

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

MINUTES

October 12, 2017

260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

VOTING MEMBERS

ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Stan Carey	Chairman
Jeffrey W. Szabo	Vice-Chairman
Frank Koch	Long Island Water Conference
Michael White	Suffolk County Legislature
Don Irwin	Representing Nassau County Department of Health
Walter Dawydiak	Representing Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services
Dorian Dale	Suffolk county Executive Appointee/Dept. of Economic Development & Planning

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Karen Gomez	NYS DEC
Sarah Meyland	Representing Nassau County Minority Leader
Paul Granger	Pt. Washington Water District

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

Mr. Carey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Mr. Carey thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Carey then presented the minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2017, for approval. On motion made by Mr. White, duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2017, were approved.

Mr. Carey stated that since comments on the Draft Groundwater Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") is close to completion, it was necessary to hold this meeting to seek specific direction on several of the items that are going to be addressed.

The first item for discussion are water caps in Nassau County. This is a topic discussed in the Groundwater Management Plan. Mr. Carey stated that before the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection (hereinafter referred to as "LICAP") takes a specific direction on a recommendation, he would like to have a discussion to discern how the Commission would like this to be presented in the Plan. The Commission had a lengthy discussion on this topic.

Mr. White stated that it would be the Commission's recommendation that the Plan does have a section with respect to the recommendation of water caps or some similar conservation strategies that would be informed by sound science, particularly the results of the Long Island Aquifer Sustainability Study and the Commission would look to make it clear to the DEC that there should be, when that information arises, an implementation strategy and action items to accomplish those tasks. Mr. Dawydiak added two caveats: (1) This section conveyed to the public be that aggressive measures are already being made to reduce pumpage so that there is essentially a de facto reduction; and (2) That any long-term caps need to be sensitive to accommodate the needs to provide public water particularly to people that need it, particularly in areas of Suffolk.

Mr. Carey asked if there were any comments regarding this topic. There were no comments and Mr. Carey stated that this would be the Commission's path forward.

The next item on discussed was the continuation of LICAP beyond 2018. Mr. Carey stated that it has been realized during LICAP's committee meetings that not everything the Commission wanted to have resolved by the end of 2018, has, in fact, been resolved, especially since the Plan is due by the end of this year. There is a need for more time, not only to finish some of the Commission's work, but to monitor and engage recommendations made to the regulatory agencies.

On motion made by Mr. White, duly seconded by Mr. Szabo, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the Commission supports seeking reauthorization by the Nassau and Suffolk Legislatures past its expiration date of 2018.

Mr. Carey then opened the discussion regarding LICAP's position on the creation of a new entity to provide oversight over water on Long Island.

On motion made by Mr. Szabo, duly seconded by Mr. Irwin, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the Commission does not support, at this time, the creation of any state or regional entity to provide oversight of drinking water because those powers are already vested in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health and adding a new entity would likely create confusion and conflict regarding jurisdiction. However, the Commission supports increased funding of the existing state and local agencies.

Mr. Carey opened the discussion regarding the status of the Lloyd Moratorium. The consensus of the Commission supports the Lloyd Moratorium's continuation and enforcement.

Mr. Carey then opened the discussion regarding the reactivation of the Queens wells by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. The consensus of the Commission on this topic is that the Commission opposes the reactivation of the Queens wells, but would like a revision to the language in the Executive Summary portion of the Plan reflecting clarification as to the Commission's discussion on this topic.

Mr. Carey referred to the Grumman/Navy groundwater plume in eastern Nassau County.

On motion made by Mr. Irwin, duly seconded by Mr. White, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the Commission supports the strategic containment (treat and recharge) for the Grumman/Navy groundwater plume in eastern Nassau County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Carey reminded the Members of the Public Hearing schedules, which are as follows:

November 6, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. and at 6:00 P.M., at the William J. Lindsay County Complex, W.H. Rogers Legislature Building, Building #20, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, NY 11787;

November 8, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., at the Evans K. Griffing Building, 310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901; and

November 9, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. and at 6:00 P.M., at the Peter J. Schmitt Memorial Legislative Chamber, 1st Floor, Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building, 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501.

Mr. Carey stated that the dates for these Hearings may change contingent on the progress of the Groundwater Management Plan. Mr. Szabo set October 20th as the deadline date to reschedule the Hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, Mr. Carey took questions/comments from the Public audience.

The Members scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, December 13, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Education Center in Hauppauge.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Koch, duly seconded by Mr. White, the meeting was adjourned.