

Community Advisory Council
October 8, 2020
Action Items/Notes

Final

Note: This meeting was held virtually. A video recording of the Zoom meeting is available.

These notes are in the following order:

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4. Environmental Updates
 - Building 650 Demolition Project
 - HFBR Stack Demolition & Decommissioning Update
 - Response to Request for Private Well Sampling information
5. 2019 Site Environmental Report
6. COVID-19 Research
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1. Attendance

Members/Alternates Present: See Attached Sheets.

Others Present: J. Anderson, J. Carter, M. Clancy, S. Coleman, M. Creamer, B. Dorsch, N. Foster, D. Gibbs, S. Gonzalez, J. Granzen, T. Green, S. Hartzel, J. Hill, R. Hodgin, B. Howe, B. Jankauskas, D. Manning, B. McCaffrey, R. McKay, A. Ozelis, D. Paquette, A. Perez, C. Polanish, V. Racaniello, A. Rapiejko, J. Remien, R. Tribble, B. Uzzi, J. Wanless, T. Welty

2. Correspondence and Handouts

Items numbered one and two were e-mailed to Members on October 2, 2020. Items numbered three through five were e-mailed to Members on October 8, 2020.

1. Draft agenda for October 8, 2020 meeting
2. Draft notes from the September 10, 2020 meeting
3. Notes from Facilitator
4. Copy of presentation: HFBR Stack Demolition & Decommissioning Update
5. Copy of presentation: 2019 Site Environmental Report

3. Administrative Items

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Reed Hodgin, facilitator, welcomed everyone to the Zoom virtual meeting. He reviewed the ground rules and draft agenda. He explained the process of hand raising and unmuting oneself if Members would like to speak during the meeting.

Doon Gibbs welcomed everyone and mentioned two recent events at the Lab. Each one was held outside with masks and social distancing, following CDC guidelines. He said the official

launch of the Electron Ion Collider Project and the Discovery Park Industry Day were both very successful and productive.

Member Sprintzen said there was an excellent article in Newsday about Discovery Park.

David Manning said we will send the link to CAC Members.

***ACTION ITEM**

Send link to Newsday article on Discovery Park to CAC

Member Schuhmann asked if there have been any cases of COVID-19 at the Lab and if so, what action has been taken.

Doon Gibbs said there have been a few cases. We have been following CDC guidelines, which includes contact tracing, quarantining anyone exposed, and sanitizing areas.

Jack Anderson said the Lab has an outstanding Occupational Medicine Clinic which has been keeping staff updated and educated and works with the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Hodgin announced that the Town of Riverhead has assigned a new representative to the CAC and introduced Dan McCormick, Deputy Town Attorney. Hodgin also stated that Izzy Doroski has resigned from the CAC.

Dan McCormick introduced himself and said he looks forward to working together on the Council. He said he was appointed to fill the role on the CAC by the Town Supervisor. He said he has served as the Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Riverhead for the past 13 years and has served as counsel on all storm water management matters in the town for the past 12 years. He is also the Supervisor's primary delegate to the Pine Barrens commission on behalf of the Town of Riverhead.

Hodgin said the Brookhaven Coalition of Chambers of Commerce has appointed Carmine Inserra as an alternate Member of the CAC and we welcome him.

Hodgin then said that Nora Sundin has left the Lab and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

Approval of notes:

The September notes were approved with none opposed and three abstentions.

Hodgin said there are a few organizations scheduled for five-year membership renewal. For approval, a 75% supermajority of members present is required. Hodgin indicated that no members had responded to the query about whether an executive session should be held to discuss the renewals, so votes would be held without discussion. Each renewing organization was invited to make a statement to the CAC and the representative from each did so.

Votes were held to extend membership another five years for the following four organizations.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	APPROVE	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN	APPROVAL RATING
Brookhaven Coalition of Chambers of Commerce	15	0	3	83%
Foundation for Economic Education	14	0	2	88%
Middle Island Civic Association	15	0	1	94%
Suffolk County Legislature, 1 st District	15	0	1	94%

All four groups were approved for another five-year term on the CAC.

4. Environmental Updates

Jason Remien updated the CAC on the Bldg. 650 Demolition Project.

Matt Creamer, Project Manager for the Army Corp of Engineers, gave an update on the HFBR Stack Demolition.

Member Krupski asked how the material that is being removed from the building is managed during high wind conditions.

Creamer said this is a closed loop system, so it is all self-contained.

Remien added, when the winds get too strong, the project is temporarily paused.

Member Schuhmann asked if anyone is taking pictures during this project to have a record of the process.

Remien said yes, there are a several cameras taking time lapse photos.

Member Keenan asked what is in or under the paint that requires a separate removal from the masonry itself.

Creamer said the paint coating was already chipping off before we started and there is some lead and asbestos in the paint chips. That is why we are doing abatement before taking the Stack down.

Member Martin said Member Doroski had raised concerns about this project before he resigned. Were those questions addressed?

Creamer said we have had several conversations and I believe his questions were all answered to his and the Town of Riverhead's satisfaction.

Member McCormick asked what is on the interior of the Stack that requires special consideration. I was not a part of the Council when that presentation was given. Does the interior of the stack contain any radioactive material and what safeguards are in place?

Creamer said we can get you a copy of that presentation. There is radioactive material on the interior of the stack. We have misting systems to manage any dust up the interior of the stack as well on the demolition equipment to prevent it from dispersing.

Manning said we will send you a copy of the presentation on the HFBR Stack decommissioning and demolition, so you have all that information.

***ACTION ITEM**

Send a copy of materials presented to the CAC at prior meeting on the Stack D&D to new Member McCormick from the Town of Riverhead.

Andy Rapiejko, SCDHS, responded to a request from the September CAC meeting for more information on the private well sampling. He complimented the Lab for taking on this project. He said they stepped up and agreed to fund the PFAS sampling while the Department of Health does the collecting. It's been a great cooperative project and a good neighborly thing to do towards public health. He said there have been 81 wells sampled on 79 properties. Two properties had two wells. The project was paused in April due to COVID but has picked back up

in August. Of the 41 properties not sampled, 13 have not responded with multiple reach outs, 17 declined the offer to have their well sampled. 3 requests for sampling are awaiting scheduling, and 8 were unoccupied with no well to sample. There were 39 properties connected to public water and 2 properties were vacant.

Member Krupski asked why you would sample two wells on the same property.

Rapiejko said if there is the potential for exposure, we want to be sure to sample them.

Member Corrarino said she thought when CAC initially voted, it was to pursue all properties, not just those without public water. If there is still a working well onsite, people could use it for watering the garden or filling the pool. We voted to include those properties.

Rapiejko said typically when a property is connected to public water, they don't have a well. However, it is possible. If we are told they have a well and want it sampled, we would evaluate it on a case by case basis. Of the 39 properties connected to public water, we are not aware of any wells.

Member Corrarino said she specifically remembers discussing this and voting on it. At a minimum we should determine if they do still have a private well on their property. If they do, they are probably using it for something.

Hodgin asked if Rapiejko and Remien could take the action to come back with what you know specifically about the potential for wells existing on properties that have been connected to public water. That would be useful information for the CAC.

Rapiejko said yes, he will bring that information back next month

Remien agreed to work together to get that information back to the CAC next month.

ACTION ITEM*

Follow up with Andy Rapiejko and Jason Remien to get information to the CAC on properties that may still have a working well on their property even though they have been connected to public water.

5. 2019 Site Environmental Report, Jason Remien – Director, Environmental Protection Division

Jason Remien reviewed the 2019 Site Environmental Report with the CAC. He said next month, Bill Dorsch will present on Groundwater Protection and Tim Green will give an update on Natural & Cultural Resources sections of the SER.

6. COVID-19 Research, John Hill – Director, National Synchrotron Light Source II

John Hill spoke about the research the Lab is working on to combat COVID-19.

Member Israel asked if any of this work is related to Remdesevir.

Hill said, no.

Member Trotta asked why COVID-19 is harder to combat than previous coronaviruses.

Hill said, many people can have and spread this virus without symptoms.

Member McCormick asked if there is any evidence to suggest the virus is man-made.

Hill said no, it is very similar to other SARS viruses.

Member Keenan asked for a copy of this presentation.

ACTION ITEM*

Send a copy of John Hill's presentation to CAC members.

7. Agenda Setting

David Manning said that the next CAC meeting will be November 12, 2020. Bill Dorsch and Tim Green will continue with chapters 6 and 7 of the SER. We may have an update on the EIC. That will fill the time, so we probably won't have time for a science presentation. We will then take our three-month break and reconvene in March 2021. If the CAC has any questions or comments, please send an email to Robyn. If you have any requests for future agenda topics, please send them to us also.

Hodgin said if a topic of urgency comes up, we will call another meeting in the interim.

8. Community Comment

There was no community comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Next meeting: November 12, 2020

P = Present	2020	Affiliation		First Name	Last Name	Jan No mtg	Feb	Mar No mtg	Apr No mtg	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		ABCO – Civic (Garber - 04/02) (Bevington – 6/14) (Keenan-10/14)	Member	Ray	Keenan		P			P	P			P	P		
		(Madigan -10/10)	Alternate	Michael	Madigan					P							
		American Physical Society – Business & Labor	Member	Reinhardt	Schuhmann		P			P	P			P	P		
		(Schuhmann 1/14, member 9/15)	Alternate	Donavan	Hall												
		Brookhaven Coalition of Chambers of Commerce – Bus & Labor (added 6/15)	Member	Ron	Trotta						P			P	P		
		(Inserra added10/20)	Alternate	Carmine	Inserra												
		Brookhaven Retired Employees Association- BNL (Peskin - 09/09)(Franz 1/17)	Member	Mark	Israel					P	P			P	P		
		(Franz - 12/09)(Israel 1/17)	Alternate	Eena-Mai	Franz		P										
		(Shapiro-1/13)	Alternate	Steve	Shapiro												
		Citizens Campaign for the Environment – Advocacy & Environment	Member	Adrienne	Esposito		P				P			P	P		
		(Somma 11/16)	Alternate														
		Colonial Woods Whispering Pines – Civic (Birben - 06/09) (O’Neal 01/15, removed 10/15)	Member														
		(Rehbein -11/10)	Alternate	Eric	Rehbein												
		Coram Civic Association (Ziems - 06/12)	Member	Paul	Ziems					P	P			P	P		
		(Meade – 06/12, Jim M 10/12, Turk 1/16)	Alternate	Rosa	Turk		P			P	P			P			
		East Yaphank Civic Association (Feinman 06/19)	Member	Robert	Feinman												
		(Feinman - 02/09 – 11/15)(Mack 11/15)	Alternate	Catherine	Mack					P	P			P	P		
		Emeritus	Member														
		Foundation for Economic Education – Ed, Sci, & Tech (5/14)(Martin – 10/14)	Member	Bruce	Martin		P			P					P		
		(Pratka – 10/14)	Alternate	Craig	Pratka						P						
		Friends of Brookhaven- BNL (Kaplan 07/01–11/15)(Bowerman 11/15)	Member	Biays	Bowerman		P			P	P			P	P		
		(Schwartz - 11/02) (Ocko added 11/15)	Alternate	Steve	Schwartz		P			P	P			P	P		
			Alternate2	Ben	Ocko												
		Huntington Breast Cancer Coalition – Health-Based Rep	Member	Mary Joan	Shea					P	P						
			Alternate	Scott	Carlin												
		Individual	Member	Jane	Corrarino					P	P			P	P		
		Individual	Member	Karen	Blumer					P	P			P			
		Individual	Alternate	Michael	Madigan		P			P	P			P			
		Individual	Member	David	Sprintzen		P			P	P			P	P		
		L.I. Pine Barrens Society – Advoc & Env	Member	Richard	Amper												

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			First Name	Last Name												
		(Murdocco - 04/11, deleted 6/12) (Muller added – 8/12)(Katie Rose Leonard added – 6/13)(Muether added – 5/15) (Wolf added-1/19)(Moran added 2/20)(Muether added 10/20)	Alternate	Katie	Muether		P		P	P				P		
		Lake Panamoka Civic Association (Biss - 04/02)(Staddon 10/17)	Member	Richard	Staddon											
		(Grandal - 10/10)	Alternate	Bonita	Grandal											
		Longwood Central School Dist. – Ed, Sci, & Tech (Castro -06/09)(Adams 9/15)	Member	Tracy	Adams											
		(Gerstenlauer removed & Sterne added 5/14 removed 9/15)(Infranco1/17)	Alternate	Paul	Infranco											
		Mastic Park Civic Association (Sicignano – 6/12)	Member	John	Sicignano		P									
			Alternate	Clara	McManus											
			Alternate	Joe	May											
		Middle Island Civic Association (Filler 2/17)	Member	Martin	Filler		P		P	P			P	P		
		(Nowak 01/15 – 5/15)(Malloy 9/15)	Alternate	Margaret	Malloy											
		NSLS-II User Committee – BNL	Member	Jean	Jordan-Sweet		P		P	P			P	P		
		(Ravel -02/11-9/15)(Bohon added 11/15)(Bohon removed)	Alternate													
		Ridge Civic Association (Henagan removed 9/15)(Chattaway added 10/15)(Casanova added 11/19)	Member	Ken	Casanova		P		P	P			P	P		
		Suffolk County Legislature 1st Dist. - Government (added 6/15)	Member	Al	Krupski		P		P	P			P	P		
			Alternate	John	Stype											
		Teachers Federal Credit Union – Bus & Labor (Murdocco 3/15) (Stafford 1/18)	Member	Michelina	Cahill											
		(Cahill 5/20)	Alternate													
		Town of Brookhaven, Senior Citizens Office - Government	Member	James	Heil		P									
			Alternate													
		Town of Riverhead - Government (Doroski - 04/11)(McCormick – 10/20)	Member	Dan	McCormick		P		P	P			P	P		
		(Hulme - 04/11 - 4/14)(Janis Rottkamp 04/16)	Alternate	Janis	Rottkamp											
		Wading River Civic Association (Rundlett 09/16)(Kneitel 02/17)(Perez 06/19)	Member	Henry	Perez		P						P	P		
		(Bail and Guthy removed 11/2016)	Alternate	Linda	Rundlett											