



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA  
April 6, 2017  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Long Island Association  
300 Broad Hollow Road  
Melville, NY 11747

**Regular Meeting - Open to the Public**

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Co-Chair Kevin Law and Co-Chair Stuart Rabinowitz*

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Project Presentations**

**2016 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Winner - *Peter Cavallaro, Mayor, Village of Westbury***

**Accelerate Long Island - *Peter Donnelly, Director, Office of Technology Licensing and Industry Relations at Stony Brook University***

**Coastal Erosion Assessment and Resiliency Plan - *Jonathan Lockman of GEI Consultants on behalf of the Town of East Hampton***

**Shorefront Park Resiliency and Enhancement - *Marian Russo Esq., Executive Director Community Development Agency, Village of Patchogue***

**4:00 pm – 4:10 pm**

**Suffolk County Community College Federal Grant**

*John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development*

**4:10 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Public Input**

**4:30 pm**

**Closing Remarks / Adjourn**

## Long Island Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

### Attendees:

#### Regional Council Members:

Co-chair Kevin Law  
Co-chair Stuart Rabinowitz  
Exec. Dir., Cara Longworth  
Linda Armysn  
Resi Cooper  
John DeCelle  
John Durso  
Pat Edwards  
Tracey Edwards

Marianne Garvin  
Elaine Gross  
Dave Kapell  
Jim Morgo  
Belinda Pagdanganan  
Des Ryan  
Anne Shybunko-Moore

#### Also in attendance were:

Hon. Paul Pontieri  
Hon. Peter Cavallaro

#### State Agency Staff:

Barry Greenspan, ESD  
Denise Zani, ESD  
Brian Scripture, ESD  
Jenna Jalbert, ESD  
Marianela Casas, Governor's office

Nancy Rucks, DOS  
Myra Fedyniak, DOS  
Glenn Murrell, DOT  
Steven Belkin, DOT  
Dwight Brown, EFC  
Brian Foley, Parks  
Traci Christian, Parks  
Shital Patel, DOL

## Introduction- Stuart Rabinowitz:

Stuart Rabinowitz opened the meeting promptly at 3:00 PM

Stuart informed the (pending) NYS Budget provides another \$150 million of capital funding to support a seventh round of new and competitively selected projects that will further advance Long Island's economic development objectives. He noted ESD Staff plans for enhanced public outreach during upcoming CFA round including scheduled workshops at Stony Brook University and Hofstra and multiple ESD Open House sessions for prospective CFA applicants.

Stuart then addressed all LIREDC members with a prepared statement to remind about potential conflict of interest issues to ensure they do not in any way benefit from their Regional Council roles. To maintain full transparency and accountability, an Empire State Development Code of Conduct was established to ensure there are no real or perceived conflicts of interest that would interfere with any member acting in the best interest of all New Yorkers. In addition, members are required to recuse themselves from deliberations regarding any project or matter which poses an actual or potential conflict.

Kevin Law informed on some key Long Island topics including a recent study on poverty within the region. He noted the number of people living in poverty on Long Island is on the rise, according to a recent study by the Long Island Association. Kevin stressed the Regional Council's continuing goal for helping all communities on Long Island.

<https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/2181/CMS/LI-Poverty-Analysis.pdf>

Kevin also reported on Northwell Health withdrawing its plan to move part of its Feinstein Institute for Medical Research to the Nassau Hub, which would have been a key part of the biotech park. He recommended the reconvening of a Hub 'workgroup' towards promoting the site as a key economic driver, to help attract new tenants, including biotech companies.

In addition, with respect to ongoing development prospects for Long Island, Kevin spoke about his recent charge to the NYRA for supporting the development of a community based strategic plan with regard to Belmont Park. He also noted Riverhead Town officials having struck a deal to sell the remaining property at The Enterprise Park at Calverton to Luminati Aerospace, representing a prospective plan to bring back aerospace jobs and manufacturing to Long Island. Finally, Kevin referenced a recent discussion with Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone to review ongoing plans for a planned customs facility that would allow international flights at Long Island MacArthur Airport.

Cara Longworth provided a brief introduction of upcoming Round Seven. Priority project forms will again be sought from prospective applicants and Empire State Development (ESD) will host several open house meetings for general public at the Long Island Regional Office. Suggestion was made that applicants submit early to facilitate timely review by ESD. Cara also noted two CFA workshops will be held at Hofstra and at Stony Brook University (dates and times to be announced at a later point). Information and a registration link will be provided on LIREDC website.

<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/long-island>

Kevin noted second round of NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) will be offered with the same investment of \$10 million in each of 10 NYS communities, supporting the transformation of downtown neighborhoods into vibrant communities. He referenced the Village of Westbury as the

2016 Downtown Revitalization Initiative winner and then introduced Peter Cavallaro, Mayor, Village of Westbury to begin the afternoon session of project presentations.

**2016 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Winner** - *Peter Cavallaro, Mayor, Village of Westbury*

Mayor Cavallaro noted the strategy for the Village to leverage the state funding towards achieving the goals of its steering committee in the following areas:

Transit Oriented – Rezone existing light industrial property to facilitate development of a mixed-use corridor and create a neighborhood environment in proximity to the existing LIRR station and incorporate adequate open space and walkability.

Diversity – Enhance the opportunities for business growth with regard to the diverse culture within the Village and foster additional after school programs for area residents.

Walkability – Provide streetscape improvements including additional lighting and crosswalk safety to facilitate greater walkability for residents.

Arts / Cinema – Create a military history museum at an existing VFW facility in the community and promote an arts council towards incorporating more public art within the Village.

**Accelerate Long Island** - *Peter Donnelly, Director, Office of Technology Licensing and Industry Relations at Stony Brook University*

As its new leader, Peter noted the significance of Accelerate’s seed funding program that will back deals across downstate New York, including the Mid-Hudson, New York City and Long Island regions. In partnership with Empire State Development, the Accelerate NY Seed Fund supports science and technology-based early stage ventures, making an impact on prospective fund leveraging for new companies. Peter reviewed Long Island's current startup companies including everything from drug research firms working on potential treatments for breast cancer to producers of eco-friendly concrete.

**Coastal Erosion Assessment and Resiliency Plan** - *Jonathan Lockman of GEI Consultants on behalf of the Town of East Hampton*

Jonathan informed about a scientific analysis of East Hampton Town’s coastal geology currently under way towards determining what to do in the face of climate change and sea level rise. Based on the data about the coastal areas and expectations regarding sea level rise, models can be developed that will show what could happen in different parts of the shoreline. Then, Jonathan explained, decisions can be made about protecting or redeveloping infrastructure, including what adaptation strategies will help facilitate moving development away from the shore.

**Shorefront Park Resiliency and Enhancement** - *Marian Russo Esq., Executive Director Community Development Agency, Village of Patchogue*

Mayor Pontieri spoke first about the key elements of the Village’s planning success in downtown Patchogue. He noted the interdependency between its residents and the downtown area. The Mayor acknowledged his leveraging that relationship proved to be a valuable planning tool within subsequent development efforts.

Marian then described current plans for Shorefront Park regarding its resiliency features going forward. VHB Engineering has been retained to design improvement plans including several wave calming devices that would reduce the power of future storm surges such as Riprap rock or other material designed to shield shorelines. In addition, a 6-foot-high swale will be constructed with vegetation incorporated among its rock sill, serving as the foundation for an elevated walkway as part of a nature trail within the park.

Kevin commended the quality of the presentations and noted the relationship of each project with Long Island’s continuing economic development initiatives. Stuart reiterated same and called for progress reporting from the presenters as possible in future LIREDC meetings.

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*John Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development*

(Deferred to subsequent LIREDC meeting due to time overrun at 4/6/17 meeting)

Kevin then opened the floor to public input session. With no comments received at that point he made a motion to close which was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.