



Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 (Approved 1/15/25)
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, Mr. Tverdyy, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Motz, Ms. Lawston, Mr. Ward, Mr. Smith, Ms. Drew and Ms. Brown-Walton.

The meeting started with the pledge to the flag lead by Mr. Hubbard and 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: No public comments were received

b. Minutes for 11/20/24 review

Summary: The motion was made by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hubbard to adopt the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

2. Education and Science and Stewardship

a. Education and Outreach Division: update

Summary: Mr. Motz discussed highlights and updates on the Education and Outreach division's activities covered in the previously distributed Education and Outreach division report.

b. Science and Stewardship Division: update

Summary: Mr. Smith introduced himself as the Science & Stewardship Manager; and discussed highlights and updates on the Science and Stewardship division's activities covered in the previously distributed Science and Stewardship division report.

c. NYWIMA: update

Summary: Ms. Drew discussed the updates on the New York Wildfire Incident and Management Academy's activities.

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

a. Compliance and Enforcement Division: update

Summary: Ms. Lawston discussed highlights and updates on the Compliance and Enforcement division's activities covered in the previously distributed Compliance and Enforcement division report.

b. Land Use Division: update

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed highlights and updates on the Land Use division's activities covered in the previously distributed Land Use division report.

c. Credit Program: update

Summary: Mr. Tverdyy discussed highlights and updates on the Credit Program's activities covered in the previously distributed Credit Program division report.

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Core Preservation Area

- d. Jackowski / 79 East Bartlett Road, Middle Island / 200-480-3-7 / proposal to remove five trees including one dead tree on a 4.5 acre property with a single-family residence in the A Residence 2 Zoning District.

Summary: Mr. Tverdy discussed the proposal is to remove five trees that are located in hazardous locations; one dead tree is located close to the driveway; two trees are next to the barn that has solar panels on the roof and two trees are located close to the property line and the branches hang over the neighbor's property. The property is in the process of getting 2.6 Pine Barrens Credits.

The motion was made by Ms. DiBrita and seconded by Ms. Juengst to approve sending the draft response regarding the Jackowski/79 East Bartlett Road proposal. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- e. PSEG-LI Dead Tree Removal / Old Country Road, Eastport / proposal to cut 27 dead trees posing a hazard to power lines.

Summary: The motion was made by Ms. Juengst and seconded by Mr. Hubbard to approve sending the draft response for PSEG-LI Dead Tree Removal. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- f. Request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Miloski / River Road, Calverton / 600-118-4-3.1 / proposal to construct a 1,600 square foot agricultural storage barn on a 4.18-acre property with horses and a stable in the Riverfront Corridor Zoning District.

Summary: The motion was made by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hubbard to approve sending the draft response for the request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Miloski/River Road. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

Compatible Growth Area

- g. 1456 Speonk Riverhead Road Site Plan / east side of Speonk Riverhead Road, Speonk / 900-327-1-2 / development of two warehouses on a 2.8-acre property with a single-family residence in the Light Industrial 40 Zoning District.

Summary: The motion was made by Ms. Juengst and seconded by Ms. DiBrita to approve sending the draft response regarding 1456 Speonk Riverhead Road Site Plan. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- h. Request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Governale / 2542 River Road, Calverton / 600-137-1-24 / proposal to construct a 1,816 square foot barn on a 3.05 acre property with a single-family residence in the RB-40 Zoning District.

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Ms. DiBrita to approve sending the draft response for the Request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Governale/2542 River Road. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- i. Request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Steiger / 135 Hidden Acres Path, Wading River / 600-96-1-14.25 / in-ground pool installation on a 0.43 acre property with a single-family residence in the Residence B-80 Zoning District.

Summary: The motion was made by Ms. Moore and seconded by Ms. Juengst to approve sending the draft response for the Request for Determination of Jurisdiction: Steiger/135 Hidden Acres Path. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- j. Brookhaven Town Referral: Suffolk Muslim Cemetery / Montauk Highway, Eastport / 200-684-5-3, 200-685-1-1.1, 200-722-1-1 / revised site plan to demolish the existing Spadaro Airport structures and develop a cemetery on 27 acres in the A1 Residence (86%) and J2 Business (14%) zoning districts; 14 acres in the CGA in A1, 13 acres not within the Central Pine Barrens.

Summary: The motion was made by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve sending the draft response regarding Brookhaven Town Referral: Suffolk Muslim Cemetery. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote.

- k. *Brookhaven Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Application / 200-554-3-4.39, 4.40 and 4.53 / expansion of an existing community scale STP on 5.4 acres in the Light Industrial Zoning District / decision deadline 3/3/25 / draft response, schedule public hearing*

Summary: Ms. Hargrave discussed the request for the applicant to provide additional information. Mr. Milazzo discussed the decision deadline extension would be March 19, 2025 and the public hearing would be scheduled for February 19, 2025.

The motion was made by Ms. DiBrita and seconded by Ms. Juengst to approve sending the draft response, scheduling a hearing and extending the decision deadline. The motion was approved by 4:0 vote

4. Public Comment

Summary: No public comments were received

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Ms. DiBrita at approximately 2:30 pm. The motion was approved by a 4:0 vote.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. Draft Commission meeting summary for November 20, 2024
2. Final Commission meeting summary for November 20, 2024
3. Education and Outreach Division update dated December 2024
4. Science and Stewardship Division update dated December 18, 2024
5. New York Wildfire Incident and Management Academy updated
6. Compliance and Enforcement Division update dated October – November 2024
7. Land Use Division update dated December 18, 2024
8. Credit Program update dated December 18, 2024
9. Draft response regarding request to remove trees/Jackowski dated December 18, 2024; memo and maps from applicant dated September 30, 2024; memo from applicant dated September 14, 2024
10. Final response regarding request to remove trees/Jackowski dated December 18, 2024
11. Draft response regarding PSEG-LI dead tree removal dated December 18, 2024 Letter, project location map, project area and wetland boundary map and photo log from GEI Consultants dated November 27, 2024
12. Final response regarding PSEG-LI dead tree removal dated December 18, 2024
13. Draft response regarding proposal for agricultural barn/Miloski dated December 18, 2024; Email, Letter and photos from applicant's attorney dated November 26, 2024
14. Final response regarding proposal for agricultural barn/Miloski dated December 18, 2024
15. Draft response and map regarding 1456 Speonk Riverhead Road Site Plan dated December 18, 2024; Letter to Town of Southampton Planning Board dated November 19, 2024
16. Final response regarding 1456 Speonk Riverhead Road Site Plan dated December 18, 2024
17. Draft response and map regarding request for determination of jurisdiction: Governale dated December 18, 2024; Letter and maps from applicant dated November 24, 2024
18. Final response and map regarding request for determination of jurisdiction: Governale dated December 18, 2024
19. Draft response regarding request for determination of jurisdiction: Steiger dated December 18, 2024; Letter, pending building permit from Town of Riverhead, maps and photos dated November 22, 2024
20. Final response regarding request for determination of jurisdiction: Steiger dated December 18, 2024
21. Draft response regarding Town of Brookhaven referral: Suffolk Muslim Cemetery dated December 18, 2024; Town of Brookhaven Town and County Comments and Responses dated November 6, 2024; Town of Brookhaven Revised Site Plan dated November 19, 2024
22. Final response regarding Town of Brookhaven referral: Suffolk Muslim Cemetery dated December 18, 2024
23. Draft response and attached application regarding Brookhaven Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion dated December 18, 2024
24. Final response regarding Brookhaven Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion dated December 18, 2024