



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

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## Minutes

### Carmans River Study Group November 24, 2010

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), Mike Kelly (Long Island Builders Institute), Liz Krolik-Alexander (TOB CD#4), 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),

Members Absent: Kevin McAllister (Peconic Baykeeper), Kevin McDonald (Nature Conservancy), Jim Tripp (Carmans River Partnership), Tom Williams (Carmans River Partnership).

Others: Mindy Block (no affiliation listed), Lilia Factor (Attorney for Birchwood Civic Association), MaryAnn Johnston (ABCO), Robert Kessler (CSYL), Gail Lynch-Bailey (MI Civic Association), Alf Olsen (no affiliation listed), 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 distributed a draft outline [this has also been emailed].
- **Bob Wieboldt** asked about economic cost analysis regarding regulations. **Dr. Koppelman** said the TAC is providing cost estimates. **Bob Wieboldt** also discussed other economic analyses – i.e. rateables, job growth, etc. **Mike Kelly** said **Jeff Kassner** is producing a buildout analysis. **Bob Wieboldt** said he was thinking more of what the LI Index produced. **Dr. Koppelman** said he could produce a summary and present it to the Study Group.
- **Eva Greguski** distributed a revised spreadsheet of pending projects, including their EIS status and STP proposals.

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2. Review of Minutes
  - Minutes of November 17 were reviewed and corrected. Minutes were accepted.
3. Review of Goals and Objectives
  - None.
4. Review of Carmans River History
  - **Eva Greguski** distributed a draft of the Carmans River history with photos (Chapter 1). **Dr. Koppelman requested that all comments be submitted immediately.** **Peter Scully** indicated he has additional comments regarding wild and scenic river designations and will email that.
5. TDR Proposal
  - **Tullio Bertoli** said a meeting has been set for Monday to discuss the TDR proposal. A general discussion regarding TDR's was held; **Dr. Koppelman** requested the specifics be held off until after the sub-committee meets. **Dr. Koppelman asked that a report be prepared for Wednesday's agenda.**
6. Report from Technical Advisory Committee (Jeff Kassner)
  - **Jeff Kassner** recapped the morning meeting. Reports were distributed to the TAC on long term monitoring, stormwater, land use, buildout, impairments and a GIS proposal for the river. **Mike Kelly** asked if this is a sequence of events; **Jeff Kassner** indicated the recommendations can be carried out simultaneously.
  - **Mike Kelly** asked if a baseline was established for the river. **Jeff Kassner** indicated there is a limited data set available. **Dr. Koppelman** said the trends have shown that nitrogen loading is very small, but we should keep it that way.
7. Report on Vacant and Undeveloped Lands (John Turner)
  - **John Turner** distributed an acquisition matrix. **Bob Wieboldt** asked if he's identified "developable" properties. **Charles Mancini** noted it is absent methodology; **John Turner** indicated he would get it to him.
  - **Peter Scully** noted previously distributed lists don't include permits issued by the DEC (sand mining, etc.). He indicated that Roanoke Sand and Gravel has application pending with the DEC to modify its existing permit, which was issued in 2000. He said it was not clear whether the proposed modification would require any approval from the Town, i.e. site plan modification. In response to a question, **Peter Scully** said the modification request asks permission to expand the footprint of the mine, and to excavate deeper into the water table, but within an area that already has been mined. **Bob Wieboldt** said SCDHS permits won't be reflected either. **Bill Spitz** said thought that information might be useful, there probably won't be much of it.

- **John Pavacic** said the Town's historic aerials might be useful. **Jeff Kassner** said they have been requested. **John Pavacic** also suggested adding cultural resources inventory, topography and sub-surface geology to the outline.

## 8. Public Comment

- **Mary Ann Johnston** asked the subcommittee to consider what is possible under present zoning and not through Change of Zone. She also asked what are the proposed incentives. She also asked anyone ever acts on the "no build" option required by SEQRA.
- **Dave Thompson** asked for clarification on Roanoke DEC permit – if it allows 100' into the water table. **Peter Scully** said the existing permit issued in 2000 allows mining to a depth of 105' into the water table. **Dick Amper** asked if that is within in the core expansion, is that considered development. **Peter Scully** said yes.
- **Lilia Factor** asked for the committee to consider the economic analysis impact.
- **Dick Amper** said the committee needs to look at county funding for acquisition. He also noted distribution of density and community impacts need to be considered.
- **Mindy Block** stated the opposition to using herbicides for invasive species removal.

## 9. Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 11:30AM in the WORK SESSION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR.

## 10. Adjourn