



Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (Approved 5/17/23)
Southampton Town Hall
116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968

2:00 pm

Commission members present: Mr. Robert Calarco (New York State Governor's Representative), Mr. Romaine and Ms. Pines (for Brookhaven), Mr. Stafford (for Riverhead), Mr. Dale (for Suffolk County), Mr. Schneiderman, Ms. Scherer and Mr. Shea (for Southampton).

Others present: Commission and other agency staff members included Ms. Jakobsen, Mr. Milazzo, Ms. Hargrave, Mr. Tverdyy, Ms. Weigand and Ms. Brown-Walton.

Mr. Schneiderman led the pledge to the flag and Mr. Calarco noted that all five Commission members present there is a quorum.

Robert Calarco
Chairman

Yvette Aguiar
Member

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Jay H. Schneiderman
Member

1. **Administrative and Public Comment**

a. *Public Comment*

Summary: No public comments were received.

b. *Minutes for 3/15/23 review*

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Stafford to approve the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by 4:0:1 vote with Mr. Schneiderman abstaining.

2. **Education and Science and Stewardship**

a. *Draft resolution to receive assistance from FOREST for seasonal staff housing.*

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen discussed a need to have assistance from the FOREST group to pay for housing for our out-of-town seasonal Prescribed Fire crew members for the month of May in the amount of \$3,300. The payment would be paid directly to Brookhaven National Laboratory. We are grateful to Suffolk County for providing housing from March until the end of April. There is a draft resolution to accept FOREST financial assistance.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Stafford to approve the draft resolution to accept financial assistance from the FOREST group to house the out-of-town seasonal Prescribed Fire crew members. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

3. **Planning, Land Use and the Pine Barrens Credit Program**

a. *Findings Statement for the Supplemental Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Plan Amendments and vote to adopt amendments*

i. *Accept Findings Statement*

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Dale to accept the Findings Statement. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

ii. *Vote to Adopt Plan Amendments*

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Dale to vote to adopt the Plan Amendments. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

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Core Preservation Area

- b. NY Cancer & Blood Specialists Core Preservation Area Hardship Waiver Application / w/s William Floyd Parkway, 1 Research Road, Ridge / 200-459-1-1.4 / parking lot expansion for medical facility on 5 acres L Industrial 1 zoning district, former site of American Physical Society / decision deadline 4/19/23
Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Stafford to reopen the public hearing to May 17, 2023 and extend the decision deadline to July 19, 2023. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

- c. Nassau County Boy Scouts Camp/Camp Wauwepex / Wading River / 600-75-3-10.3 / request to cut dead trees infested by Southern Pine Beetle and review consistency with the Pine Barrens Credit Program conservation easement / permission
Summary: Mr. Tverdyy discussed this is the largest credit program property with over 400 acres. The staff visited the location on February 22, 2023 and April 5, 2023 during both visits over 700 trees were identified and tagged with Southern Pine Beetle infested trees. As per the Conservation Easement the Grantor has the right to remove vegetation that pose a risk to the health, safety or welfare of grantor or its invitees or guests.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Schneiderman to send the letter to approve the removal of the infested trees. The motion also include delegating authority to the Executive Director to determine the removal number of infested trees if necessary to control the infestation moving quickly throughout the Pine Barrens. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

- d. Request for determination: Hampton Hills Golf Course / Westhampton / 900-194-1-3 / construct two, 60'x32' fenced pickleball courts in a mowed grass area
Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Schneiderman to send the letter for a non-development determination to construct two 60x32 fenced pickleball courts. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

- e. Referral: Kent Animal Shelter Site Plan / 2259 River Road, Calverton / 600-138-1-6.2 and 7.1 / proposal to renovate existing facilities
Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed this is in the core preservation area. Approximately 10 years ago the Kent Animal Shelter came to the Commission with a core hardship with a proposal to demolish all the structures on the site and rebuild and increase the facility that proposal was withdrawn. In 2021 Kent Animal Shelter came back to the Commission and demonstrated that they could rebuild and upgrade their facilities in kind and not increase the square footage and the Commission determined that was non development. This proposal is consistent with the Commission non development determination from 2021.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Stafford to send the letter to approve to renovate the existing facilities. The motion was approved by 5:0 vote.

4. Public Hearing at 3:00 pm

Venezia Square Development of Regional Significance Application / Route 25A, Wading River / 600-73-1-1.4, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 & 1.19 / development of 37,000 square foot commercial center, five buildings with 7 units/tenants for restaurant, retail and bank uses on 6.34 acres in the Business CR zoning district / decision deadline 6/8/23.

Summary:

A stenographic transcript was prepared for the hearing.

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Dale to close the public hearing, but leave the comment period open for 15 days and extend the decision deadline to June 21, 2023. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

5. Public Comment

Summary: No public comments were received.

6. Closed Advisory Session

The motion was made by Mr. Romaine and seconded by Mr. Dale to close the public portion of the meeting and to move into an advisory session for the purpose of discussing enforcement matters and obtaining legal advice from Commission counsel the Commission would not return to public session. The motion was approved by a 5:0 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. Draft Commission meeting summary for March 15, 2023
2. Final Commission meeting summary for March 15, 2023
3. Draft resolution for Commission to accept FOREST financial assistance for seasonal prescribed fire crew housing costs dated April 19, 2023; Letter to Judy Jakobsen from John Pavacic dated April 10, 2023; FOREST resolution to approve and provide funding for Central Pine Barrens Commission Prescribed Fire Housing dated April 4, 2023
4. Final resolution for Commission to accept FOREST financial assistance for seasonal prescribed fire crew housing costs dated April 19, 2023
5. Draft resolution to adopt findings statement for the Supplemental Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments dated April 19, 2023; State Environmental Quality Review Findings Statement dated April 19, 2023
6. Final resolution to adopt findings statement for the Supplemental Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments dated April 19, 2023; State Environmental Quality Review Findings Statement dated April 19, 2023
7. Draft vote to adopt Plan Amendments to Chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan dated April 19, 2023
8. Final vote to adopt Plan Amendments to Chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan dated April 19, 2023
9. Draft decision for NY Cancer and Blood Specialists Core preservation Area Hardship Waiver Application dated April 19, 2023
10. Draft letter to Nassau County Boy Scouts Camp Wauwepex Central Pine Barrens Core Preservation Area dated April 19, 2023; Staff Report dated April 11, 2023
11. Final letter to Nassau County Boy Scouts Camp Wauwepex Central Pine Barrens Core Preservation Area dated April 19, 2023
12. Draft letter of determination to request two pickleball courts at Hampton Hills Golf Course Westhampton dated April 19, 2023; Letter and photos to Julie Hargrave from Barry Beil dated March 6, 2023
13. Final letter to request two pickleball courts at Hampton Hills Golf Course Westhampton dated April 19, 2023
14. Draft referral to Kent Animal Shelter dated April 19, 2023; Town of Riverhead memo and site plan application stamp received March 7, 2023
15. Final referral letter to Kent Animal Shelter dated April 19, 2023
16. Draft Staff report for public hearing on Venezia Square Wading River Compatible Growth Area Development of Regional Significance dated April 19, 2023