



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

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## Minutes

Carmans River Study Group  
November 10, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Lee Koppelman, Chair (Center for Public Policy, SUNY SB), Beth Motschenbacher for Dick Amper (LI Pine Barrens Society), Tullio Bertoli (TOB PELM), Pelly Damianos (Long Island Builders Institute), Eva Greguski (TOB PELM), Julie Hargrave (Central PB Commission), Jeff Kassner (TOB PELM), Mike Kelly (Long Island Builders Institute), Liz Krolik-Alexander (TOB CD#4), 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: Jim Tripp (Carmans River Partnership).

Others: Karen Blumer (Open Space Preservation Trust), Robert Dooley (Attorney for Birchwood Civic Association), Marilyn England (Open Space Council), Robert Kessler (CSYL), Michael Madigan (Open Space Council), Doug Swesty (Trout Unlimited), Tom Talbot (MI Civic Association), Dave Thompson (Open Space Preservation Trust), Chic Voorhis (NP&V).

### 1. General Remarks

- None.

### 2. Review of Minutes

- Minutes of November 3 were reviewed and corrected. Minutes were accepted.

### 3. Review of Goals and Objectives

- **Charles Mancini** asked how all of the objectives can be agreed upon. **Dr. Koppelman** said they won't but will be part of the report.
- **Dr. Koppelman** distributed a proposed outline of the plan. He noted he did not include the history of the river, but Tom Williams will give a report later in the meeting. **Dr. Koppelman asked the committee to review and comment on the outline for next week.**

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- **Mike Kelly** questioned **Jim Tripp's** comment, “restore and protect” and asked if there is a baseline. **Dr. Koppelman** gave the example of the removal of invasive species – that would be a restoration activity. **Mike Kelly** asked the TAC to give input. **Kevin McAllister** noted that the invasive species recommendations are still being vetted. **Bob Wieboldt** asked for a list of specific items that promote restoration. **Dr. Koppelman** agreed, noting that what is to be restored must be defined.
- **Peter Scully** made a general comment, asking if the current protection of the river is adequate.
- **Tullio Bertoli** noted the TDR proposal is very important and that receiving areas are difficult to determine; we need to take a global view.
- **Tom Williams** noted blighted areas might be available for conservation. **Peter Scully** agreed, noting parcels with heavy illegal ATV use.
- **Kevin McAllister** indicated he will provide the committee with a summary from the DEC on nutrient standards and will work with **Bill Spitz**.
- **Julie Hargrave** indicated she is contributing information on New Jersey Pinelands Commission standards for the website.

#### 4. Review of John Pavacic's 10.6.10 Plan Outline

- **Dr. Koppelman** commended **John Pavacic** on his hard work, but noted this is a policy outline and not a plan outline. **Peter Scully** said **John Pavacic** indicated that it was a synthesis of several stakeholders. **John Pavacic** expressed gratitude for the praise, saying it had been discussed in other venues and it was important for this group to consider it also as it was already under review by the general public. He noted, as others had indicated, that many people had contributed to the plan and that he had synthesized the work.
- **Mike Kelly** noted that he felt the “future is written” as it related to the expansion of the Pine Barrens. He indicated the group should look at collateral issues and review the economic development side as well. **Dr. Koppelman** agreed and said all viewpoints shall be included in the report. **Charles Mancini** noted that the expansion of the core boundaries not only has repercussions for the building industry, but for landowners as well.
- **Dr. Koppelman** asked for further written comment from the committee.

#### 5. Review of Carmans River History

- **Tom Williams** distributed a draft of the first chapter of the plan. He asked that anyone with additional knowledge please email him and he will include it in the chapter. **Dr. Koppelman** asked that everyone prepare comments on the first draft.

## 6. Report from Technical Advisory Committee (Jeff Kassner)

- **Jeff Kassner** said the TAC has been discussing future and ongoing monitoring programs.
- **Jeff Kassner** said the TAC agreed to look at land use north of Route 25 (for study purposes only). **Eva Greguski** distributed a spreadsheet of current development projects (changes of zone, site plans and subdivisions) as they are defined by the current CDM watershed 50-year contributing area boundaries. Several comments were made on expanding the spreadsheet information, including number of units or commercial square footage, short description of projects and status updates.
- **Kevin McDonald** asked if a build-out analysis can be conducted. **Jeff Kassner** said that is impossible given our 90-day deadline. **Kevin McDonald** noted that a scenario of what build-out might be, even if it is crude, could be useful. **Tullio Bertoli** noted that with **John Turner's** vacant land assessment, we are getting closer to analysis. **Mike Kelly** noted that blighted properties must also be weighed. **Eva Greguski** will update the spreadsheet to reflect the additional information and distribute next week.
- **Jeff Kassner** distributed a TOB stormwater management brochure in response to **Bob Wieboldt's** questions the week before. **Eva Greguski** asked if this is routinely distributed to all of those who bring in site plans. **Jeff Kassner** indicated it was. **Bob Wieboldt** asked if the program is working. **Jeff Kassner** said it is still very new and too soon to tell. **Bob Wieboldt** noted that it needs more analysis. **Charles Mancini** expressed concern that county and town-owned recharge basins are not routinely maintained and have now become wetlands, adding an additional burden on the property owner. **Peter Scully** noted that the last mapping was conducted during the 1980s, but to forward him specific instances where this has occurred. **Tom Williams** asked that the existing data on stormwater runoff analysis in Upper Lake be included.
- **Dr. Koppelman** noted that **Jeff Kassner** is starting to cull the data and a report is expected next week.

## 7. Report on Vacant and Undeveloped Lands (John Turner)

- **John Turner** distributed a revised map, indicated between 3,700 and 3,750 acres of unprotected land have been identified but underdeveloped lands are still being analyzed.
- **Charles Mancini** asked if county-owned land is considered. **John Turner** answered yes, but not those lands that are currently protected.
- **Mike Kelly** asked if funding sources have been identified. **John Turner** answered no. **Mike Kelly** followed up but asking if TOB only deals with willing sellers. **John Turner** said that is the policy of the Open Space Committee.

## 8. Public Comment

- **Robert Dooley** followed-up on his comment from last week and urged the elected officials to practice discretion, as circumstances differ on each parcel.
- **Doug Swesty** said not all stakeholders were included in the vote on the invasive species recommendations. He is to follow-up with **Eva Greguski** with additional information.
- **Mariyln England** asked for a clarification of items on the current projects list. **Mary Anne Johnston** noted Silver Corporate Park was not included; **Eva Greguski** indicated it was. **Chic Voorhis** asked that the zoning be corrected on the Silver application. **Mike Kelly** asked if and STP column can be included as well.

## 9. Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 11:30AM in the WORK SESSION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR.

## 10. Adjourn