



Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting Summary
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (Approved 3/19/25)
Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY 11738

2:00pm

Commission members present: Mr. Panico (for Brookhaven), Ms. Lansdale (for Suffolk County), Ms. Moore and Mr. Wilcox (Southampton).

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

The meeting started with the pledge to the flag lead by Mr. Panico and Ms. Jakobsen noted with only three Commission members present, there is no 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: Ms. Leonhardt discussed a need for the Commission to request the Governor to appoint a State representative to the Central Pine Barrens Commission. Ms. Jakobsen responded that she has reached out and will follow up with them again.

b. *Minutes for 01/15/25 review (no quorum)*

c. *Draft resolution for the Commission to select Arthur J Gallagher for insurance broker services for a one-year period at a cost of \$4,000*

Summary: Ms. Jakobsen discussed that the Commission will be moving forward with the selection of Arthur J. Gallagher as the Commission insurance broker. Suffolk County Water Authority did a proposal of insurance brokers to consolidate the number of insurance brokers that handle SCWA and the Pine Barrens Insurance to save money.

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. Mr. Motz presented and distributed the Central Pine Barrens 2024 Annual Report.

b. *Science and Stewardship Division: update*

Summary: Mr. Smith discussed highlights and updates on the Science and Stewardship division's activities covered in the previously distributed science and stewardship division report.

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

a. *Compliance and Enforcement Division: update*

Summary: Mr. Ward discussed highlights and updates on the Compliance and Enforcement division's activities covered in the previously distributed compliance and enforcement division report. Ms. Jakobsen discussed that next week an additional enforcement officer will be onboard. The enforcement officers will be fully staffed to carry out the extensive camera surveillance program among other projects.

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. Tverdy discussed highlights and updates on the Credit Program division's activities covered in the previously distributed Credit Program division report.

Compatible Growth Area

d. *Brookhaven Town Referral: 400 Middle Country Road Change of Zone and Site Plan / 200-297-1-3.1 / change of zone on a 0.96 acre project site in the A Residence 1 and J Business 2 zoning districts to J Business 5 to develop a commercial landscape nursery*

Summary: There were no objections to sending the letter to Brookhaven Town.

4. Public Hearings at 3:00 pm

a. *Brookhaven Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion CGA Hardship Waiver Application / 60 Ramsay Road, Yaphank / 200-554-3-4.40 and 4.53 / expansion of an existing community scale STP on a 4.074 acre project site in the Light Industrial Zoning District / decision deadline 3/3/25*

b. *Letter of Interpretation Credit Appeal: John P. Meyer / Wagner Road, Yaphank / 200-528-6-15 / Appeal of zero Pine Barrens Credit allocation to one Pine Barrens Credit on a 0.8 acre property that is partially developed with accessory structures in the A Residence 5 zoning district*

Summary:

A stenographic transcript was prepared for the hearings.

5. Public Comment

Summary: No public comments

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:51 pm.

Attachments (in order of discussion)

1. Draft Commission meeting summary for January 15, 2025
2. Draft resolution for the Commission to select Arthur J. Gallagher for insurance broker services dated February 19, 2025; Suffolk County Water Authority Ratification of Award Memo dated February 6, 2025
3. Education Outreach and Communication Division Update dated February 2025
4. Science and Stewardship Division update dated February 19, 2025
5. Compliance and Enforcement Division update dated January - February 2025
6. Land Use Division update dated February 19, 2025
7. Credit Program update dated February 19, 2025
8. Draft response regarding referral of the Change of Zone and Site Plan for 400 Middle Country Road Corp dated February 19, 2025; Memo and Application from Town of Brookhaven regarding the change of zone dated January 23, 2025
9. Final response regarding referral of the Change of Zone and Site Plan for 400 Middle Country Road Corp dated February 19, 2025
10. Staff report for the Town of Brookhaven Sewer District #2 Plant Expansion dated February 19, 2025
11. Staff report for the John P. Meyer Credit Appeal Hearing dated February 19, 2025