



## Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

### Meeting Summary – June 4, 2025

Held at 423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead

#### ATTENDEES

##### Committee Member Representatives

Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Southampton | Tom Houghton

##### Additional Participants

Corey Humphrey | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator

Kaitlyn Boyle | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Erik Bergey | Suffolk County DPW, Senior Civil Engineer

Joe Rutt | Town of Riverhead, Junior Civil Engineer

Gabriella Asher | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

Jordan Russo | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

Jessica Klassert | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

#### I. April 2, 2025 Meeting Summary:

- The April 2, 2025 Meeting Summary was accepted pending slight changes. It will be updated and posted to the PEPC website.

#### II. Upcoming due dates for MS4:

- Drew needs outreach material for pathogen and nitrogen reduction for the website – looking for help in finding some

#### III. Construction Permit:

- Tom mentioned that the new permit requires construction permits to be renewed, and as of the deadline, and if they do not renew their permit is terminated. This has been helpful for the sites that have completed construction but never submitted an NOT, now they are officially closed sites and off his list.

#### IV. DEC Questions:

- Nothing new with getting a DEC rep to be available for questions
- No one came forward with specific questions for DEC at this time

#### V. Outreach Plans:

- Kaitlyn will be reaching out to members to see what type of outreach each municipality has, and what they need

- Tom Houghton does not have any outreach material and would like help acquiring some
- Drew is looking for pathogen/nitrogen outreach to include on the website
- Veronica says Brookhaven has an Environmental Educator who is tasked with creating all of their stormwater outreach, so they don't necessarily need anything but are open to sharing materials with the group
- Veronica mentioned signs that were created a couple years ago by Paul Singer. Kaitlyn will look through Google Drive to see if they are in there and send them over to Drew and Veronica.
- Gabriella was not sure what DOT may have, she will ask Liana Alongi if they had any outreach that can be shared among the group

#### **VI. Upcoming Trainings and events:**

- Any municipalities who want personalized training please reach out to Corey and Kaitlyn.
- Brookhaven has requested an ESC training in October/November. Kaitlyn will reach out to Veronica with some potential dates.
- Tom and Drew also expressed interest in a training course – dates TBD

#### **VII. Funding Opportunities:**

- WQIP – Corey wants to write a grant on behalf of the Committee for funding to develop new outreach material for members
  - i. We will need a list of locations where members would want the coordinators to put up signage in their townships
  - ii. The group will follow-up in about a month via Zoom to discuss the grant and outreach needs
- WQIP application for vacuum trucks will be too complicated and require a lot of leg work for just submitting the application. It was decided we will wait until 2026 to potentially apply for this

#### **VIII. Member Updates:**

- Soil and Water – Staff changes have led to limited staff; The director of our Board is leaving
- NYS DOT – New staff at the meeting today. Jordan Russo and Jessica Klassert are new Environmental specialists
- Town of Brookhaven – working on projects to install catch basins and reconstruct road ends – raising the roads, cut outfalls, install riprap
- Town of Southampton – Has a new building that Tom and his staff will move into soon in Westhampton. ToS has a lot of job openings right now. They have completed the new IA system at Twon Hall.
- Town of Riverhead – Drew introduced his new employee, Joe Rutt, Junior Civil Engineer working under Drew and ken on MS4.

#### **IX. Next PEPC Meeting: August 6, 2025 @ Griffing Ave**