

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTON

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Jeffrey Szabo, Suffolk County Water Authority
Michael White, Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer
Brian Culhane, Suffolk County Soil & Water
Paul Granger, Chairman and Representative for the Long Island Water Conference
Walter Dawydiak, Suffolk County Commissioner of Health
Dorian Dale, Suffolk County Executive's Office
Derek Betts, Nassau County Water Conservation District
Sal Caruso for Angela Pettinelli, Nassau County Department of Health Services
Chris Ostuni, Nassau County Presiding Officer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Jennifer Pilewski, New York State Department of Conservation
Brian Schneider, USGS
Sarah Meyland, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader
Richard Groh for Jason Richberg, Suffolk County Minority Leader

NON- VOTING MEMBERS

John Milazzo, Suffolk County Water Authority
Dan Dubois, Suffolk County Water Authority
Bilal Malik, Suffolk County Water Authority
Ty Fuller, Suffolk County Water Authority
Timothy Motz, Suffolk County Water Authority
Kevin Durk, Suffolk County Water Authority
Tom Schneider, Suffolk County Water Authority
Theodore Aponte, Suffolk County Water Authority
Sarah Smith, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker's Office
Adina Beedenbender, Suffolk County Water Authority

Public Comment: No comment.

Mr. Granger opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Members of the board and ex- officio members introduced themselves. He also introduced Mr. Richard Groh, the new representative for Suffolk County Minority Leader Jason Richberg. Mr. Granger added the Nassau County representative is still to be determined.

Mr. Granger presented the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting for approval. On a motion made by Mr. Dale, and duly seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on June 8, 2022 were approved.

My. Granger then introduced Mr. Ty Fuller to present the financial report. Mr. Fuller address the Hazardous Disposal Site Funding, which has passed the EPA committee at the Legislature, and is before the full Legislature today in Suffolk County. This program is through the Cornell Extension from Cornell, and it is hoped the create a GIS based identification system to be utilized by both County Health agencies, LICAP and others. Once the funding is passed in the Legislature, Mr. Fuller to set up a meeting to begin the process and will set up a working group meeting as well.

Mr. Dubois from the Suffolk County Water Authority did a presentation on the efforts which have been put into place to assist with messaging to promote conservation primarily on the East End, but recently expanded to the entire SCWA customer base. Mr. Granger shared the methods used within Nassau County for those same efforts.

Mr. Motz share the update for the 2022 SOTA, explaining that he expects to have a draft by mid-November for review by the board members to respond with comments, to then have a prepared report for the Public Hearing in December.

Mr. Motz added the OWOL program is going well, Casey Scharf has returned to school but has continued on with us hopefully through October, transitioning our new intern, Marissa Robins into the role. He added he is hopeful there will be funding made available for more ad campaign promotions.

Ms. Pilewski updated the Board on the Groundwater Sustainability Project (phase 2), stating that all data has been incorporated into the model and has been sent to Wisconsin for calibration. She advised the Steering Committee should be having a meeting soon to review the findings. Suffolk County Community College has a well in progress that is currently at 1400 feet. There is a Robert Moses well also coming up. The western long island report is being drafted and the project website is up to date.

Mr. Granger expressed the increased concern with lithium car batteries being used in electric vehicles, and the impact they can have on our ground water when involved in car fires. It is important to note it requires thousands of gallons of water to extinguish these fires, and it is important to be mindful of these needs.

There was no other business identified to discuss.

When asked if anyone had anything to ask during public comment, William May asked how the recharge was measured. Mr. fuller explained the recharge is not measured during peak season, it during October- April, highlighting the extended season.

With no other public comment or business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. Dale, the meeting was adjourned.