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New York City is seeking to reopen dozens of its wells in Queens, pumping millions of gallons of drinking water from the aquifers under Long Island -- a move that some policymakers and environmentalists say could harm Nassau County's access to its only source of water.

"The city will be de facto taking Nassau water once they turn those wells on," said Sarah Meyland, director of the Center for Water Resources Management at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury.

AGENDA

- Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM
- Roll Call
- Reading of the May 2016 minutes
- Report of Officers
 - Cope Report
 - Treasurers Report
 - Membership Report
 - Secretary Report
 - President's Report
 - Land Use Committee
 - Farmers Market Committee
 - Beautification Committee
- Old Business:
- Guest Speaker 7:45PM: Dr. Sarah Meyland
- New Business:
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Next meeting is scheduled for September

June

Civic 2016 – 2017 Board

President: Dr. Charles Bevington

Vice President:

Secretary: Susan Bevington

Treasurer: Susan Wilson

Membership: Kathy Weber

Sargent at Arms: Rory Rubino

Trustees: Maureen O'Keefe,
Jeff Davis, Virginia Heslin

Treasurers Report

May 1, 2016

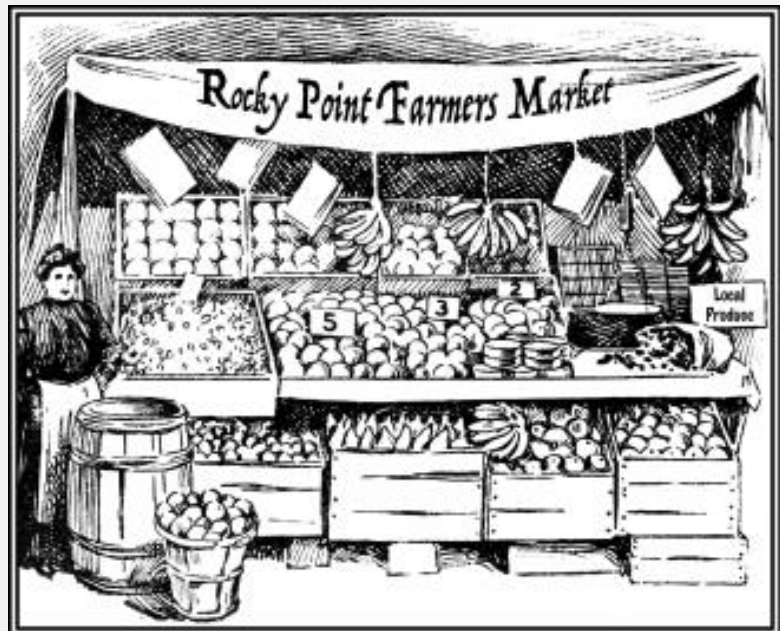
Checking \$2,383.30 Savings \$1,902.47

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Recent Rocky Point Civic Association Actions

The cost of the Rocky Point Farmers Market permit from the Town of Brookhaven for the use of Old Depot Park from May through November was approved for reimbursement. The market is scheduled to start Mothers' Day for a few vendors. Many farmers have started-spend Sunday with us!

<http://rockypointfarmersmarket.org/>



Bring an item for donation for our local food pantry. All items will gladly be accepted and forwarded to our local food banks.



*June 7th Speaker: Dr. Sarah Meyland
7:45PM*

Dr. Sarah Meyland is the Director of the Center for Water Resources Management at New York Institute of Technology

Sarah J. Meyland is a water specialist with a background in groundwater protection, water resources management, and environmental law. Presently Ms. Meyland is an Associate Professor in the department of Environmental Technology and Sustainability, School of Engineering and Computing Sciences, where she teaches in the Master of Science Program at New York Institute of Technology. Additionally, she serves as the Director for the Center for Water Resources Management. She has a dual appointment with the Center for Global Health at NYIT.

Professor Meyland has worked in New York State government as the Co-Executive Director of the NYS Legislative Commission on Water Resource Needs of Long Island. She was the Watershed Director for the Suffolk County Water Authority, and the Program Coordinator for the Nassau County Planning Federation. She also served as Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, a non-for profit organization.

Ms. Meyland sits on a variety of advisory committees and is the author of numerous publications and articles on water related topics. She has developed a number of environmental laws in New York State and at the federal level. Ms. Meyland has a Law degree from St. John's University School of Law; an M.S. in Water Resources Management from Texas A&M University; a B.S. in Geological Oceanography and B.A. in Marine Biology from Humboldt State University, California; and a B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2016 ~ 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

Present:

- President – Charles Bevington
- Vice President-Al Hanson
- Secretary – Susan Bevington
- Treasurer - Susan Wilson
- Sergeant at Arms – Rory Rubino
- Membership Secretary – Kathy Weber
- Trustee - Virginia Heslin
- Trustee – Jeff Davis
- **Absent, Excused:** Trustee – Maureen O’Keeffe

On a motion by Jeff Davis and seconded by Susan Wilson and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the April 2016 meeting were waived.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Susan Wilson

May 2016 Balances

- ❖ Checking \$2,383.3
- ❖ Savings \$1,902.47

Membership Report: Kathy Weber

220 members – 3 new members this evening

Secretary Report: Susan Bevington

- Comment Period for Proposed Transportation Improvement Programs – none in our area.
- Town of Brookhaven and Youth Bureau present a free Substance Abuse Awareness & Opioid Overdose Prevention Program and Training Class – June 7th at Brookhaven Town Hall.
- Zoning Appeals – at 8 Tarpon Road and at the Circle M Beverage on 25 A.
- Relay for Life letter looking for support from the Civics
- Notice from Post Office – box fee due in the amount of \$70

MOTION: A motion was made by Susan Wilson to donate \$100 to Relay for Life from the RPCA. Rory Rubino seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Constance Iervolino to pay \$70 for the post office box fee. Ralph Iervolino seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion carried

Cope Report:

None

Beautification Committee: Kathy Weber: The Annual Garden Tour will be June 25th.

Land Use: Chairperson Al Hanson

None – Al Hanson resigned as Vice President.

Dan Gezari asked if the land use committee was going to continue and how we will proceed with the Thurber property. He said he would be available to help. Charles Bevington said he would meet with Jane to discuss the Thurber property and bring the information back to the membership

Farmers Market Committee Report: Dr. Bevington

Opening day of the farmers market is May 29th. We are in our 5th year.

Speaker: Dr. Ring, Superintendent of Schools and Greg Hilton, School Business Official - Rocky Point Schools

Budget presentation and proposed Capital bond initiative before the voters on May 17th. The bond projects total \$16,439,513 and are comprised of mostly maintenance and repair items. The building aid is 70.2%. The budget is within the tax cap of .75% at \$80,623,643. Virginia Heslin asked about energy efficiency and rebates from PSEG and about solar panels. The rebate is only available on the unaided portion of the project (less than 30%). The estimated cost for electric is \$500k per year. Solar panels are not being considered at this time.

Speaker: Kevin McAllister, Executive Director of Defend H2O

H2O is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the water quality protection. Water quality and protection is of paramount importance.

Discussions:

- The EPA and Army Corp of Engineers plan to continue to dredge and dump sediment in the Long Island Sound even though there has been opposition from the communities and government officials. There are four disposal sites where they have dumped millions of cubic yards of silt/mud from Connecticut Rivers over the last 20 years. The rationale is that it is the most cost effective. If we do not stop the Army Corp of Engineers from continued dumping in the Long Island Sound we will never be able to clean this waterway.
- Nitrogen from septic systems/cesspools is a major contributor of the algae blooms and fish die-offs. 90% of the waste water (sewage) is urine.
- Bellone's water protection plan – this initiative would provide funds to address waste water by a water use fee. This consumption fee would provide and estimated \$75 million which will be applied to provide more sewers and alternative technology cesspools. This initiative will be on the ballot in November. The fee is proposed at \$1 per 1000 gallons of water.
- Joe Saunders brought up the previous taxes imposed by the county for water quality preservation. What did they do with the .50 cents sales tax? "The devil is in the details". This proposal must be fully vetted by the community and the officials must be held accountable.

Speaker: Jessica Enzmann, Seatuck Environmental

Presented the American Chestnut Foundation Project. Seatuck is the head of the Long Island Chapter. Chestnut@Seatuck.org

This is a project to identify and re-introduce the American Chestnut Trees on the east coast by cross-breeding with the Chinese/Japanese Chestnut to make the tree blight resistant. There are currently 25 American Chestnut trees identified on Long Island. At one time the American Chestnut was considered the redwoods of the East. The trees would reach 130 ft. tall and 7 ft. wide. They were most abundant tree on the east coast. They grew everywhere on Long Island but mostly on the north shore. The tree was a cash crop. In addition to the nuts, the wood was the most widely used in that era. In 1905 trees started to become sick. In 5 years the blight spread to 5 different states and 4 billion trees died in those 5 years. The blight originated from the Chinese and Japanese trees brought over in the late 1800s. The Foundation goal is to identify trees. There is a reward for finding and reporting a tree over 18" in diameter.

Old Business

MOTION: A motion was made by Joe Saunders to donate \$500 to the VFW for the use of their facility. The motion was seconded by Jeff Davis. All present in favor. The motion carried. Susan Wilson noted this \$50 will be for 2016.

New Business

Rails to Trails - Theresa from Sarah Anker's office said they just got the approval from the NYS DOT to do the survey of the whole 10 mile trail. Jeff Carlson said the advisory committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks

Community Announcements

Kim from Councilwoman Bonner's Office announced the 4th Semi-Annual Go-Green event at the Rose Caracappa Center on Saturday May 14th from 9am to 1pm

50/50

\$38 Won by Ralph Iervolino and donated back to the Civics

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion made by Joe Saunders, seconded by Susan Wilson and passed by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting date: June 7, 2016

FYI

AMENDED COPY AS OF 5/24/2016

Intro. Res. No. 1258-2016

Laid on Table 3/22/2016

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. -2016, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW ENHANCED SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM – 2014 REFERENDUM – WATER QUALITY PROJECTS (CP 8733.310)

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 31-2014, a Charter Law Amending the ¼% Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) for Enhanced Water Quality Protection, Wastewater Infrastructure and General Fund Property Tax Relief for Suffolk County, created the 2014 Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program, codified in Suffolk County Charter Article XIII (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 31-2014 was approved at a referendum in November of 2014, by Suffolk County voters; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Capital Budget contains three water quality protection 2014 referendum capital projects totaling \$29.4 million: CP 8732 for land purchases (\$20.0 million), CP 8733 for water quality projects (\$4.7 million), and CP 8734 for sewer improvement projects (\$4.7 million); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that the Program is essential to the well-being of the County’s drinking water supply, and it is in the best interest of the County’s residents to preserve the sanctity of the Program and to secure significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, this capital project provides \$4.7 million in serial bond funding to create a program to be used to fund water quality protection and restoration programs and land stewardship initiatives projects as set forth in the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994 as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, established the use of a priority ranking system, implemented in the Adopted 2016 Capital Budget as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has authorized the issuance of \$4,700,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; now, therefore, be it

1st RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of sixty-nine (69), is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994 as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, pursuant to the new Article XIA of the Suffolk County Charter, \$4,700,000 of this funding shall be used for water quality protection and restoration programs and land stewardship initiative projects as set forth in Section C12A-2(B)(2) of the Suffolk County Charter, exclusive of Suffolk County personnel costs; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the proceeds of \$4,700,000 in Serial Bonds be and they are hereby appropriated as follows, subject to the condition that no bonds or notes shall be issued for any projects unless and until (i) full environmental reviews under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") have been completed by County or other local municipality as lead agency for such project, (ii) the County has entered into an inter-municipal agreement with the non-County project applicant, and (iii) the County has obtained a real property interest in the non-County applicant project:

Project No.	Project Title	Amount
525-CAP-8733.310	Water Quality Protection	\$4,700,000
(Fund 001-Debt Service)	2014 Referendum	
	Water Quality Projects	

and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that no funds shall be allocated to or expended from this Capital Project No. 8733.310 unless and until a resolution is adopted by the County Legislature approving the specific water quality project being considered for funding under this capital project; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the County Executive or designee, and the Department of Economic Development and Planning, with the approval of the County Attorney, are hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable, consistent with the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution; and be it further

6th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under SEQRA, N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(C)(20) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ("NYCRR") in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: APPROVED BY: Pending...

County Executive of Suffolk County

Call for Volunteers:

Ad Hic Land Use Committee: Contact 'Vacant Home data collection and Downtown Project

Beautification Committee: contact 'kathy weber' bluedesi@yahoo.com

Tour and Various projects



ATTENTION ROCKY POINT GARDENERS AND ARTISTS

We would like to hold our annual garden tour again this year preferably June 25.

Interested in showcasing your property? It would be about 4-5 hours, you can tend to your yard like any other day, or invite a local artist to do a mini art opening in your gardens. The civic has liability insurance to cover the event. Guests would trickel through your garden that Saturday. You may block off any areas that you wouldn't want people walking. Some garden hosts provide refreshments.

For any questions or to join, contact Kathy at:
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Environmental Committee: contact 'Charlie Bevington' cbevingt@optonline.net

Nitrogen Awareness Community Project



WHAT'S IN THE Water

Environmental clean-up sites on Long Island

This is a database of active and closed federal and state Superfund sites in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Click on the map below or search in the table for details on 254 locations that are or were contaminated at some point. For more information on the types of sites, [click here](#), and for details on some of the acronyms used for current or past contaminants, [click here](#).

To read a detailed federal or state report on any site, click on "Read report" in the table or in the map's pop-up box.

Search by:
Name
Enter a search keyword
Search

Federal sites State sites

The image shows a map of Long Island with numerous yellow and red pins indicating environmental clean-up sites. The map includes labels for various towns and regions such as Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Queens, and Westhampton Beach.

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/nyc-s-plan-to-pump-water-from-queens-wells-worries-nassau-1.8174713>