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Minutes of a Special Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on June 28, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:**

James Stark,	Deputy Supervisor
Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
Frank Creighton,	Councilman
Harriet Gilliam,	Councilwoman

**Also Present:**

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the hour of 10:20 has arrived. I call to order the Special Board Meeting of the Riverhead Town Board on June 28th for the purpose of entertaining a resolution and bringing one off of the table. We have Resolution 414 that is tabled. Is there a motion to bring it off the table?"

Councilman Creighton: "So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. All in favor?"

Collective Response: "Aye."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "All opposed. Is Rick here?"

Rick Hanley: "Right here."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Rick, do you want to come up and discuss the changes that you've made that amends the table Resolution 414?"

Rick Hanley: "We've given the correct discription of the property in the first WHEREAS. There was a typo or an error on the first Resolution. It's on the south side, not the north side of Route 1. And we added a WHEREAS which cited what we did on SEQRA on the

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first petition which was the draft DIS and final EIS for the site plan which in a normal site plan resolution, it was not referred to in the first one. So that was the only two changes we made. That's the third WHEREAS."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there a motion to amend the tabled resolution that was brought off the floor?"

Councilman Creighton: "So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Second."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Any discussion? All in favor?"

Collective Response: "Aye."

Deputy Supervisor: "All opposed. We will now vote on the resolution as amended. Barbara?"

Is there a motion to move the Resolution as amended?"

Councilman Creighton: "I move to approve the Resolution as amended. This Resolution approves amendments to a site plan on Old Country Road, Route 58, south of Northville Turnpike, east of Oliver Street known as Suffolk County Tax Map 600-109-1-4.1 and 19.5. This is to do with the site commonly known as the K-Mart site where about half of the approved building area has been built out and the applicant, Breslin, is asking to amend the footprint of the remaining square footage on the site. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? Call the roll."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I vote yes. While I'm mindful of the concerns of the downtown merchant regarding development of Route 58, I think from a legal standpoint the developer has the right to amend the

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the plan and hopefully there will be other types of development in the downtown to redefine redevelopment of that area as a tourist attraction which can work in concert with the development that's taking place on Route 58. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Creighton, yes; Prusinowski?

Councilman Prusinowski: "I vote no. And the reason I vote no is because I think that the-- in my opinion and experience here-- I'm not sure that a developer has the right to amend the site plan. He has an approved site plan which is based on SEQRA findings. The nature of this business, I believe, it is a use change. Also, I believe that the type of business as proposed here with the amended site plan opens up serious SEQRA considerations which were not explored in the original draft, such as economic impacts which is a proper review under the New York State environmental laws.

And for this and other reasons, I vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I propose to the Board Resolution No. 5. This provides for the adoption of findings and the ratification of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. I think this resolution is very important. I've asked Rick to come up and if Rick would read this to the Board and the audience, I would appreciate it."

Rick Hanley: "I'll give it a try.

WHEREAS, the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act effective July 13, 1993, created the central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission consisting of the Suffolk County Executive, the supervisors of the Towns of Riverhead, Brookhaven and Southampton and an appointee of the governor; and

WHEREAS, the Act divides the Central Pine Barrens into a Core Preservation Area and a Compatible Growth Area and directs the Commission to prepare a comprehensive land use plan for the entire Central Pine Barrens area; and

WHEREAS, the Act further directs that the Plan be designed to preserve the Core Preservation Area through acquisition and transfer

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development rights, to provide for an exemption through a hardship permit under specified circumstances and to permit compatible uses;

WHEREAS, the Act further directs that the Plan be designed to accommodate orderly development in the Compatible Growth Area; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has in fact prepared a Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Act, together with a generic environmental impact statement pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and implementing regulations "SEQRA")' and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the draft generic environmental impact statement on September 28, 1994, and subsequent public hearings were held on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement on May 15, 16 and 18, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA, accepted the final general environmental impact statement as complete on June 12, 1995 and adopted a Findings Statement on June 23, 1995; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Commission has recommended the Plan to the towns of Riverhead, Brookhaven and Southampton for their ratification and adoption which is required by the Act before the Plan may be finally adopted by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Act, as amended, further provides that it will expire if the Commission does not finally adopt the Plan on or before June 30, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that within three months of final adoption of the Plan by the Commission, each town board and village board within jurisdiction over property within the Central Pine Barrens shall amend, as necessary, its land use and zoning regulations to conform to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides for acquisition and transfer of development rights for Core Preservation Area property and for orderly development of the Compatible Growth Area and further includes a hardship exemption procedure for all Central Pine Barrens property; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has considered the final generic environmental impact statement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held a public hearing on the Plan on June 19, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, as an involved agency, has prepared its findings statement pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the findings statement adopted by the Commission on June 23, 1995, sets forth conclusions upon the generic environmental impact statement which clearly provides for the redevelopment of the Calverton Naval Weapons and Industrial Reserve Plant pursuant to Congressional mandate; and

WHEREAS, such findings statement provides for the Commission to support petitions to New York State to authorize payments in lieu of taxes to affected taxing authorities in order to counter potential loss of tax revenues resulting from the acquisition of real property within the Core Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides a goal for the acquisition of 75% of the privately held, undeveloped property within the Core Preservation Area through funds appropriated or committed as follows:

1. The appropriation by the New York State Legislature of \$15 million for pine barrens acquisition for the fiscal year 1995-1996;
2. The execution of a contract committing \$6 million from Northville Industries for pine barrens acquisition for the years 1997, 1998 and 1999;
3. The appropriation by the County of Suffolk for \$10 million for pine barrens acquisition to date and a commitment for an additional \$10 million for such purposes in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead has developed a list of core properties for which it will seek prioritization under the land acquisition plan to ensure that large and small parcels are treated fairly and equitably under said plan; and

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WHEREAS, the fiscal impacts to the Riverhead School District as identified by the Economic Impact Analysis of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Sexton, et al., 1995) are expected to be mitigated through the execution of the Pine Barrens Credit Program provided for within the Plan and through the payment in lieu of tax schedule for acquired real property identified within the relevant findings statement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead desires to adopt the Plan to further the goals of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby adopts the findings statement annexed hereto, heretofore adopted by the Commission on June 23, 1995; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby adopts and ratifies the Plan recommended to it by the Commission pursuant to the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor James R. Stark be and is hereby authorized to execute the Plan pursuant to the Act as a member of the Commission."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Now as the Deputy Supervisor and the acting Supervisor and a member of the Commission, I so move this resolution. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "It has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Please call the roll."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Before casting my vote today, I would like to make a brief statement which can only summarize the level of intense thought and consideration which I have given all the relevant issues and interests which have been presented in the context of acting upon the proposed Central Pine Barrens Plan, and I will try to adhere to the same five minute time limitation that we had for our Public hearing with my comments."

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I am mindful of the fact that today all eyes in our county, our region, and our state are focused upon our town, and upon our governing body of which I am proudly a member and serve the people of the Town of Riverhead. Today we sit as that city upon a hill constructed and inhabited by men and women who are acutely aware of the grave trust placed in them and the great responsibility placed upon them.

It is with this acknowledgment of public trust and the sense of responsibility it commands that I have approached the critical analysis of the benefits and the drawbacks of the proposed Plan. During the course of the many Public Hearings and from the many communications I have received from constituents and concerned property owners, I have not been blind to the differences of opinions on this issue. However, I have directed my attention to our common interests and to the means by which these differences can be resolved. And it is this deliberative process that has taken place throughout the consideration of the Plan that I can say that I've participated in and my fellow Town Board members have participated in as well.

And during the course of these deliberations, I have seen essentially three major issues which have arisen which command our attention and thought and consideration as we move to acting upon this Plan.

The first issue deals with the land use component of the Plan and the concerns, and rightfully so, of the property owners with respect to the future use and value of their property within the Core Area. The proposed Plan recognizes these concerns and offers several approaches to addressing these concerns and addressing the needs of the property owners with respect to just compensation or relief in terms of being able to build out on the property that is on the road front or in some instances where there is no ability to compensate fairly, the property owners would still retain their right to develop on the property.

It is these kinds of assurances that are built into the Plan and part of the findings statement which, I think, properly address the concerns which have been raised by so many of the private property owners.

Also there have been concerns with regard to the impact that this Plan could have on the school district and on the tax base in

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general in the Town of Riverhead. Again, there are mitigating factors reflected in the Plan as well as in the findings statement to alleviate these concerns. Under the current acquisition program through the county, there is already a five year pilot-- or payment in lieu of taxes plan that's in place to allow for a gradual absorption of the impact of property being taken off of the tax rolls.

The Commission has stated in its findings that it will recommend and support applications for pilot payments with respect to property that is also acquired pursuant to the Pine Barrens Plan. Furthermore there is a likelihood that the decrease in tax base would be negligible in those properties in that there are the possibilities of transfer of development rights for development to take place on commercial and industrial property which would add to the tax base without adding numbers of students to the school district.

Lastly, there would be no immediate impact to the school districts in that there is not going to be any immediate removal from the tax roll of any property within the Core area.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, I believe that the Plan and the findings statement properly and adequately address the concerns which have been rightfully raised by the school districts.

The last major issue of concern has been the efforts of the Town to redevelop the Calverton facility property. My fellow Board members and I have labored many hours addressing this issue and I am encouraged to see the exact language, which I proposed, included in the findings statement and this language affirmatively states that the Town retains the rights and the powers under the home rule law with respect to development uses and redevelopment of that facility as to alleviate or obviate the need for an automatic review by the Pine Barrens Commission every time there is a proposal for redevelopment within that facility.

The finding further definitively states that the Town's local zoning ordinance for the Plan development district along with the plans for the upgrading of the wastewater treatment facility at Calverton will form the basis for a river management plan upon which the Commission will recommend to the DEC that the northerly boundary line of the scenic rivers area become (inaudible) with the Core boundary line. This impacts approximately 450 acres within the Calverton facility.

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While I disagree with some contentions that there has been some uncertainty with the ability to develop Calverton based upon the uncertainty of the Plan and that the uncertainty of the Plan has hindered the ability to market the property, I think it is certain that through these findings that the Commission has made through the adoption of the language which I have proposed, that the Commission acknowledges that the Calverton redevelopment activities must and shall be in the hands of the Town of Riverhead, and that the WSR line must be changed in order to accommodate reasonable uses within that facility.

This is perhaps the most critical part of-- or piece of property for development and redevelopment within this area and even within New York State. It will mark the realization of a significant increase in our Town's tax base, enough to offset any concerns raised by property owners or school district with regard to negative impacts that the Pine Barrens Plan may have on taking property off the tax roll and it would also reemploy and employ hundreds of residents within the area.

And, finally, with respect to the Calverton facility, this-- the adoption of the Plan would place the Town under a time line. There would be a three month time frame within which we must come up with a local zoning ordinance which would be accepted by the Commission as the overlay zone for development on that property. And I believe within the context of developing this ordinance that it will give some definity to moving forward with coming up with some real possibilities of redevelopment for that area.

Thus, in the final analysis, the potentials for this Plan outweigh the concerns which in a large part have been mitigated by the diligent and responsible enforcement-- which will be mitigated by the diligent and responsible enforcement of the reciprocal safeguards which have been placed in the Plan and incorporated in the findings statement.

Is the Plan perfect? By no means it's not. Would it be perfect if it were two months from today that we waited to adopt this? Probably not. Would it be perfect a year from now? Probably not. In the words of John F. Kennedy as he said in his inaugural address, But let us begin. And this is what today is, a beginning in terms of working with a plan that will form the basis for a workable arrangement between environmental concerns and economic development.

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In closing, I paraphrase the statement of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The only limit to our realization of the promises of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us not hinder the promises that the Pine Barrens Plan hold for our tomorrow and our futures by the doubts that we have today. Let us move forward with a strong and active faith that our actions today will protect the natural wealth and the beauty which has been bestowed upon us. And let us move forward with that faith to ensure that we will act to bring about an environmental preservation plan that can peacefully and strongly co-exist with economic development which is so sorely needed for this region.

For those reasons, I proudly cast my vote of yes in favor of the Pine Barrens Plan."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You lose five minutes next week. You went 10."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Councilman Creighton.

Councilman Creighton: "Before I vote, I'd like to make a brief statement and before I do that, I would like to express my personal gratitude for the extensive work that has been done on this over the last two years by-- for the Town of Riverhead, by members of its planning staff, specifically Rick Hanley and Brenda Philmaski (phonetic), who carried the ball on this through many arduous sessions with the Commission and the Commission staff and have done a superb job in representing us. And thank you for taking the pressure and coming up with what we feel is a good result.

I also want to acknowledge where the responsibility has laid for this over the last two years as far as Riverhead is concerned and that the Supervisor-- the former Supervisor, Joe Janoski, was the Commissioner, our Acting Supervisor is now the Commissioner, they have aided the Town and the staff in getting to the point where we are today and I think we're grateful for both-- to both Joe and Jimmy, Joe for casting the vote in January, as a matter of fact, which was the first approval of the Plan and referred it to the Town for ratification.

Having said that, I'd like to say that I have to recognize in casting my vote that in July, 1993, the state legislature created this

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law establishing the Pine Barrens Planning Commission and directed that a comprehensive land use plan be established for the pine barrens. A five member Commission was established to create the Plan and supervise its execution. The Supervisor of Riverhead was designated as one of the five Commissioners along with the Suffolk County Executive, the Supervisors of Southampton and Brookhaven, and a representative of the Governor. I think the membership of that Commission is extremely important and will be more so as we go into the execution phase of the Plan.

The Commission using Town and County planning staff created the Plan and recommended its ratification by the Town Boards. In fact, our former Supervisor, in his last official act, approved the Plan as a member of the Commission and referred it to the Town for ratification in January of 1995. The Plan has been amended since then, the environmental review completed, and findings accepted by the Commission with an affirmative vote from the Riverhead representative.

The conflict between private property rights and common good will not end today. But this Plan attempts to deal with part of that conflict which has resulted in too much acrimony, bitterness, distrust in our community for too long. In fact, in the last few months, I've received hundreds of postcards, letters and phone calls both urging approval and disapproval of this Plan. As recently as 8:00 this morning, I received a phone call at home bluntly warning me of the dire consequences in the coming election if I voted a certain way today.

I see a chance to get beyond that kind of ugliness in this Plan. My primary concerns have been the economic impact on our residents who are stressed to the limits with tax burdens. To this end, this Board demanded and received major protections to ensure our ability to redevelop the Calverton Grumman site. We have to do this if we are to continue to pay for the quality education and then reduce our residential tax burdens at the same time.

Secondly, by Resolution in March, we conditioned our approval on adequate funding for the purchase or affected properties. Since then commitments from the State and the County have provided for example up to \$30 million for this year alone.

And, finally, we have analyzed in detail the potential effect on

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the Riverhead Central School District and I conclude the effect in the near term will be negligible and in the long term it will be very positive as the student load is reduced by less residential development.

The Riverhead tax base will not be hurt by this Plan, in fact, the Plan removes the dark cloud which has hung over the Calverton Grumman site so we can now proceed with confidence in redeveloping its economic potential.

The Plan is based on existing standards and restrictions which already apply to the lands in the Pine Barrens. What it adds is a comprehensive and structured process to pull together the several laws and various regulatory agencies which have overlapping jurisdictions. This can and should reduce the time and cost to landowners in gaining approval and permits. The standards already exists. This Plan provides a road map to deal with them.

As with any plan, the test of its efficacy will be in the execution, in this case the Commission, including the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, will be responsible to follow through and modify the Plan over time. As a result, I am confident this Plan will be executed in the spirit intended and the results will benefit all the residents of Riverhead today, and for generations to come.

Therefore, I vote yes on it."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Councilman Prusinowski.

Councilman Prusinowski: "So here we are. I don't have a prepared written statement, but I do have some comments that I want to make.

If I had to vote today based on my 14 year history of dealing with the State of New York, certainly I'd have to vote no, because many times promises were made to our taxpayers in the Town of Riverhead by certain State legislation-- like the Scenic Rivers and Wildlife Act, that they said trust us. The original Pine Barrens Plan. The Peconic Estuary Program where they said they would never -- Jimmy and I held out to the end-- they would never impose an unfunded mandate. Now we're fighting with the DEC because they want to cut our permit in half for our sewer plant. And I can go on and on.

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The County Executive three or four weeks ago asked us to take a leap of faith. Since that time, contrary to what Senator LaValle said in the Newsday article about two months ago and he's tired of Riverhead not being part of the process. I have to say that of the three Town Boards, this Town Board has been part of the process right from the beginning and I think the Pine Barrens staff and the Commission know that. We've been the most interested. We've negotiated harder and the Town Board members have taken the most interest.

It's nice that some of the Board members the last three or four or six weeks had-- took the time to read the Plan but where were they for the last 18 months? We've read the Plan. We've negotiated hard. The other-- my fellow Board members have articulated some of the outstanding issues which I feel we've resolved.

The whole plan comes down to my vote, what is best for the Town of Riverhead. Our lands in the Core and Compatible Area are protected other than maybe the Boy Scout camp which is slated for outright acquisition. Anything south of the Scenic Rivers and Wildlife Act, you can't really develop or you can build very little on right now because of the restrictions.

What's more important to Riverhead is what Frank and Harriet alluded to, is our economic wellbeing and that comes down to the 2900 acre piece in Calverton. And that's been the mainstay of our negotiations. It's more important for Long Island and Suffolk County to develop that property. By approving this Plan, I believe we set forth our concerns and our blueprint for a development of the future which has been adopted into this findings statement. The findings statement is a legal document and if the Commission veers off to the right or left of the document, we will go to Court and file an Article 78.

Unfortunately both sides have told me if we vote for the Plan or vote against the Plan everybody is going to sue each other anyhow. I hope that doesn't continue. A couple of things that's been bugging me right from the beginning. As of last Thursday we were in Jimmy's office and we wanted to change a language that said that the Commission shall not call up the property for regional review. We had an argument and it came down to, well, in order for us to say that you would have to change the law. It's still our position, or at least my position, that the proper way to do this right from the beginning was

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to make an amendment to the law. We were told it could not happen. We were told we could not get an extension. But I still believe we were right and just in asking for that.

We've taken care of the school district tax implications. The former Supervisor Smith and a member of the School Board now, rightfully so is concerned about this and in our Resolution and in the findings statement we've provided for a five year in lieu of tax payment, so when properties are purchased in the Core in Southampton Town, our school district will be mitigated and hopefully in the five year transition period economic development in Calverton will kick in and like Harriet says, will far outweigh the benefits..

I want to personally thank Brenda (inaudible), Rick Hanley, Andrea Lohneiss, actually Congressmen Forbes and Hochbrueckner. They've all been part of this because it really-- our whole concern right from the beginning-- when this Plan was written two and a half years ago, it was unheard of that Grumman would leave Long Island. Things have changed.

I also want to thank the staff of the Pine Barrens Commission, Ray Corwin, in particular, his staff who met tirelessly with our staff and us and really accommodated us and worked with us to come to this compromise. It's not a perfect plan. I think the economic analysis is still-- leaves much to be desired. I hope that the State follows through on its 10 year commitment that I saw the former Governor do when he signed the bill into law in the Pine Barrens and made a good (inaudible) for News 12 and the media, but it should be that if the three Towns are willing to vote this Plan in, enact it, I think even the environmental community-- and Dick Amper and I have talked about this, the proper way to protect these property rights of these property owners is to buy the property.

The TDR program sounds nice. I wish you luck in trying to implement it, but I think the proper way to protect the property owners is to actually buy the property and give them just compensation for their property rights and I hope the State and the County-- well, the County has a plan-- and I hope the State and the County follow through on it because that's the only proper way of doing it.

In conclusion, we also put in here-- just one other point. We've also taken care of the small property owners by insisting that there

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is a formula to be apportioned between when certain money comes on the table, that large property owners or small property owners, the small property owners will not be put on a list that ends up in the year 2020 to be purchased because somebody who owns two or three acres or four acres should be penalized when their property rights have been virtually null and void.

I believe that passing this Plan is in the best interests of the Town of Riverhead. We've put a plan in for Calverton, it's in the DEIS. Whether or not this will protect the groundwater for future generations to come is a matter of debate. I'm very unhappy that certain developers in Brookhaven Town were-- it's settled-- their personal development problems and that's wonderful. But I hope it's not at the expense of what is good for Long Island.

I urge the Builders Institute to work with the Commission now in ironing out their outstanding differences and I would ask the two sponsors of the legislation to have an open mind. Senator LaValle and DiNapoli-- if the Commission with the three Towns say to you, we need some changes in the basic law that guides this program, have an open mind to go up there and do it for crying out loud. Because, we're not doing it for any other reason that we think. I know it's just not Riverhead. There are other changes to the law that the Commission feels should be done and we urge them to listen to the Commission and to the three Towns.

And my final thing is June 30th comes Friday. I just hope, I'm taking a leap of faith. I'm voting for this. I'm taking what the County Executive asked me. I could be very petty and vote this thing down and say, Well, this happened to us; this happened to us. But I'm not going to do that. I'm going to take the new way of thinking. So after June 30th, when somebody from the Town of Riverhead calls west of Riverhead, I would like us to have people respond to us and keep us part of the process.

One of the reasons we've been part of the process because of the way the State legislation was crafted they needed our votes to get this thing through. So, leap of faith works two ways. The faith is that we're going to be able to work together and that the State officials and the County and everybody to the west of us will continue to work cooperatively together for what's good for everyone.

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So based on that, I want to start that cooperation. I want to start that partnership. I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Deputy Supervisor Stark.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Before Richard Amper has a heart attack, I, myself, personally would like to thank Brenda who was my representative and designee on the Commission. Rick, Rick Hanley. Ray Corwin, if you'd stand up and just take a little-- Ray. Some of his staff with him. George, representing County Executive back there. Don't want to stand up, huh? Assemblyman DiNapoli's aide, Steve. Right? I'm sorry, Mike. And I'm going to get to the Nature Conservancy. I've lost all track of names. Stewart Lowry (phonetic). I'm sorry, Stewart. Of course, Richard Amper. And, of course, my good friend over here to the left, Buzz Schwenk. And without Dick and Buzz Schwenk (phonetic) and a few of the others, this day would not be coming to pass.

I also agree with my fellow Board members that this is the start. There is a lot of work to be done on this. For the first time in any of the legislations that are controlled, they are controlled by upstate. This legislation will be controlled by the Town of Riverhead, the Town of Southampton, the Town of Brookhaven, and the County Executive, with only one representative from the State being on the Commission. And if we louse it up, we've got nobody to blame but ourselves.

And with that local home rule that has been established, I will agree with everything that was said by my fellow Board members, I for this time today feel I'm casting one of the most important votes that I've casted in the five and a half-- five and three-quarter years that I've been on this Board.

Without further adieu, I vote yes.

And with that I ask for a motion for adjournment."

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "All in favor."

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Collective Response: "Aye."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "The eyes have it."

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Barbara Gutton  
Town Clerk