

Community Advisory Council
April 9, 2015
Action Items/Notes

Final

These notes are in the following order:

1. Attendance
2. Correspondence and Handouts
3. Administrative Items
4. Peconic River Restoration
5. May Agenda Setting
6. Community Comment
7. Operating Guidelines Revisions

1. Attendance

Members/Alternates Present: See Attached Sheets.

Others Present: J. Anderson, S. Bogart, B. Bowerman, F. Crescenzo, T. D'Amato, B. Dorsch, L. Garber, T. Green, B. Howe, S. Johnson, T. Kneitel, D. Manning, M. Maraviglia, R. McKay, R. Reeder, J. Stype, N. Sundin

2. Correspondence and Handouts

Items numbered one through three were mailed to Members with a cover letter dated April 2, 2015. Items numbered four and five were available as handouts at the meeting.

1. Draft agenda for April 9, 2015
2. Draft notes from the March 12, 2015 meeting
3. Action Item response from March meeting
4. Presentation – Ecological Recovery – Peconic River, Post Cleanup
5. BNL handouts with dates of upcoming concerts and lectures.

3. Administrative Items

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM. Reed Hodgkin, facilitator, welcomed everyone and reviewed the ground rules and the agenda. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Member Leonard announced that this is her last meeting and her colleague, Katie Muether will be taking over as the Long Island Pine Barrens Alternate representative.

Hodgkin thanked Member Leonard for her service to the CAC and to the community.

Approval of Minutes

Hodgkin asked for corrections, additions, or deletions to the March 12 draft notes. Member Jordan-Sweet said a comment on page 5 was credited to her, but she was not in attendance at the March meeting and the comment was made by Member Shea. The notes were approved as amended with none opposed and one abstention.

4. Ecological Recovery - Peconic River Post Cleanup - Tim Green, Environmental Protection Division

Tim Green spoke about the extent of the restoration effort at the Peconic River. He showed pictures of the success of the re-vegetation areas and said NYSDEC wetlands permit

requirements for re-vegetation and invasive species control were met in 2012 and 2013. The Federal invasive species monitoring and control requirements were met in 2014. He spoke about the supplemental cleanup of PR-WC-06, the Sediment trap, and PR-SS-15. He showed many pictures detailing the re-vegetation.

Member Blumer asked what all the green was on top of the water in the pictures.

Green said it is duckweed.

Member Guthy asked how all this work was done.

Green said the river was diverted, large mats were put down, and big excavators were brought in.

Member Garber said the Lab should be proud of the cleanup and restoration of the Peconic River.

Green said the CAC was a large contributor.

Member Blumer asked if this information has been shared with others conducting restoration and if there were any invasive species found beside phragmites.

Green said there haven't been any requests for the information, but in the 2007 timeframe, Rue Environmental LLC, took some of the monitoring data they had collected and presented it to the New York State Wetlands Council. At the most downstream station near Manor Road, Green said we found Purple Loosestrife. We called Suffolk County Parks division and they came in and removed it.

Member Ziems asked where the pollution originated from, how close the contamination was to the surrounding area, and if any fish were spotted.

Green said practices at the Lab in the early days were very different than they are today. Things were flushed down the drain and it was assumed that the Sewage Treatment Plant would take care of it. He said the Peconic River winds all around and the contamination was contained in depositional areas of the river bed. There were banded sunfish in the river, so we went in before cleanup started and removed the fish. The hope is to return them once the river is deep enough.

Member Rehbein asked if the Lab is doing any research on Southern Pine Beetles.

Green said we have maps indicating where we think they are and we hope to get some funding to do some mitigation.

Member Heil asked how the restoration effort has affected the river.

Green said, as was predicted, it functions as a seasonably wet river now.

5. May Agenda Setting

Nora Sundin, liaison to the CAC, said next month, Lanny Bates will give an update on the Campus Development Plan. Member Ziems asked earlier about Chuck Black's research on self-assembled nanomaterials. We will also have another presentation by Tim Green on Peconic River and deer sampling, and a presentation by Gail Mattson on the NSLS. Sundin said she received an inquiry from Member Schwartz about the partnership agreement, so perhaps next month Jack Anderson or Frank Crescenzo can give a brief overview during the Administrative portion of the meeting.

Member Giacomaro asked for a presentation on new research at the Lab.

Sundin said we can do that.

6. Community Comment

Michael Maraviglia, Suffolk County Division of Water Quality, commended the CAC and the Lab for all the work done on cleaning up the Peconic River. It was a tremendous success.

John Stype, from Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski's office, said the Legislator is interested in joining the CAC.

Member Giacomaro said the Brookhaven Executive Roundtable might be more appropriate for the County Legislator.

Hodgin said Legislator Al Krupski has announced his intention to seek membership on the CAC. There is an opening in the Government category. We will continue with the normal process of attendance and reviews as we go forward.

Sundin said the Legislator is interested in attending more than the BER. He will represent his district, not the entire Suffolk County Legislature.

Hodgin said the rest of the meeting is going to be dedicated to the internal workings of the CAC. Audience members are welcome to stay and listen if interested.

7. Operating Guidelines Revision

The CAC members discussed the following six proposed revisions, recommendations, and options to the Guidelines.

1. Emeritus Position, attendance and quorum
 - Option 1: Reduce the attendance requirement from 2/3 of meetings to 1/3 of meetings
 - Option 2: Remove the attendance requirement and make Emeritus a non-voting position
2. Emeritus Position, effect on quorum
3. Temporary Suspension of Positions
4. Postponement of Attendance-Related Removal
5. Membership Position following Decline of Petition
6. Quorum

Member Rehbein said regarding the first revision he likes Option 2, but does not want to take away voting privileges.

Member Giacomaro said he agrees.

Member Henagan said some Emeritus members attend regularly and are up-to-date on the information; therefore, they can make informed decisions. If you attend one third of the meetings, you should have a vote. If you don't meet the one third attendance requirement, you retain membership, but your vote does not count.

Member Sprintzen said this is too complicated, I vote for Option 1.

Member Ziems said Emeritus members should have a vote that counts, but their attendance should not be counted against quorum.

Member Jordan-Sweet said she supports Member Henagan's proposal.

Member Keenan said he agrees with Member Sprintzen. We should keep it simple. Can you send out suggestions and then have a vote next month?

Member Martin said he agrees with Option 1 with two categories, voting and non-voting.

Member Blumer said this is too complicated. There should be no attendance requirement, but to vote, you need to be here one third of the time and they don't count toward quorum.

Henagan said he moves for a new option, Option 3, which is: Emeritus members' attendance does not count towards quorum and in order for their vote to count, they must attend one third of the meetings. Emeritus Members will remain members for life, but without voting privileges unless they meet the attendance requirements for the calendar year.

A vote was taken and the motion was passed with a Super Majority.

Member Sprintzen moved that the other revisions be accepted without amendment.

Hodgin said we will go through each of them and see if there is anyone who disagrees with any of it.

Proposed revisions two through six were reviewed.

No one disagreed with any of them, so a vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

Hodgin said we will incorporate these amendments into the Guidelines and send copies out to all members for review. If you find anything that you disagree with, we can discuss it further. We will also change the name of the organization wherever it is mentioned in the Guidelines. The organization is no longer called CEGPA, but rather, Stakeholder & Community Relations Office.

Member Henagan said Gizmodo website recently published an article on the most beautiful science buildings and the Interdisciplinary Science Building at BNL was included on the list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

CAC Agenda Setting – May 8, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

- ~~Pros & Cons of Bringing Back Commercial Nuclear Power~~ – 12 (10/9/14 Bill Horak)
- Holographic Principles of Quantum Mechanics – 8
- Biological Research at BNL – 7
- The Gamma Forest (where was it onsite; the kind of research done there) - 7
- ~~Survey of all DOE Labs~~ – 6 (9/11/14- Frank Crescenzo)
- Climate Science & W.H. Report (Steve Schwartz) – 5
- NASA Research – 5
- ~~Waste Minimization at BNL~~ – 5 (1/8/15 Peter Pohlot)
- Update on Battery Storage – 5
- More History – 4
- Economic Impact of the Lab - 4
- Nanotech Research, Safety, Environment, Ethics – 4
- Fukushima – 4
- Update on LI Solar Farm (production, environment) – 4
- Research / Trends on Wildlife on LI – 3
- Non Proliferation – 3
- Patents & Commercialization – Pros & Cons of Science vs. Commercialization – 3
- Update of Tick-borne Diseases – 3
- Electric Grid (by J. Misewich) – 3
- Update on G-2 – 3
- Invite HS Students to Speak on Their Topics – 3
- Update on State Program for Carbon Footprint Reduction (80x50?) – 2
- Research towards Sustainability – 2
- STEM Research Update (InSynC) – 2
- Computer Facility for LHC/ATLAS / RHIC – 2
- Research by Students at NSLS – Reach Out Program – 1

TOURS

- ~~ISB~~ – 3 (6/12/2014)

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P = Present	2015	Affiliation	First Name	Last Name											
		ABCO (Garber - 04/02)(Bevington – 6/14) (Keenan-10/14)	Member	Ray	Keenan	P									
		(Madigan -10/10)	Alternate	Michael	Madigan										
		American Physical Society	Member	Margaret	Malloy	P									
		(Schuhmann 1/14)	Alternate	Reinhart	Schuhmann										
		Brookhaven Retired Employees Association (Peskin - 09/09)	Member	Arnie	Peskin	P									
		(Franz - 12/09)	Alternate	Eena-Mai	Franz	P									
		(Shapiro-1/13)	Alternate	Steve	Shapiro										
		Citizens Campaign for the Environment	Member	Adrienne	Esposito	P									
			Alternate												
		Colonial Woods Whispering Pines (Birben - 06/09) (O'Neal 01/15)	Member	Cathy	O'Neal	P									
		(Rehbein -11/10)	Alternate	Eric	Rehbein										
		Coram Civic Association (Ziems - 06/12)	Member	Paul	Ziems	P									
		(Meade – 06/12, Jim M 10/12)	Alternate	Jim	Meade										
		East Yaphank Civic Association	Member	Michael	Giacomaro	P									
		(Feinman - 02/09)	Alternate	Bob	Feinman	P									
		Emeritus (added 12/14)	Member	Don	Garber	P									
		Emeritus (changed 3/8/12)	Member	Jean	Mannhaupt										
		Foundation for Economic Education (5/14) (Martin – 10/14)	Member	Bruce	Martin										
		(Edwards – 10/14)	Alternate	Estelle	Edwards										
		(Pratka – 10/14)	Alternate	Craig	Pratka	P									
		Friends of Brookhaven (Kaplan - 07/01)	Member	Ed	Kaplan										
		(Schwartz - 11/02)	Alternate	Steve	Schwartz	P									
		Huntington Breast Cancer Coalition	Member	Mary Joan	Shea	P									
			Alternate	Scott	Carlin										
		IBEW/Local 2230 (Krsnak 01/07) (Removed 3/15)	Member	Scott	Krsnak										
			Alternate												
		Individual (changed 3/12)	Member	Karen	Blumer										
		(added 6/12)	Alternate	Michael	Madigan	P									
		Individual – (changed 3/12)	Member	Jane	Corrarino										
			Alternate												
		Individual – (changed 3/12)	Member	Iqbal	Chaudhry	P									

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			Alternate														
		L.I. Pine Barrens Society	Member	Richard	Amper												
		(Murdocco - 04/11, deleted 6/12) (Muller added – 8/12)(Katie Rose Leonard added – 6/13)(Muether added – 5/15)	Alternate	Katie	Muether			P	P								
		L.I. Progressive Coalition	Member	David	Sprintzen	P		P	P								
			Alternate														
		Lake Panamoka Civic Association (Biss - 04/02)	Member	Rita	Biss	P			P								
		(Grandal - 10/10)	Alternate	Bonita	Grandal	P											
		Longwood Central School Dist. (Castro -06/09)	Member	Maria	Castro	P		P									
		(Gerstenlauer removed & Sterne added 5/14)	Alternate	Phyllis	Sterne												
		Mastic Park Civic Association (Sicignano – 6/12)	Member	John	Sicignano	P		P									
			Alternate	Clara	McManus												
			Alternate	Joe	May												
		Middle Island Civic Association	Member	Tom	Talbot	P											
		(Nowak 01/15)	Alternate	John	Nowak	P		P	P								
		Photon Sciences User Committee	Member	Jean	Jordan-Sweet				P								
		(Ravel -02/11)	Alternate	Bruce	Ravel	P											
		Ridge Civic Association	Member	Pat	Henagan	P		P	P								
		Teachers Federal Credit Union (Murdocco 3/15)	Member	Richard	Murdocco			P									
			Alternate														
		Town of Brookhaven (Graves - 06/06) (removed 1/2015)	Member	Anthony	Graves												
			Alternate														
		Town of Brookhaven, Senior Citizens Office	Member	James	Heil	P		P	P								
			Alternate														
		Town of Riverhead (Doroski - 04/11)	Member	Isidore	Doroski	P		P									
		(Hulme - 04/11)(Hulme removed 4/14)	Alternate														
		Wading River Civic Association	Member	Helga	Guthy	P		P	P								
			Alternate	Sid	Bail												