



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

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Minutes

Carmans River Study Group
December 1, 2010
Town of Brookhaven

Members Present: Dr. Lee Koppelman, Chair (Center for Public Policy, SUNY SB), Dick Amper (LI Pine Barrens Society), Tullio Bertoli (TOB PELM), Pelly Damianos (Damianos Realty Group), Eva Greguski (TOB PELM), Julie Hargrave (Central PB Commission), Jeff Kassner (TOB PELM), Kevin McAllister (Peconic Baykeeper), Kevin McDonald (Nature Conservancy), Charles Mancini (Long Island Builders Institute), Matt Miner (TOB Sup's Office), John Pavacic (Central PB Commission), Peter Scully (NYS DEC), William Spitz (NYS DEC), John Turner (TOB PELM), Bob Wieboldt (Long Island Builders Institute), Tom Williams (Carmans River Partnership).

Members Absent: Mike Kelly (Long Island Builders Institute), Liz Krolik-Alexander (TOB CD#4), Jim Tripp (Carmans River Partnership).

Others: David Clemens (Longwood Public Library), Robert Dooley (Attorney for Birchwood Civic Association), Robert Kessler (CSYL), Leonardo Liguori (Yaphank resident), Gail Lynch-Bailey (MI Civic Association), Michael Madigan (Open Space Council), Jim Morgo (TOB Eco Dev), Doug Swesty (Trout Unlimited), Tom Talbot (MI Civic Association), Dave Thompson (Open Space Preservation Trust), Chic Voorhis (NP&V).

1. General Remarks

- **Dr. Koppelman** announced meetings will continue through December so we can meet our January deadline. As each chapter becomes finalized, the committee will review it. He reviewed the previously distributed draft outline [this has also been emailed and posted to website].
- **Kevin McAllister** noted the TAC and Study Group are still on parallel tracks and their work has not yet synthesized. **Dr. Koppelman** said they are still evaluation the quality of the river and hopes to wrap that discussion up next week.
- **Dr. Koppelman** asked about a 2.5 standard and whether this is attainable – asked the Study Group to consider this policy recommendation.

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- **Charles Mancini** asked about peer review of documents presented by and to the TAC. **Dr. Koppelman** said much of the work the TAC has compiled has already been peer reviewed. **Charles Mancini** also asked that the information be presented in plain language to the Study Group.
2. Review of Minutes
 - Minutes of November 24 were reviewed and corrected. Minutes were accepted.
 3. Review of Draft Chapters
 - **Eva Greguski** said all draft chapters will be put on website after they have been reviewed by the Study Group. She also requested all members get their comments to her ASAP after drafts are distributed so that we can meet our deadline.
 4. TDR Proposal (Tullio Bertoli and Jim Tripp)
 - **Tullio Bertoli** gave a brief summary of the sub-committee meeting and distributed a short summary of the TDR proposal. It was requested by several members that the buildout analysis be complete before any recommendations are made by the TDR sub-committee. **Dr. Koppelman asked the sub-committee to give their final recommendations at the next meeting.**
 5. Report from Technical Advisory Committee (Jeff Kassner)
 - **Jeff Kassner** recapped the morning meeting. He said a series of white papers are being finalized, and include such topics as invasive species concerns, stormwater mitigation, benthic communities and natural resources inventories, among others. **Dr. Koppelman** asked the TAC to also consider concerns about the invasive species report, including use of herbicides and dredging. **Kevin McAllister** reiterated that the committee should look at the Peconic Bay Estuary's response to invasive species.
 - **Bob Wieboldt** asked what the relevance of old stream flow data; **Jeff Kassner** said land use affects flow.
 - **Dick Amper** asked if the data from the county is available; **Dr. Koppelman** said that data is on their website and the report should be finalized shortly. [www.suffolkcountylakes.net]
 - **Kevin McAllister** discussed standards for STP and residential systems and indicated New Jersey is using innovative technologies. **He said he would make that data available to everyone.**
 6. Report on Vacant and Undeveloped Lands (John Turner)
 - **John Turner** distributed an updated list, indicating it gives a holistic view of priorities in the watershed.
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- **John Turner** distributed a rough draft of the beginning of the living resources inventory. **Dr. Koppelman** asked if there is an attempt to make the lists complete; he said yes.
- **Bob Wieboldt** asked if the TAC had been given the scoring matrix for open space; **Dr. Koppelman** said it is outside of their area of expertise. **Kevin McDonald** asked for the criteria to be emailed for his review.
- **Bob Wieboldt** said he is working on an economic analysis for the report and will have it for the committee. He continued, saying the Town should better enforce existing regulations and adopt better management procedures.

7. Public Comment

- **Mike Madigan** asked if the present built environment is being considered; **Dr. Koppelman** replied yes.
- **Doug Swesty** asked if draft chapters will be available for the public to review; **Dr. Koppelman** replied there won't be time for a full draft to be considered, but chapters can go on the website as they are complete.
- **Robert Dooley** asked if groundwater flow is being looked at in the northern extension study area; **Eva Greguski** said that has been included in CDM's scope of work.
- **Tom Talbot** raised the issue of the recent BNL/LIPA/Pine Barrens agreement and asked if the Town could direct their funds towards acquiring open space in the watershed.
- **David Clemens** indicated Town staff was coming to review pre-construction plans and the library does have plans for future expansion, but they would be based upon community input.
- **Chic Voorhis** said the charge to both the TAC and Study Group should be to come up with a nitrogen standard – and to use the Pine Barrens standard as a model, as there is plenty of scientific information to support it. However, one value may not be able to apply to all projects. **Dr. Koppelman** asked if small development can't take place without impact, should it happen at all. **Chic Voorhis** said this is why we need to determine a nexus between land use and the river. **Bob Wieboldt** said there exists a Town wastewater disposal district and it is not well utilized; small community septic systems can be done.

8. Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for December 8 at 11:30AM in the OLD PELM CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR.

9. Adjourn