

**South Shore Estuary Reserve Council  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

July 11, 2006

Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville, New York

Chair: Maureen Dolan Murphy

***CAC Members Present:*** Allan Aronoff (Brookhaven League of Women Voters/CAC Vice Chair); Pam Burford (Fire Island Association); Michael Cafaro (Sierra Club); Henry Dam (Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen); Ed Davis (Great South Bay Audubon); Maureen Dolan Murphy (Citizens Campaign for the Environment); Joe Kayal (Independent); Lesley Kane (Islip Town Leaseholders Association); Gil Kelley (Association of Marine Industries); Wendy Murbach (South Shore Audubon Society); Dave Schaper (NY Seafood Council); Florence Sharkey (Brookhaven Baymen's Association); Ben Sohm (South Shore Bayhouse Owners Association); Dave Thompson (Trout Unlimited); and, Rich Troy (South Bay Cruising Club); .

***CAC Members Absent:*** Robert DeBona (Mastic Beach Property Owners Association); Craig Kessler (Ducks Unlimited); Curt Matzinger (South Shore Waterfowlers Association); Kevin McAllister (Peconic Baykeeper) Students for Environmental Quality; and Rob Weltner (Operation SPLASH).

***South Shore Estuary Reserve Office Staff Present:*** Jeff Fullmer (Director) and Kimberly Rancourt (Program Implementation Specialist).

***Guests Present:*** Mike Duffy (South Bay Cruising Club); Nancy Kearney (Town of Oyster Bay); and, Holly Michels (BSYC).

**1. Introductions**

M. Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. CAC members and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes**

J. Kayal motioned to approve the March 14, 2006 meeting minutes. H. Dam seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

R. Troy motioned to approve the May 9, 2006 meeting minutes. B. Sohm seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**3. Presentation by NY Sea Grant: Current Research on Barrier Island Breaches**

J. Tanksi, NY Sea Grant Coastal Processes Specialist, gave a presentation on current research on barrier island breaches that is funded by Sea Grant. Four research projects related to environmental change, impacts of barrier island breaches, and influence of ocean exchange are scheduled to be completed this winter.

J. Tanski agreed to send additional copies of *Impacts of Barrier Island Breaches on Selected Biological Resources of Great South Bay, New York (2001)* to the Reserve Office and to include contact information of researchers.

There was consensus among CAC members that Sea Grant should be invited to a future CAC meeting to present the findings of current research.

#### **4. Reports**

##### SSER Office Report

J. Fullmer reported on Reserve Office activities since the last CAC meeting:

- Office staff participated in a press event on May 9th with the Suffolk County Executive, Brookhaven Supervisor, Environmental Defense and local organizations. New funding and plans for fish passage and stormwater projects and open space acquisitions in the Carmans River Watershed were announced.
- The alewife survey in select Reserve tributaries was completed at the end of May. Survey results will be tabulated and reported to the Diadromous Fish workgroup.
- Office staff attended a press event on June 28<sup>th</sup> with Suffolk County Executive, The Nature Conservancy, and Suffolk Presiding Officer Lindsay's office. Planting of the one millionth clam on the Bluepoints Bottomlands and \$1 million in funding from Suffolk to continue shellfish restoration in Great South Bay were announced.
- An executive summary of the Reserve bay flooding and erosion report, including recommendations an agency contact information has been posted on the Council website.
- Office staff participated in press event on July 5<sup>th</sup> with Town of Babylon officials, New York Secretary of State Christopher Jacobs, and local organizations to announce completion of Phase I for the new Oak Beach Park.
- Office staff has been keeping Reserve events and activities updated on the Council website.
- The Office co-sponsored a Shipboard Marine Science program. Field trips aboard vessels on both the north and south shores of Long Island were supervised by Reserve Office Science Coordinator.
- Office staff participated in the following outreach events and activities: Oyster Bay Marine Education Day (6/2); Nautical Mile Festival, Freeport (6/3); presentation on SSER to Patchogue Rotary Club (6/7); presentation about the Reserve at the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center (6/15); public Access television show about the Reserve hosted by the Long Island Pine Barrens Society (ran every Sunday in June). Flo Sharkey displayed the Reserve exhibit at the Patchogue SEAFair (6/10-11).

- Office staff prepared and submitted seven nomination applications for the Reserve Council Stewardship Awards and attended the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stewardship Award Subcommittee.
- The next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM at the Freeport Recreation Center. Directions will be posted on Council website.

K. Rancourt briefly updated CAC members on Reserve Office activities related to water quality:

- Office staff attended a stormwater treatment technology workshop at the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center on June 8<sup>th</sup> as part of planning for a Reserve stormwater technology workshop to be held this fall.
- Office staff attended monthly meetings of the Forge River Protection Task Force, prepared meeting summaries, and created a draft outreach brochure. Senator Ken LaValle has secured funding for the SUNY Marine Science Research Center to begin a study of sediments in the river.
- Office staff gave a presentation to the American Chemistry Society on May 25<sup>th</sup> about non-point source pollution in the Reserve.

#### Education Subcommittee Report

B. Sohm distributed outlines for a Reserve video that was developed the Education Subcommittee. He reported that the subcommittee is beginning to look into funding opportunities.

M. Dolan suggested that a more detailed presentation of the subcommittee's plan be included in the agenda for the September CAC meeting. She also reminded CAC members that, based on discussion at the May CAC meeting, she would be request at the next Reserve Council meeting that the Council consider reconvening a Formal Education Workgroup.

J. Fullmer suggested that if the Council forms a workgroup that proposal for the video should be presented to the workgroup, in order to bring additional stakeholders into the development process. M. Dolan agreed and noted that participation of additional stakeholders would be helpful for securing funds to produce and distribute the video.

J. Kayal noted that the Reserve Council may help to facilitate the production of a video, and suggested that a cost estimate not be made at this time.

N. Kearney said that the previous Reserve Council Formal Education Workgroup had discussed working with a university to produce a video as well as development of workshops to train teachers about Reserve issues.

M. Duffy suggested that Newsday may be willing to share relevant footage.

## **5. Stewardship Award**

M. Dolan reported that an article about Bill Hamilton receiving the 2005 Reserve Stewardship Award was printed in Newsday on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

P. Burford presented the Stewardship Award Subcommittee recommendations for recipients of the 2006 awards, including the recommended and alternate candidates in each category (individual and group). Candidate names were withheld until CAC members had reached consensus on which candidates to recommend to the Reserve Council.

J. Kayal motioned to endorse the subcommittee's choice for the individual award [Wilfred Kleiser].  
D. Schaper seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

F. Sharkey motioned to endorse the subcommittee's choice for the group award [Operation SPLASH]. D. Schaper seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

## **6. New Business**

It was suggested that The Nature Conservancy be invited to present their plan to implement the grant provided by Suffolk County. It was also suggested that Environmental Defense be asked to present their work to restore diadromous fish habitat at a future meeting.

## **7. Adjournment**

D. Schaper motioned to adjourn the meeting. P. Burford seconded the motion.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.