

**LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION**

**MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**ATTENDEE**

**REPRESENTING**

Jeffrey W. Szabo	Chairman, and CEO for the Suffolk County Water Authority
Paul Granger	Vice-Chairman and Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Stan Carey	Representative for the Nassau/Suffolk Water Commissioner's Association and Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District
David Gamin	Nassau County Soil & Water Conservation District
Walter Dawydiak	Suffolk County Department of Health
Dorian Dale	Suffolk County Executive Appointee/Dept. of Economic Development & Planning
Don Irwin	Nassau County Department of Health
Brian Schneider	Nassau County Executive

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Christina DeLisi	Presiding Officer Suffolk County Legislature
Chris Schubert	USGS
Jennifer Pilewski	NYSDEC

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Legislator Krupski	Suffolk County Legislature
Mike LiPetri	New York State Assembly
Susan Van Patten	NYSDEC
Ashley Inzerillo	Department of Health
John Masterson	USGS
Seth Wallach	SCWA
Tim Motz	SCWA
Laura Osa	SCWA, Intern
Elizabeth Bailey	Water for Long Island

Olivia Volz	SCWA, intern
Cathy Haas	DEC
Ty Fuller	SCWA
Rich Bova	SCWA
Tom Schneider	SCWA
Brittany Palillo	SCWA
Chris Niebling	SCWA
Stephen Koester	Town of Oyster Bay
Jason Hime	Suffolk County
Josh Garcia	DEC
Eric Swenson	Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee
Adrienne Esposito	Citizens Campaign
Ed Olmstead	Water for Long Island
Emily May	Lloyd Harbor Conservation Advisory Board
Doug Paquette	Brookhaven National Lab
James Rigano	Long Island Pure Water
Roselina Quadros	NYS Health Dept
Steven Colabufo	Citizen
Dan Kendall	DEC
Maureen Murphy	Citizens Campaign

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comments.

Mr. Szabo opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Szabo then presented the minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2020, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Dale, and duly seconded by Mr. Granger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2020, were approved.

Susan Van Patten (NYSDEC) and Ashley Inzerillo (DOH) discussed the Drinking Water Source Protection Program. The program has begun field testing and has created a framework that includes vision and goals, mapping and inventory as well as implementation and a timeline. Current goals include conversation and integration to Long Island water providers.

Jennifer Pilewski (NYSDEC) and John Masterson (USGS) discussed the LI Groundwater Sustainability Project (Phase 2), to encourage sustainability and mitigate damage to natural resources. The Groundwater Sustainability Project is currently looking for letters of support to the NRD Trustees (Natural Resources Damages) to match the 50% cost share for the project extension.

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

RESOLVED, To submit a letter of support advocating for NRD to contribute funds would be drafted to the members of the Commission and delivered on behalf of LICAP.

Mr. Motz updated the Members regarding LICAP's State of the Aquifer, on matters such as water quality, groundwater monitoring, and water pumpage. Mr. Motz elaborated on the future of the aquifers and preservation as well as the information, graphics and design of the pamphlet for 2020.

At this time, Mr. Motz discussed the Groundwater Resources Management Plan Rollout, where the objective is to survey water supplier's plans for conservation and seek a universal plan.

Mr. Szabo then announced that LICAP had submitted a letter of request for funding to Senator Todd Kaminsky, and that other State and Assembly majority members would receive a similar letter.

Mr. Motz then updated the committee on the Our Water Our Lives Internship Program. Two SCWA interns, Laura Osa and Olivia Volz from Stony Brook University's environmental program introduced the new social media posts and engagement on the newly created Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook pages for LICAP. Both discussed their continued efforts to gain momentum and engagement with the postings.

At this time, Mr. Fuller discussed the LICAP Finances. A total of \$73,824.04 is the remaining balance due to SCWA for grants laid out by the Authority. A total of \$8,955.34 remains from the Nassau Grant received in 2020.

Mr. Szabo announced that a calendar of suggested 2021 meeting dates would circulate for discussion. Mr. Szabo also announced that as of the next 2021 meeting, Mr. Paul Granger would be the new Chairman, as Mr. Szabo would be stepping down from the position.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Carey, the meeting was adjourned.