

Carmans River Working Group
Meeting minutes
Wednesday March 18, 2009
Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, New York
Chair: Adrienne Esposito

Members Present: Adrienne Esposito (Citizens Campaign for the Environment), Jeff Kito (Senator LaValle Representative), Robert Kessler (resident), George Costa (Trout Unlimited), Marty Van Lith (Open Space Council), Chad Trusnovec (resident), Fran Hurley (Yaphank Taxpayers and Civic Association), Kathy Schwager (The Nature Conservancy), Samantha Homan Vigliotta (Assemblyman Alessi representative), Liz Kroluk (Councilwoman Kepert), Anthony Graves, Camilo Salazar (Suffolk County D.E.E.), Elyse Dressler (Assemblywoman Eddington representative), Johan McConnell (South Yaphank Civic), Steve Trusnovic (Resident), Josh Slaughter (Legislator Kate Browning), Elyse Dressler (Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington), John Stehle (Resident),

Members Absent: Suffolk County DPW representative, Suffolk County Department of Health representative

Guests Present: Audrey Kessler, Peggy Judd, Bob Judd, Don Seubert, Chart Guthrie Heidi O'Riordan, Dave Thomson, Michael Madigan, Karen Blumer, Gilbert Hanson, Laura Bavaro (The Nature Conservancy), Chic Voorhis, Audrey Kessler, Kevin McAllister, Dave Thompson, Mike Fassula, Michael Madigan, Karen Blumer, Jeremiah McGiff, Mitchell Fine, Ben Trusnovec, Ann Carter.

Meeting is initiated by Adrienne Esposito at 7:10 PM

- I. **Harvester update by Anthony Graves:** Harvester permits are in place. The Town is working out the logistics for the funding of the harvester. Anthony states that because the lower lake will be stocked with fish on April 1st it is the Town's goal to have the harvester in the water by that time. He states that the screens will be monitored at the outlet to assure that too much material is not going down stream and building up. Question is raised regarding if there was a SEQRA process completed for the permit, Anthony assures that a SEQRA was done.
- II. **Camilo Salazar** from Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy provides update on the selected consultant. He explains that the contract between the consultant and the county is currently in the County's Law Department to be finalized. Camilo explains that the county received 15 responses to the RFP. Camilo states that consultant will assess each strategy outlined in the RFP in a comparative way. Camilo presents slide show of the proposal (slide show is handed out to group). Several questions are raised in response to the slide show. It is stated that the Carmans River Working group will have opportunity to review draft of analysis before it becomes final.

Camilo discusses grant for storm water management and states the county and the town are working together on this.

- III. Discussions take place regarding the Carmans River watershed and the need to look at the entire system of the River in order to protect it. It's stated that that the Suffolk County Water Authority is developing a map defining the watershed.
- IV. Discussion takes place regarding some confusion over the role of the consultant. It was thought by some members that the group drafted the RFP and the proposals would be for the actual mediation of the lakes. The chair clarifies that the purpose of the RFP was to receive proposal to study the options and make recommendations as to which approach best fits the needs of the lake.
- V. Camilo states that the County expects the selected consultant will be doing water testing at the lakes every season. Testing the water quality each season will be more useful than limiting the testing to a single season as issues can come up throughout the year that may go undetected.
- VI. It is decided that once the contract is finalized between the selected consultant and the county a meeting will take place and consultant will be introduced to the committee.

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