

LICAP Meeting Minutes

SCWA

Mar 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST

@ 4060 Sunrise Hwy

I. Welcome

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

A. Minutes from Special Meeting January 8, 2023

Mr. Belle presented the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting for approval. On a motion by Mr. Granger, duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2023 were approved.

IV. Presentation by Elizabeth Hornstein and Sarah Schafer- Brown, Long Island Sound Sustainable and Resilient Communities Program

The program goal is to protect the waters and the water shed. They aim to educate the public and incorporate and highlight tools while enhancing regional coordination.

V. Financial Report

A. \$50K from Suffolk was left out of the budget, if necessary, Legislator McCaffrey will do an amendment to correct

B. \$100K from Suffolk for Cornell project is written to satisfy their commitment bringing them to \$150K, if and when we receive the additional \$50K from McCaffrey

C. We have received \$150K from Nassau, with another \$50K anticipated

Mr. Fuller will follow up with Mr. Ostuni to determine who the proper person in Nassau is to sign off on funding in Nassau.

VI. Conservation Plan Update- John Marafino, SCWA Customer Growth Coordinator

A. Resolutions recently passed by SCWA

Recently adopted resolutions by the SCWA include revising account credits, adding additional account credit items, and making them renewable. An odd/even watering policy was also adopting, which includes a prohibition for watering from 10am to 4pm. Mr. Szabo explained the resolution was modeled after the one currently in place in Nassau County, and said the SCWA has reached out to several villages and towns to seek their support in utilizing code enforcement to assist.

B. Irrigation Seminar

The SCWA is hosting an irrigation seminar on March 15, 2023. The information will be shared with all members, who are welcome to attend, Mr. Marafino should be contacted for more details.

C. Potential legislation to only sell pressure regulated sprinklers

SCWA is currently working with several local state lawmakers to draft legislation for pressure regulators, as twelve other states currently have laws for the same type of devices.

VII. OWOL Promotion Plan/ Collaboration- Tim Motz, SCWA Director of Communications

Mr. Motz would like to do an RFP for a summer ad campaign perhaps combining the odd/even watering message with the advantages of smart controllers. Mr. Granger added the new Chairman of the Long Island Water Conference, John Kilpatrick, is very interested in working together on this cause, and we should reach out with the Our Water Our Lives messaging.

On a motion by Mr. Szabo, duly seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously approved, it was WHEREAS, pending the collection of funds from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties in the amount of \$50,000 each (totaling \$100,000); and be it

WHEREAS, an RFP will be issued for services in messaging for conservation, promotion, and community engagement; and be it

RESOLVED, up to \$50,000 may be expensed on these services once an RFP is approved by the Board.

A. LINAP

Mr. Fuller added LINAP has been recommended to collaborate with LICAP in a push for management to add to the website sustainable landscaping.

VIII. USGS Update

Mr. Schneider provided an update on the sustainability study. The regional groundwater model is in its final calibration, and it is anticipated that final scenarios will be handled over by the end of the month to the DEC to have a meeting in April.

Regarding drilling: Phase I in western Nassau, they have completed twenty new or leverage wells which have been added to the final report, with the framework in review. Phase II in Suffolk, has seven wells complete with five to be done. The deepest well, at two thousand feet, in Robert Moses State Park, is two thousand feet deep. The next one to be completed will be on Dunne Road in Southampton.

There is additional funding in Governor Hochul's budget for continuing the study. Mr. White asked if this group could also send a letter of support. All agreed. Mr. Schneider will share other letters so a similar letter may be drafted on LICAP's behalf.

IX. RFP Update re: Audit Report

Ms. Simson of SCWA will be reaching out to several vendors for quotes to complete the audit for LICAP, as we did not receive any responses to the initial RFP. It was determined the board may need a special meeting to award the RFP to ensure the process is not delayed. An update would be circulated to members upon completion of the outreach.

A. Who will sit on the committee? (Ostuni committed already)

Mr. Oustuni will be the Nassau representative, Mr. Milazzo or Mr. Malik will serve as counsel, and Ms. Beedenbender will contact Mr. Dale and ask if he will serve as the Suffolk representative for the RFP committee.

X. Reports - posted on the website currently: Water Resource Opportunity (WROS) & Water Resources and Infrastructure (WRIS)

- A. Are updates need, and if so, to what degree?
- B. How do we go about making these updates?

Mr. Szabo suggested we go about the updates in a strategic manner, as to keep all comments organized and to not have to do all the sections at once. Ms. Beedenbender will be sending out one chapter at a time with deadlines for comments, and SCWA will coordinate those revisions either in house or with H2M if necessary. There will also be a period to submit new comments for an update section, such as the HEAP systems as mentioned by Ms. Meyland and Mr. Belle.

Motion:

On a motion by Mr. Granger, duly seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously approved, the meeting was closed at 11:27am.