

**LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION**

**MINUTES**

**December 13, 2017**

**260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Stan Carey	Chairman
Jeffrey W. Szabo	Vice-Chairman
Frank Koch	Long Island Water Conference
Michael White	Suffolk County Legislature
Brian Schneider	Representing Nassau County Executive
Chris Ostuni	Representing Nassau County Legislature
Don Irwin	Representing Nassau County Department of Health
Walter Dawydiak	Representing Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services
Dorian Dale	Suffolk county Executive Appointee/Dept. of Economic Development & Planning

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Carrie Meek Gallagher	NYS DEC
Sarah Meyland	Representing Nassau County Minority Leader
Paul Granger	Pt. Washington Water District
Stephen Terracciano	USGS

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comments.

Mr. Carey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Carey then presented the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 12, 2017, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Irwin, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 12, 2017, were approved.

Mr. Carey then introduced Ty Fuller, who updated the Commission on the grant status. He stated that a \$250,000 grant from New York State was approved for LICAP and a contract was executed by the Office of the State Comptroller. Mr. Fuller explained the division of the grant money and stated that quarterly reports must be submitted to the State, which must include any revised project schedules, financial expenditures and any problems encountered. One of the steps taken in anticipation of the grant is a Suffolk County Water Authority/LICAP Agreement, which has been executed. The Water Authority also created a segregated account for LICAP funds. LICAP's Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing any expenditures that are to be made. One expenditure that was reviewed and approved was the LICAP/USGS Agreement, which is for sampling of monitoring wells.

Mr. Carey then introduced Michael White, who gave a brief update on the budget. He stated that LICAP will be receiving funding and he would like to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting so as these funds become available, a priority can be place on where the money should go in order to make it as effective as possible.

Next, Mr. Carey introduce Steve Colabufo, who gave an update on the State of the Aquifer Report.

At this time, a presentation was given by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Queens Wells.

Mr. Carey stated that LICAP strongly opposes the reactivation of the Queens wells.

A discussion took place regarding comments received during Public Hearings on the Groundwater Management Plan. Mr. Szabo stated that the Long Island Farm Bureau requested that they and LICAP establish a working group. After further discussion, and on motion made by Mr. Szabo, duly seconded by Mr. Dale, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To establish a working group with LICAP and the Long Island Farm Bureau.

Mr. Carey then discussed the adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan, with the understanding that in 2018, an addendum will be drafted in order to address any outstanding comments. Also agreed upon, was an extension of 30 days for the submission of comments and that another Public Hearing be held in January, 2018, in the Town of Riverhead.

Mr. Dwaydiak stated for the record, that Deputy County Executive, Peter Scully, and Health Department Commissioner, Dr. James Tomarken, that they are fully supportive of LICAP's work and that this commission did a phenomenal job pulling together a lot of information on a tight timeframe, but they are not comfortable using this as a final report that can be used for policy purposes so they would like this Plan considered an "Interim Plan" to be used as a springboard for an addendum. Mr. Carey stated that although he's sure the enhancements that are necessary will be made in 2018, the comment period was constantly being extended for accommodation purposes.

It was stated, on the record, that the Addendum must be completed by July, 2018.

On motion made by Mr. White, duly seconded by Mr. Koch, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To approve a thirty-day extension to receive public comment hold an additional Public Hearing in Riverhead before the end of the thirty-day comment period.

On motion made by Mr. Schneider, duly seconded by Mr. Koch, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To change the name of the Groundwater Management Plan to the Interim Groundwater Management Plan and adopt same.

At this point, the Members discussed the LICAP Extension and Mr. Fuller discussed an Island-Wide Education Program – 2018 and the allocation of grant funds for this purpose.

On motion made by Mr. White, duly seconded by Mr. Dale, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To adopt the 2018 LICAP Meeting Calendar, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

At this time, Mr. Carey took questions/comments from the Public audience.

The Members scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, March 14, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Education Center in Hauppauge.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Dwaydiak, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.