

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2021

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

ATTENDEE

REPRESENTING

Paul Granger	Chairman, and Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Stan Carey	Vice-Chairman and Representative for the Nassau/Suffolk Water Commissioner's Association and Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District
Jeff Szabo	CEO for the Suffolk County Water Authority
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
Chris Ostuni	Nassau County Legislature Presiding Officer
Brian Culhane	Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

The Honorable Tom Cilmi	Suffolk County Legislature
Mike LiPetri	New York State Assembly
Elizabeth Bailey	Water for Long Island
Gwynn Schroeder	North Fork Environmental Council
Julie Hargrave	SCWA
Seth Wallach	SCWA
Tim Motz	SCWA
John Milazzo	Counsel to SCWA
Laura Osa	SCWA, Intern

Ty Fuller	SCWA
Brittany Palillo	SCWA
Tom Schneider	SCWA
Eric Swenson	Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee
Dan Kendall	DEC
Stephen Terraciano	USGS

Members of Citizens Campaign for the Environment were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

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

Mr. Granger then presented the minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2020, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Szabo, and duly seconded by Mr. Carey, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2020, were approved.

Mr. Granger additionally presented the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 7, 2021, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Szabo, and duly seconded by Mr. Schneider, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the hearing held on January 7, 2021, were approved.

Mr. Granger then asked for additional comments to the 2020 State of the Aquifer Report. Mr. Milazzo, (Counsel to SCWA) referred to a memo by Mr. Motz (Director of Communications, SCWA) mentioning the suggested changes to the Report, by both Ms. Maureen Murphy (Citizens Campaign for the Environment) and Ms. Glynis Berry (Peconic Green Growth). On motion made by Mr. Carey, and duly seconded by Mr. Schneider, and unanimously carried, the 2020 State of the Aquifer Report was approved.

Mr. Schneider then referred to the NRD Groundwater Protection Plan Funds and suggested that the Board and its members begin to collectively deliberate and submit water quality protection project ideas by March 19th, 2021.

Mr. Granger asked Mr. Motz to elaborate of the current goals for the Groundwater Resource Management Plan Rollout. Mr. Motz outlined the specific goals for this initiative, including guidelines for best practices to reduce peak demand for landscape irrigation, and implement conservation strategies at public water suppliers.

Mr. Motz then introduced Ms. Osa, (Intern, SCWA) to outline the current projects and progress on social media. Ms. Osa displayed the current posts and reviewed the metrics. Ms. Osa received positive feedback on the graphic design and content of posts.

Mr. Granger introduced Mr. Fuller, (Director of Strategic Initiatives, SCWA) to review the financial updates. Mr. Fuller stated that on January 29th 2021, a letter was

mailed to the Division of Budgeting regarding reimbursement of grant funds. At the time of this meeting, Mr. Fuller was awaiting reply.

Mr. Granger then asked for an update concerning Phase 2 of the Groundwater Sustainability Project. Ms. Pilewski (NYSDEC) stated she would inform the members as soon as an update was available. Mr. Schubert (USGS) outlined the phases of the project and where they are located geographically.

Mr. Granger then asked Mr. Motz to provide an update on the Conservation subcommittee. Mr. Motz announced that conservation initiatives would be outlined soon and elaborated on the involvement of the interns for this project.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.