any issues with plans to end the Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail at the LIE right of way at Exit 68. Mr. Pavacic noted that the Director was going to ask the Department of Real Estate and the Department of Operations to review the Commission's request and provide an answer in writing. Mr. Scully mentioned that the NYS DEC is making improvements for a trailhead at the Lustgarten property that is part of the Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail. He also noted that the trailhead is one of Governor Cuomo's fifty new outdoor access projects.

- c. Draft resolution to transfer the title of an all terrain vehicle to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that the previously distributed Draft Resolution to Transfer the Title of an All Terrain Vehicle to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office (attached) was similar to the resolution that was approved at last month's meeting for the NY State Police Department. He mentioned that the Suffolk County Sheriff's office has been very involved with the activities of the LEC and that the new ATV will help them continue with their involvement in LEC initiatives.

The motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the Draft Resolution to Transfer the Title of an All Terrain Vehicle to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office (attached). The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

- d. Science and Stewardship Division update

Summary: Ms. Carter distributed and discussed the Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated October 15th (attached). She discussed the 19th Annual Research Forum that was held on October 2nd and the field trip on October 3rd to the Mashomack Preserve which were both well attended. She explained that the Mashomack Preserve has been successful in protecting an area from deer browsing with a fenced enclosure that is about a hectare in size. She reported that during the Research Forum field trip participants observed forest regeneration in the fenced enclosure area.

Ms. Carter mentioned that copies of the Research Forum speaker abstracts were available at today's meeting. She noted that the Ray Corwin Trail Problem Access Points report has been completed as well as an inventory of ATV and off road vehicle problem access points. The related findings report is almost complete and planning is underway for an ATV mitigation barrier that will be placed in the Manorville Hills area. Other points from her report that Ms. Carter discussed included that she attended the quarterly LI Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA) meeting, which was held on October 9th at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead and she further noted that in March 2015, new NY State invasive species regulations will become effective.

Ms. Carter discussed the ongoing investigation of pockets of pitch pine that are dying and reported this mortality has been found in a few other areas such as in Connetquot State Park and in Hampton Bays. There are concerns that the pitch pine mortality is due to the Southern Pine Beetle and that possibly Hurricane Sandy blew the insects onto Long Island from the southeast. Samples of bark were taken from the dead pines in Connetquot Park and they are being analyzed to determine if the Southern Pine Beetle is the cause of the mortality. Ms. Carter stated that the insect has caused 1,400 acres of pitch pine mortality in New Jersey. Mr. Pavacic noted that issues such as the over population of deer that browse on new forest floor growth and pests, such as the Southern Pine Beetle, are causing concerns related to the future health and sustainability of certain forested areas.

Ms. Carter reported on other items that the Science and Stewardship Division continues to work on such as Cartographic and Information Services, the Ecological Service contract, and providing overall support to the Protected Lands Council (PLC) that has its next meeting on December 2nd at the Southaven County Park Lodge.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed revised CLUP Amendment – Potential Schedule Leading to Adoption, dated October 10th (attached). He explained that the revised schedule indicates a public hearing could be scheduled for December with a four-week period to receive public comments until January 16th. Mr. Pavacic noted that several months in the updated schedule were dedicated to reviewing public comments and that by the July Commission meeting, the Commission could vote on the proposed set of CLUP Amendments. Mr. Pavacic noted the Commission members should have received an email with the most current set of CLUP Amendments, dated September 17th. Mr. Pavacic mentioned that the most recent set of amendments included a revised Conservation Design and Open Space Manual and he thanked Commission staff for their work on this document.

b. Compliance and Enforcement Division update

Summary: Mr. Pavacic stated that he has reached out to the various law enforcement agencies to obtain updates on certain clearing violations, however, there is nothing new to report at this time. The status of the Suffolk County Sheriff's office potentially taking over the patrol of parklands was discussed and Mr. Scully mentioned the need to move ahead and schedule a meeting with them to discuss this matter further.

c. Land Use Division update

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed the previously distributed Land Use Division Update, dated October 15th (attached) and she highlighted items from the report such as, the Oaks at Miller Place pending application has been revised and it appears to conform now with the Pine Barrens standards. The anticipated hardship application from the Riverhead Central School for the District's bus storage facility has not yet been received. The Rock of Salvation Church may ask for another extension of the decision deadline for its application since they are attempting to revise the project to conform to the Pine Barrens standards. Ms. Hargrave also noted that the Albert Prodell Middle School and Shoreham Wading River High School proposed site plans appear to conform to Pine Barrens standards, comments pertaining to the NY Air National Guard 106th Rescue Wing facilities upgrade were sent out by Commission staff, and she mentioned other projects as well.

Ms. Hargrave also discussed that the Land Use Division has been responding to telephone calls from property owners that were sent letters pertaining their property's inclusion within the expanded Carmans River Core and CGA boundary areas. She noted that most callers have been told that the letter does not affect them because their properties are single and separate.

Project Review

Compatible Growth Area

- d. Shoreham Wading River Central School District Alfred Prodell Middle School / Shoreham/ (200-126-1-42.6)

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed the previously distributed Draft Sense Resolution for a Site Plan Modification for Albert Prodell Middle School Shoreham-

Wading River Central School District Compatible Growth Area of the Central Pine Barrens (attached) and she explained that the current site plan for this project remains in conformance with the Commission's prior approval granted in 2006.

The motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Ms. Prusinowski to approve the Draft Sense Resolution for a Site Plan Modification for Albert Prodell Middle School Shoreham-Wading River Central School District Compatible Growth Area of the Central Pine Barrens (attached). The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski seconded by Mr. Scully to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting ended at 2:55 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. October 15, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page).
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for September 16, 2014 (6 pages).
3. Draft resolution to transfer the title of an all terrain vehicle to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, dated 10/15/14 (1 page)
4. Final Adopted Resolution to transfer the title of an all terrain vehicle to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, dated 10/15/14 (1 page)
5. CPBC Science and Stewardship Division Update, dated 10/15/14 (2 pages)
6. Revised CLUP Amendment – Potential Schedule Leading to Adoption, dated 10/15/14 (1 page)
7. Chapter 5 of CLUP Amendments Revised Final Draft dated 9/17/14 (32 pages)
8. Chapter 6 of CLUP Amendments Revised Final Draft, dated 9/17/14 (40 pages)
9. Commission General Planting Recommendations and List of Acceptable and Unacceptable Plants revised 8/20/14 (6 pages)
10. Conservation Design and Open Space Management Manual for Development Projects in the Central Pine Barrens, dated October 2014 (37 pages)
11. CPBJPPC Land Use Division Update for the meeting of 10/15/14 (1 page)
12. Draft Sense Resolution for a Site Plan Modification for Albert Prodell Middle School Shoreham-Wading River Central School district CGA of the Central Pine Barrens, dated 10/15/14 (5 pages)
13. Final Adopted Sense Resolution for a Site Plan Modification for Albert Prodell Middle School Shoreham-Wading River Central School district CGA of the Central Pine Barrens, dated 10/15/14 (5 pages)



Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, November 19, 2014 (Final Approved-12/17/14)
Southaven County Park Lodge
Yaphank, NY
2:00 pm

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. Walter and Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea and Mr. Collins (for Southampton) and Mr. Freleng (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. with four members present, which constitutes a quorum.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public Comment

Summary: Mr. Amper, Director of the LI Pine Barrens Society, expressed his concerns about the status of the Drinking Water Protection Program and litigation against Suffolk County related to the restoration of funds that the County borrowed from the program. Additional concerns expressed by Mr. Amper included, Suffolk County may be allowed to continue borrowing funds for infrastructure and land acquisition only from the sewage stabilization component of the Drinking Water Protection Program and he discussed the status of litigation against the County.

Mr. Freleng and Mr. McCormick arrived at approximately 2:10 pm.

b. Minutes for 10/15/14: review, approval

Summary: **The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the 10/15/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 4:0:1 vote with Mr. Walter abstaining.**

c. Schedule for 2015 Commission meetings

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed 2015 Commission meeting schedule (attached) and he noted that the 2015 meeting locations were divided between the three Towns.

The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the 2015 Commission meeting schedule. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Mr. Shea arrived at the meeting at 2:13 pm.

2. Science and Stewardship

a. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response

Action Items:

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that the first Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 9:30 am and it will be held at Southaven Park. He noted that the stakeholders who will be

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attending the meeting include representatives from the SC Parks Department, SC Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (SCFRES), the Brookhaven Town Planning Department and the Town's Fire Marshal's Office, the Ridge Fire Department, the NYS Parks Department and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Mr. Pavacic explained that once the CWPP is completed, additional funding opportunities for mitigation measures will be available and he thanked Brookhaven Town for their assistance in moving the process forward.

Ms. Jakobsen explained that Mr. Bruce Johnson from the International Code Council (ICC) consulted with the NYS Department of State, Building and Code Enforcement prior to formalizing his comments on the Commission's draft version of the Hazard Mitigation Standard (HMS). His comments were received at the Commission office and the next step will be for the Towns to review the revised HMS.

Ms. Jakobsen mentioned that on October 22nd, she provided a presentation at the Suffolk County Planning Federation Conference, on the subject of how to create safer communities through Firewise and Firewise Communities programs. She noted that the next Wildfire Task Force (WTF) meeting will be on November 20th at 7:00 pm at the Hampton Bays Fire Department. Ms. Jakobsen mentioned that items on the WTF meeting agenda include, selecting a new Chair and also to honor the memory of Mr. John Urevich the former WTF Chair who passed away earlier this year.

b. *Detection of the Southern Pine Beetle on Long Island*

Summary: Mr. Pavacic distributed and discussed the attached handouts that included a USDA publication on the detection of the Southern Pine Beetle and an article from last year in the New York Times that discusses how the beetle had infested pine trees in the New Jersey Pinelands. He explained that at the time the article was written it was thought that the insect had not spread to Long Island. He further discussed that at the Commission's 19th Annual Research Forum, speakers from New Jersey provided presentations on the devastation that the Southern Pine Beetle has caused in the Pinelands. Since then, there have been reports that pine trees in various locations on Long Island such as, Hampton Bays and Connetquot State Park are browning and dying.

Additional points that Mr. Pavacic discussed related to the Southern Pine Beetle included, reasons for the beetle's advancement north from down south and methods to reduce the affects of the infestations. Mr. Pavacic explained that entities at the federal and state levels have implemented interventions for the problem, especially the NYSDEC which has extensive expertise with the Southern Pine Beetle. The Commission, Towns and other various land managers such as, NYS Parks and Suffolk County, are becoming involved in developing a response plan that will include detection, monitoring and surveillance. The Commission's MOU with the Civil Air Patrol will allow aerial recognizance flights to map infested areas, as well as mapping performed on the ground, and then affected trees will need to be primarily managed by cutting them down. There will be ongoing outreach to the Towns, municipalities and landowners to provide training in identifying the insect and the methods to prevent the insect from advancing and killing more pine trees. It was noted that the methods Mr. Pavacic outlined at the meeting have been used in New Jersey and were successful at arresting the infestation. The Commission will be updated on the status of the infestation on a monthly basis.

c. *Authorization to apply for Peconic Estuary Partners Grant for "A day in the Life of the*

Peconic Estuary” Program

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution of the Commission Authorizing Application to the Peconic Estuary Program for a PEP Partners Grant to be Used to Support “A Day in the Life of the Peconic Estuary” Program (attached). He explained that up to a maximum of \$5,000 is now available from a PEP Partners Grant for the “A Day in the Life of the Peconic Estuary” Program. Additional information that was distributed included the Peconic Estuary Program Partners’ Grant Program proposal coverage page and the associated budget summary.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Scully to authorize the filing of an application for a PEP Partners Grant. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

d. Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail

Summary: Mr. Pavacic distributed and discussed the memo and the Ray Corwin conceptual trail maps from Ms. Carter to the Commission dated, November 14th (attached). He explained the history related to planning the trail, including that a couple of years ago the PLC recommended establishing the proposed trail system from Route 25 down to Main Street in Yaphank along the Carmans River Corridor. He discussed the maps, which depicted the areas that the trail will traverse, beginning from the RCA property down past Turtle Rock, Warbler Woods, Fox Lair and ending at East Main Street in Yaphank. He further discussed the issue with the trail ending at the LI Expressway Right of way and he stated that the NYS DOT provided their assurance that they had no plans for that area.

Additional points that were made about the proposed trail route included that once the Commission approves the conceptual plan of the trail route, trail blazing could begin. Ms. Speizio from Nassau Suffolk Horsemen’s Association expressed her concerns with some of the trail route sections that would no longer allow access for horses. It was noted that the State, Suffolk County and the Towns are the only entities that can approve the hiking and equestrian trails on their land. Ms. Speizio was provided with contact information for the Town of Brookhaven and it was suggested she follow up with the actual public land managers with her concerns. It was mentioned that the Lustgarten property is currently being prepared, with the removal of buildings and asbestos, to serve as a trail head. Other points were made such as, for safety reasons hiking, equestrian and mountain biking trails are kept separate when possible. It was noted that the equestrian trail crossing at Whiskey Road that was depicted on the second map should be moved for equestrian safety. It was mentioned that the stakeholders including, hikers and equestrians, should communicate their concerns related to the proposed trail routes to the public land managers that own the land.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

Summary: Mr. Scully stated that at the September Commission meeting the Riverhead Central School District was present and provided an informational presentation on a proposal to establish a bus terminal on a parcel on Edwards Avenue. There was a discussion at that meeting as to whether the project would be considered development and if it required a hardship. Ms. Hargrave reported that the Riverhead School District Hardship Application dated, December 17th, was received at the Commission office via email and hand delivery.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Freleng to schedule a hearing for the Riverhead Central School District Bus Depot

Hardship Application for December 17th , at 3:00pm. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Scully discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the CLUP, dated November 19th (attached) and he noted that the item was placed on today's Commission meeting agenda because the resolution relates to a set of CLUP amendments that were ready for a public hearing. Mr. Pavacic reiterated the points made by Mr. Scully related to the history of the CLUP Amendment review process and he noted that the process has been going on for several years. He further noted that the consensus was that the Commission review process has been completed. Mr. Walter expressed concerns related to the set of updated CLUP Amendment documents that he reviewed and that he wanted references included that EPCAL is exempt.

Additional points of discussion included that EPCAL should to be referenced throughout the final CLUP Amendments as being exempt and that a Supplemental Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA) should be performed before the public hearing process begins. Mr. Milazzo explained how the hearing process and SEQRA could move forward. Other discussion points included, options for the type of SEQRA review to be performed and who should perform the SEQRA review. Mr. Amper expressed the concern that the public, through the Commission's Advisory Committee, has already provided input as it relates to the environmental and the building community's concerns and that the CLUP Amendment review process already eliminated those Amendments the Commission rejected and what is left is what the Commission members had previously agreed upon. Mr. Pavacic explained that in order to prevent incurring additional costs, the Commission staff would perform the SEQRA analysis and prepare any related documents. It was decided that a final CLUP worksession would be held at the January 21st Commission meeting at 12:00 pm.

b. Rock of Salvation Church CGA Hardship Waiver application / Hampton Bays / expansion of existing church. (SCTM # 900-221-3-8)

Summary: Ms. Hargrave explained that the Rock of Salvation Church Applicant requested a 120-day extension of the decision deadline.

The motion was made by Mr. Freleng and seconded by Mr. Romaine to approve the 120 day extension of the decision deadline. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Mr. Milazzo discussed the Pluralis law suit against the Town of Brookhaven, the Planning Board and the Commission which sought to have the Commission compel the Town of Brookhaven to amend their credit program to support Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 57. The Town and the Commission have won the lawsuit, which is subject to a 30-day appeal.

Mr. McCormick reported that he and Mr. Pavacic met with Chief Michael Sharkey of the Sheriff's Office to discuss whether the Sheriff's office would be able to take over the patrol of SC Parks that were previously covered by the SC Park Police, which have been merged with the SC Police Department. Chief Sharkey advised them to draft a formal written request to Chief DeMarco and include the parameters of coverage the Commission would be interested in obtaining. It was noted that the agreement between the Commission and the Sheriff's Office would have to be authorized by the SC Legislature and the County Executive. Mr.

Romaine suggested that the Commission write a letter to the County Executive and the SC Legislature to advise them of the issue with the lack of coverage at the parks. Mr. Pavacic distributed the attached handout that included a list of the areas the Commission would like patrolled and covered by the Sheriff's Office.

The motion was made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Romaine to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting ended at 3:32 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. November 15, 2014 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page).
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for October 15, 2014 (5 pages).
3. 2015 Commission Meeting Schedule (1 page)
4. Southern Pine Beetle handout - Forest Insect & Disease Leaflet 49
5. Draft Resolution of the Commission Authorizing Application to the Peconic Estuary Program for a PEP Partners Grant to be Used to Support a Day in the Life of the Peconic Estuary Program, dated 11/19/14 (2 pages)
6. Final Resolution of the Commission Authorizing Application to the Peconic Estuary Program for a PEP Partners Grant to be Used to Support a Day in the Life of the Peconic Estuary Program, dated 11/19/14 (2 pages)
7. Peconic Estuary Program Partners Grant Program handout proposal coverage page and Budget summary (9 pages)
8. Memo and Ray Corwin conceptual trail maps from Ms. Carter to the Commission dated, November 14th (3 pages)
9. Draft Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing on Proposed amendments to the CLUP, dated 11/19/14 (1 page)



**Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
For Wednesday, December 17, 2014 (Final Approved-1/21/15)
Town of Brookhaven
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY
2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Scully (for New York State), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Prusinowski (for Brookhaven), Mr. McCormick (for Riverhead), Mr. Shea and Mr. Collins (for Southampton) Ms. Lansdale and Mr. Freleng (for Suffolk County)

Others present: Staff counsel was Mr. Milazzo. Commission and other agency staff members included Mr. Pavacic, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Hargrave, Ms. Carter, Ms. Parrott and Ms. Ostrowski (from the Commission). Additional attendees are indicated on the attached sign-in sheet.

Mr. Scully called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 p.m. with three members present.

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public Comment

Summary: There were no public comments.

Mr. McCormick arrived at the meeting at 2:05 and Ms. Prusinowski arrived at 2:10 pm.

b. Minutes for 11/19/14: review, approval

Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. Prusinowski and seconded by Mr. Freleng to approve the 11/19/14 meeting summary. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.**

2. Science and Stewardship

**a. Wildfire Response, Forest Management, Prescribed Fire & Response
Action Items:**

• **Wildfire Task Force Meeting held on November 20, 2014:**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that a Wildfire Task Force (WTF) meeting was held on November 20th and it was the first meeting held since the Chair, Mr. John Urevich, passed away last April. At the meeting, a new Chair was elected and the members discussed the focus of the Task Force for 2015. Items that were discussed at the meeting included, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), firewise efforts, fire weather, brush truck training, the Wildfire Academy, and firewells that were installed in Manorville.

• **Incident Management Team response to Buffalo, New York**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that Ms. Delligatti from Commission staff was part of the NY State Emergency Management Team that traveled to Buffalo just prior to Thanksgiving to assist in managing the six feet of snow that had debilitated the area. He noted this is an example of how the NYWIMA has been a successful leader in advancing the concept of Incident Command Systems (ICS) in emergency response.

• **Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Ridge-Manorville**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that on December 2nd, a CWPP meeting was held and he noted that progress was made in identifying an area within the Ridge Manorville hamlet areas that would be the focus of the plan. It was

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noted that this meeting provided a significant step forward toward the creation of a CWPP.

- **Draft Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standards**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the status of the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standard and he suggested that the Commission invite Mr. Bruce Johnson from the International Code Council (ICC) to a meeting in January to discuss concerns the Towns have with the Standard.

- b. **Ray Corwin Rocky Point-to-Yaphank Trail**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously circulated draft conceptual map of the Ray Corwin Rocky Point to Yaphank trail and he explained that the map of the entire trail was split into two separate maps. One map depicted the northern section of the trail from Route 25A south, and the other map depicted the southern section down to East Main Street. Mr. Pavacic noted that additional copies of the maps were available at today's meeting for the Commission to review and approve.

- c. **Resolution to approve new Wildfire Task Force Chair**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic explained that at the last Task Force meeting that was held on November 20th, Mr. John "Chip" Bancroft, a retired Westhampton Beach Fire Chief, was elected as the new chair and will also serve as the NYWIMA chair.

The motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McCormick to approve the attached Draft Resolution of the Commission to Appoint a New Chair of the Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Task Force. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

- d. **Science and Stewardship Division**

Summary: Ms. Carter distributed and discussed the Science and Stewardship Division report dated, December 17th (attached). Ms. Carter explained that the Commission was actively working with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and its Forest Health Unit in coordinating a response to the Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) infestation along with other prominent SPB scientist from Cornell University and Dartmouth College and agencies such as the USDA Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and others. The coordinated activities that Ms. Carter discussed included, performing aerial surveys and ground assessments to document damage caused by the SPB. The individual landowners, which include, Suffolk County, NY State and the Towns, will meet to coordinate a course of action.

Ms Carter discussed other items from her report including, ATV damage and dumping mitigation along the Rocky Point to Yaphank trail corridor, illegal clearing, vandalism and dumping violations were reported to the law enforcement agencies, the Manorville Hills landowner's plans for additional ATV barriers on Paumanok Path and Halsey Manor Road and the status of the Ecological Services contract and plans for restoration at the Sarnoff Preserve along Pleasure Drive. Ms. Carter discussed the LI Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA) meeting on December 11th presentation on a phragmites control project at Marion Lake on the North Fork and another presentation on illegal releases of non-native turtle species into natural ecosystems in the NY-Metropolitan area. Planning is underway for the 20th Annual Pine Barrens Research Forum and the Protected Lands Council (PLC) met on December 2nd where topics of discussion included the Ray Corwin Rocky Point to Yaphank trail plan, enforcement issues in Suffolk County Parks and trail maintenance, ATV mitigation and other PLC related issues. Mr. Romaine expressed his concerns related to illegal ATV use and the importance of prosecuting offenders.

- e. **Resolution to approve the new Protected Lands Council chair and vice chair**

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution of the Commission to appoint the PLC Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2015 (attached) and he noted that Mr. Tom Casey has been nominated to serve as Chair and Mr. Tom Wernet, Supervising Forester of the NYSDEC, was recommended as Vice Chair.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the appointments of Mr. Casey and Mr. Wernet as PLC Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

f. Education and Outreach

Summary: Ms. Parrott explained a primary focus of the Education and Outreach Division is to promote Pine Barrens ecosystem education to Long Island teachers and students. She discussed items from the previously distributed Education and Outreach Division December 2014 Update (attached) such as the "A Day in the Life" programs that took place on the Carmans River on September 24th, Peconic Estuary on October 1st and on the Nissequogue River on October 15th. Ms. Parrott noted that over 1700 students, 35 schools and 69 teachers had participated in the three separate events.

Ms. Parrott made additional points about the "A Day in the Life" programs that included, an evaluation form was distributed to students and teachers to receive their feedback on how the program might be improved, \$5,000 was received from the Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast (FERN) for the purchase of equipment and an additional proposal for a \$5,000 grant was submitted to Peconic Estuary Program for more equipment. Other items from the report that Ms. Parrott discussed included, four new signs were installed related to biodiversity, Lichens, fire adaptation and the geology of the Dwarf Pine Plains, along the Dwarf Pine Plains Trail in Westhampton Beach. Ms. Parrott has also attended a DNA training that will enable her to teach students methods to determine the number and types of species in the Pine Barrens. She mentioned the upcoming 3rd Annual LI Natural History Conference, which will run for three days, March 20th-22nd.

g. Resolution to approve the new Law Enforcement Council (LEC) chair

Summary: Mr. Pavacic discussed the previously distributed Draft Resolution of the Commission to appoint a New Chair of the Central Pine Barrens LEC (attached) and he noted that Lt. Dallas Bengel who has served for 10 years as the LEC vice chair and as acting chair for the last two months, was nominated by the LEC to serve as the chair.

The motion was made by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Romaine to approve the appointment of Lt. Dallas Bengel as LEC chair. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

3. Land Use

Planning & Land Use

a. CLUP Amendments

Summary: Mr. Pavacic reported that Commission staff met with Mr. Murphree and Mr. McCormick from Riverhead Town to discuss Mr. Walter's comments related to the CLUP Amendments. He noted that additional discussion will be held at the CLUP worksession scheduled for January 21st at 12:00 pm. It was noted that the Town of Riverhead's main concern with the CLUP Amendments related to EPCAL.

b. Compliance and Enforcement Division:

Summary: The Compliance and Enforcement Division report dated December 17, 2014 (attached) was previously distributed and Mr. Hynes provided updates on items such as,

he is following up on open and new incident reports and he continues to work on the new rules and regulations that if approved, will be added to the CLUP Amendments. He reported that earlier today he met with staff at Brookhaven Town to discuss the status of some clearing violations. He mentioned that at the last LEC meeting Ms. Carter provided an informative presentation pertaining to illegal clearing and dumping activities. Other points that Mr. Hynes made included, the LEC handbook was being updated and there are plans for a spring vehicle airlift of nine abandoned vehicles with the Army National Guard out of MacArthur Airport. Mr. Hynes mentioned that he continues to perform conservation easement site visits with Jerry Tverdy and project and restoration site visits that he performs with Ms. Hargrave.

c. Land Use Division

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed items on the previously distributed Land Use Division Update (attached) for the meeting of December 17, 2014 including that there are three pending applications from the three Towns. She noted that the representative for the Gustive LLC and Eagan LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship requested an extension of the decision deadline. Ms. Hargrave noted that the Land Use Division continues to answer referrals and inquiries from the Towns. Ms. Prusinowski reported that the Oaks at Miller Place submitted an updated map based on highway department changes related to increased subsurface drainage, smaller roadways and pavements, and she noted that the project map now complies.

**Project Review
Core Preservation Area**

d. Armand Gustive LLC and Eagan Environmental Solutions LLC / Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver application (SCTM #: 200-460-1-10 and 11)

Summary: Ms. Hargrave reported that a request for extension was received for Armand Gustive LLC and Eagan Environmental Solutions LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver. She discussed how the application has changed to a request to combine two lots to make three lots.

The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the request for an extension of the decision deadline until 1/21/15 for the Armand Gustive LLC and Eagan Environmental Solution LLC Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Public Hearing

Riverhead Central School District CGA Hardship Waiver / Calverton / construction of bus fueling and parking facility (SCTM# 600-117-1-8.3)

Summary: A separate stenographic transcript exists for this hearing. (staff report attached)

The motion was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Romaine to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Scully to approve the Riverhead Central School District CGA hardship application. The motion was approved by a 4:0:1 vote, with the Town of Southampton abstaining.

The motion was made by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Mr. Scully to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

The meeting ended at 3:45 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. December 17, 2015 Commission Meeting Sign in Sheet (1 page).
2. Draft Commission Meeting Summary for December 17, 2015 (5 pages).
3. Draft conceptual map of the Ray Corwin Rocky Point to Yaphank trail (2 pages)
4. Draft Resolution of the Commission to Appoint a new Chair of the Central Pine Barrens WTF dated, 12/17/14 (2 pages)
5. Final Approved Resolution of the Commission to Appoint a new Chair of the Central Pine Barrens WTF (2 pages)
6. Resumes for John Bancroft, WTF Chair (8 pages)
7. Draft Resolution of the Commission to appoint the PLC Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2015 dated, 12/17/14 (1 page)
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10. Education and Outreach Division Update, dated 12/17/14 (14 pages)
11. Draft Resolution of the Commission to appoint a new Chair of the Central Pine Barrens LEC dated,12/17/14 (1 page)
12. Final Resolution of the Commission to appoint a new Chair of the Central Pine Barrens LEC dated, 12/17/14 (1 page)
13. Summary of Compliance and Enforcement Division Report dated, 12/17/14 (5 pages)
14. Land Use Division Update and staff report dated, 12/17/14 (19 pages)