



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

Minutes

Mark Lesko, Supervisor

Carmans River Study Group
December 8, 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), 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), Jim Tripp (Carmans River Partnership), John Turner (TOB PELM), Bob Wieboldt (Long Island Builders Institute), Tom Williams (Carmans River Partnership).

Members Absent: Eva Greguski (TOB PELM).

Others: David Clemens (Longwood Public Library), Leonardo Liguori (Yaphank resident), Gail Lynch-Bailey (MI Civic Association), 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

- **Dick Amper** indicated some members may not be receiving minutes and/or website changes.
- **John Pavacic** said the historic aerials of the Longwood Library and start of flow should be included in the stormwater report.
- **Dr. Koppelman** asked the committee to accept all previously submitted reports. **Peter Scully** and **Bob Wieboldt** asked for a complete list of white papers and maps. **TOB is to prepare the list of reports with revision dates.** It was agreed that no reports or white papers would be deemed final until group members had been give a formal opportunity to comment.
- **Jeff Kassner** distributed copies of reports prepared by **John Pavacic**. The first concerned the parallel work of the Central Pine Barrens Protected Lands Council regarding stewardship of protected lands in the upper Carmans Watershed, as requested by the Commission of which Brookhaven is a member. The second concerned a 4-page narrative document, in response to a request by **Dr. Koppelman**, which described and explained the Core Preservation Area expanded locations. **John Pavacic** had previously provided in map form as well

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as the work to be done by the Core Expansion subcommittee, in conjunction with **Jeff Kassner, John Turner** and **Eva Greguski**, to reconcile the proposed "linear" Core based on groundwater time of travel zone with my core expansion proposal and John Turner's suggested ecologically-based additions.

2. Review of Minutes

- Minutes of December 1 were reviewed and corrected. Minutes were accepted.

3. Review of Draft Chapters

- None.

4. TDR Proposal (Tullio Bertoli and Jim Tripp)

- **Tullio Bertoli** presented a report from the TDR committee but noted it still needs review from the Law Department.
- **Dick Amper** said the group can't determine how to preserve land (TDR or zoning) without knowing what the current condition is.
- **Mike Kelly** said they need the existing Pine Barrens and Wild & Scenic River regulations as they relate to the Carmans River.
- **Bob Wieboldt** said a map of the core revision and extension is needed. A new compatible growth area is a political decision. In response to an inquiry by **Bob Wieboldt, Peter Scully** noted that a web link to the regulations was provided by staff, but said more information is available. **Peter Scully** said DEC staff could make a presentation if the Chair deemed it to be appropriate.
- **Peter Scully** questioned why maps prepared by staff depicting vacant lands available for development did not include certain lands in close proximity to the river (Schuster Farm), and was advised that assessment codes had been used to identify undeveloped parcels, and that parcels coded as "agricultural" had been excluded even though they are technically available for development. **Peter Scully** pointed out that the universe of such parcels includes two former sand mines at 275 and 275A Main Street, Yaphank, which are zoned A-1 residence, are currently used for solid waste purposes, but are still coded as agricultural lands. Discussion acknowledged the use of assessment codes as a flawed methodology that would need to be corrected, and revised maps produced.
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- **Jim Tripp** said if the TOB adopts a 15% mandatory redemption clause, it needs more places for credits to land.
- **Bob Wieboldt** said the building industry supports a scientifically based core expansion, but will be subjected to Pine Barrens requirements?

5. Report from Technical Advisory Committee (Jeff Kassner)

- **Jeff Kassner** recapped the morning meeting and distributed new maps and tables. **Dr. Koppelman** asked for text to accompany the map; it was also asked that they be put on the website.
- **Kevin McAllister** discussed the wastewater report; the problem is what to do with existing systems. Question was raised how to reduce nitrogen but no harm homeowners?
- **Jeff Kassner** distributed the Jordan report; it will be added to the agenda for next week.
- **Peter Scully** inquired about potential development on agricultural lands. Map to be produced.

6. Report on Vacant and Undeveloped Lands (John Turner)

- None.

7. Public Comment

- **Dave Thompson** distributed a 1990 Evolution of Land Use Impacts study.
- **Leonardo Liquori** advocated for pervious concrete surfaces – said allows water to pass through and reduces 80-85% of nitrates.

8. Schedule next meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 11:30AM in the WORK SESSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR

9. Adjourn

Prepared by Jeff Kassner and Eva Greguski, TOB PELM
