



Peconic Estuary Protection Committee

Meeting Summary – February 5, 2025

Held at Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Draft

ATTENDEES

Committee Member Representatives

Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)
Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)
Town of Southampton | Tom Houghton
Town of Southold | Mike Collins
NYS DOT | Liana Alongi
CCE Suffolk | Scott Curatolo-Wagemann (Advisory)

Additional Participants

Corey Humphrey, Kaitlyn Boyle | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator
Erik Bergey | Suffolk County DPW, Senior Civil Engineer
Carolyn Sukowski | CCE Suffolk, Natural Resource Education Specialist
Madison Wall | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist
Ken Lewis | Town of Shelter Island, DPW, Highway Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

I. December 11, 2024 Meeting Summary:

- The December 11, 2024 Meeting Summary was accepted. It will be posted to the PEPC website.

II. NEW 2025 Construction Permit:

- Changes to permit:
 - i. No grandfather clause – all active construction sites must submit a request to continue coverage within 30 days of the effective date of the permit.
 - ii. Municipalities no longer have review authority over their own projects. Requests must be submitted to DEC which has a timeline of 60 business days after the receipt of the NOI. This authorization will be automatically generated by their system, so the timeline will vary by project.
 - iii. Automatic permit termination if site is undisturbed for 2+ years.
- Tom mentioned that NYS has a “clearinghouse” spreadsheet with a list of all SWPPPs listed for Suffolk County – He will share this link with Corey and Corey will forward it to the committee members.
- There are changes to construction on Ag lands – see the 1-page fact sheet provided by the DEC.

III. Upcoming due dates for MS4:

- Annual report due April 1st for the period of Jan 3, 2024 to Jan 2, 2025
- Draft Annual Reports need to be available publicly by 3/1/25
- Carolyn mentioned Street Sweeping % completed needs to be entered on report

IV. DEC Questions/Invite:

- Coordinators have been unsuccessful in securing a DEC representative to meet with the Committee to discuss MS4 Permit questions.

V. Outreach Plans:

- Coordinators plan on setting up one-on-one meetings with each municipality to discuss what they need and how we can help. Keep an eye out for meeting requests.

VI. Upcoming Trainings and events:

- Suffolk SWCD ESC Training to be held for Suffolk employees this month.
- Any other municipalities who want personalized training please reach out to Corey and Kaitlyn.

VII. Funding Opportunities:

- Suffolk SWCD MAP (\$50k), and CAP (\$10k) grant – Due 3/31/25
- Agriculture in the Classroom – Due 2/28/25

VIII. Member Updates:

- Mike Collins of Town of Southold plans to continue in his efforts to cut remaining outfalls in an effort to withdraw from the SPDES regulation.
- Tom Houghton mentioned a new glass crushing facility in Southampton which will create sand for construction. They partnered with Town of Southold to collect their glass recyclables. Tom said there is a capacity of about 7,000 tons of glass.

IX. Next PEPC Meeting: April 2, 2025

- Location is TBD since CCE building is closing.
- Possibly virtual again.