Peconic Estuary Partnership
PROTECTING AND RESTORING LONG ISLAND'S PECONIC BAYS

Joint Policy & Management Committee Meeting

October 28, 2026
10am – 12:00pm

LOCATION:

Town of Riverhead Town Hall
4 W 2nd St, Riverhead, NY 11901, USA

Briefing Materials Package:
Link to Briefing Materials Folder
MC July 22nd, 2026 Meeting Minutes
PC April 29th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

10:00 Welcome

Policy Committee (PC) introductions: *Jennifer Juengst, PC Chair*
Management Committee (MC) introductions: *Michelle Golden - MC Chair*

10:05 Minutes
Action: *MC approval of MC meeting minutes from July 22nd, 2026*
Action: *PC approval of PC committee minutes from April 29th, 2026*

10:10 Approval of use of funds resulting from the increase in NYS funding. *Joyce Novak PhD., PEP Executive Director*

Action: *MC recommends use of funds to PEP Policy Committee*
Action: *Policy Committee approves use of funds.*

10:20 PEP Updates

Roundtable updates from each Policy & Management Committee member

PEP Committee Updates

- Local Government Committee, **Valerie Virgona, PEP**
- Citizens Advisory Committee, **Kevin McDonald, Chair**
- Technical Advisory Committee, **Matt Sclafani, PhD. Chair**

10:45 Tracking post-release movement patterns of New York's rehabilitated Atlantic green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles provides insight into their utilization of seagrass beds in Peconic waters: *Maxine Montello, Executive Director, NY Marine Rescue Center*

11:05 Shoreline Adaptation Initiative & New Advisory Group, The Peconic Estuary Viability Assessment, & next steps: J*ade Blennau, PEP Coastal Resilience & Communities*

Coordinator

11:25 PEP Active Project Updates, Program Office

11:45 Public Portion / Additional Comments

2027 Management Committee Meeting Dates:

- January, 13, 2027
- April, 7, 2027
- July 21, 2027
- *Joint Meeting* October 27,2027

2026 Policy Committee Meeting Dates:

- April 28, 2027
- *Joint Meeting* October 27, 2027