

Peconic Estuary Protection Committee Meeting Summary – December 2, 2020

Held Via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Committee Member Representatives

Drew Dillingham | Committee Chair
Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)
Suffolk County | Frank Castelli
Town of Southold | Michael Collins
Town of Shelter Island | Joe Finora
Town of Southampton | Christine Fetten
Village of Sag Harbor | Mary Ann Eddy

Additional Participants

Peconic Estuary Protection Committee | Patricia Aitken, Coordinator
Sarah Schaefer | Peconic Estuary Partnership
Michelle Golden | NYSDEC
RoseAnn Gerry | NYSDEC
Matt Richards | NYSDEC
Elizabeth Hornstein | Peconic Estuary Partnership
Paul Singer | Paul Singer Designs

The meeting was called to order at 10:05

I. QAMP Development

The most recent version of the QAMP/QAPP document was reviewed by the committee and representatives from NYSDEC. It was decided that the QMP/QAPP will be submitted to USEPA and NYSDEC for review and potential approval. Representatives from NYSDEC left the meeting after this discussion.

II. Signage Project

Paul Singer Designs was chosen as the entity to produce signage for the PEPC. Paul Singer introduced himself to the committee, and explained his design process. It was recommended that the language be kept simple, and that there should be diversity in any representations of people. The language for the signage will be provided by the Committee. The project will have a two year timeline, but it may be completed sooner. Pat reminded Committee members that in order to receive MS4 credit, the signs must include information regarding stormwater. Paul Singer left the meeting after this discussion.

III. Town of East Hampton

The Town of East Hampton did not pay dues for 2020, and has informed the PEPC of their intention to withdraw from the Committee. In a conference call with Drew and Veronica, Kim Shaw expressed that she felt the Town was not deriving sufficient benefit to justify their continued participation. The Town had also been under the assumption that the Coordinator position would be grant funded. Drew and Veronica asked Kim to provide a list of actions that the Town felt would justify continued participation in the PEPC. The Town of East Hampton will not be able to participate in any monitoring activities under the QAMP/QAPP. Pat will draft a letter to be sent to East Hampton acknowledging the Town's withdrawal, and will remove the Town from the PEPC website.

IV. Coordinator Contract

The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss continuation of the service contract for Committee Coordinator. Committee members agreed that the current Coordinator has met and exceeded their expectations for services and expressed their desire to continue contracting with Pat Aitken as the Coordinator. The committee voted unanimously to continue with the current Coordinator's contract and asked that Southampton begin the process to enter into a contract for services with Pat Aitken as the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee's Coordinator.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.