



**Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 (Approved 10/16/24)
Riverhead Town Hall
4 West Second Street
Riverhead, NY 11901**

2:00 pm

Commission members present: Ms. DiBrita (for Brookhaven), Ms. Juengst (for Suffolk County), Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Charters (for Riverhead), Ms. Moore (Southampton).

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

The meeting started with the pledge to the flag lead by Mr. Hubbard. Ms. Jakobsen noted with four Commission members present, there is a quorum.

Timothy C. Hubbard
Member

Maria Z. Moore
Member

Daniel J. Panico
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

1. Administrative and Public Comment

a. Public Comment

Summary: Mr. Joseph Gazza, Quogue resident discussed background information of the sandpit adjacent to property he owns in the Core of the Pine Barrens. In 2020 the sandpit was acquired by new owners and Mr. Gazza gave a description of what he believes is happening on the property of the sandpit. The concern is the fill that is being brought in to fill the sandpit is contaminated and it will affect our drinking water. Mr. Gazza stated the findings/information presented to the Commission has been shared with several people in the past to no avail since the owners were operating under an Order on Consent from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Ms. Moore asked who in Southampton received the findings and Mr. Gazza responded and presented Ms. Moore with a copy of the findings.

Mr. Metcalf, Westhampton Beach resident discussed his property is adjacent to the sandpit and his son's property is next to the sandpit. He mentioned his previous discussions with DEC with regards to the sandpit transporting contaminated construction material on and off the property. Mr. Metcalf stated that the owners are unlawfully utilizing a private road.

b. Minutes for 08/21/24 review

*Summary: **The motion was made by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Ms. Juengst to adopt the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.***

c. Draft resolution to approve Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission to Ratify the Renewal of the Commission's Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy and Payment of Premium and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents to pay the premiums.

*Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. DiBrita and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the Central Pine Barrens Commission insurance renewal and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents to pay the premiums. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.***

Draft resolution to approve Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission to Ratify the Renewal of the Commission's Public Officials Management & Employment Practices Liability Insurance Policy and Payment of Premium and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents to pay the premiums.

*Summary: **The motion was made by Ms. Juengst and seconded by Mr. Hubbard to approve the Central Pine Barrens Commission insurance renewal and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents to pay the premiums. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.***

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- d. *Feasibility Study for Central Pine Barrens Nature Center Request for Proposals*
Summary: Ms. Jakobsen discussed Staff have received five bid responses to request for proposals to evaluate the feasibility to create a Pine Barrens Nature Center. Staff is in the process of reviewing the proposals and requesting the assistance and input of the Commission members/representatives to review and complete the evaluation form previously provided by September 30, 2024. The two bid candidates selected will present at the October 16, 2024 Commission meeting.

2. **Public Comment**

Summary: No public comments were received

3. **Closed Advisory Session**

The motion was made by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hubbard 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 4:0 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. Draft Commission meeting summary for August 21, 2024
2. Final Commission meeting summary for August 21, 2024
3. Draft resolution to authorize the insurance renewal for the Commission's Public Officials Management & Employment Practices Liability insurance dated September 18, 2024
4. Final resolution to authorize the insurance renewal for the Commission's Public Officials Management & Employment Practices Liability dated September 18, 2024
5. Draft resolution to authorize the insurance renewal for the Commission's Workers Compensation September 18, 2024
7. Final resolution to authorize the insurance renewal for the Commission's Workers Compensation September 18, 2024
6. Feasibility Studies for Central Pine Barrens Nature Center dated August 30, 2024