

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

MINUTES

June 20, 2019

260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

VOTING MEMBERS

ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Jeffrey W. Szabo	Chairman, and CEO for the Suffolk County Water Authority
Stan Carey	Representative for the Nassau/Suffolk Water Commissioner's Association and Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District
Don Irwin	Nassau County Department of Health
Corey Humphrey	Suffolk County Soil & Water Conservation District
David Gamin	Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District
Jason Hime for Walter Dawydiak	Suffolk County Department of Health
Michael White	Suffolk County Legislature
Chris Ostuni	Suffolk County Legislature
Brian Schneider	Nassau County Executive
Dorian Dale	Suffolk County Executive Appointee/Dept. of Economic Development & Planning

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Sarah Meyland	Representing Nassau County Minority Leader
Carrie Meek Gallagher	NYS DEC
Christina L. DeLisi	Suffolk County Legislator – Presiding Officer
Stephen Terracciano	USGS

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

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

At this time, Mr. Szabo introduced Carrie Gallagher, Regional Director, NYS DEC, who introduced Andy Guglielmi, Associate Environmental Attorney with NYS DEC, who gave a presentation regarding Natural Resource Damages (NRD) – Regional Restoration Planning. Mr. Guglielmi stated that there are two reasons why they are here today, one is to explain what they do, and the other is that they are looking for ideas from LICAP or any other members of the public; both general ideas and really specific restoration opportunities on Long Island to protect and restore Long Island Ground Water. Most of what they do is related to hazardous waste clean-ups, as well as collecting settlements for hazardous waste and oil in ground water on Long Island.

Mr. Guglielmi then introduced his team, Jared Reed, Environmental Program Specialist with NRD, Joseph Murphy, Environmental Attorney with NYS DEC AND Nancy Allen, Principal Economist with NYS DEC.

Mr. Reed discussed the purpose of NRD, which is to compensate the public for losses incurred as a result of releases of oil or hazardous substances; Trustees must use NRD recoveries to restore, rehabilitate, replace or acquire the equivalent of the injured resources and their services; and the goal of NRD is to make the public whole, not to punish strictly liable parties.

Mr. Szabo then introduced Irene Fisher from USGS, who updated the Commission regarding the LICAP Monitor Well Sampling Program. She focused on one of the contaminants that they were sampling for, which is the PFOS. She stated that this information has been shared with National Water Quality Monitoring Counsel, other members of the USGS, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Nassau County Department of Health Services, as well as some members of the DEC and DOD.

Mr. Szabo introduced Ty Fuller, P.G., Director of Strategic Initiatives, SCWA, who updated the Commission regarding the 2018 Smart Controller Lottery. Mr. Fuller stated that this was a precursor for what is being done this year with regard to conservation. They wanted to provide the public with education, but also provide them with things that they could get metrics on. A working group was created who developed the smart controller lottery. The parts of Long Island that were focused on for this lottery was Long Beach, Sayville, Greenport and Great Neck. Based on pilot projects that were done in Port Washington, significant savings were achieved. This was approved by the LICAP Board. The working group also arranged for newspaper and radio ads. An amount of \$250 was also given with the Smart Controllers to incentivize people to have the Smart Controllers installed. As part of this outreach, pledges were requested to be taken that would conserve water and a logo was created, entitled "Water Wise" that was used throughout the entire process. Mr. Fuller stated that participation from local elected officials was also part of this outreach.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place regarding public messaging regarding contaminants and remedies. Mr. Szabo stated that it is important that the water providers ensure that the public have appropriate information. Information impacting what we test for, the results we're finding and, most importantly, the health risk.

Mr. Szabo introduced Steve Colabufo, who discussed the formation of a working group with regard to the State of the Aquifer Report. Volunteers can be chosen at a later date.

Mr. Szabo took questions/comments from the Public audience.

Mr. Szabo informed the Commission that the next full LICAP meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., to possibly be held in Nassau County. Mr. Ostuni will be in contact with Mr. Szabo.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Hime, duly seconded by Mr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.