Councilwoman Kepert Gets Full Support of the Board in Bringing Brookhaven to the Forefront of Energy Conservation
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Helps Homeowners Save Money and Create Green Jobs

Farmingville, NY - At last night's Town of Brookhaven's board meeting Councilwoman Kepert moved forward legislation that will bring the Town to the forefront of energy conservation for home construction. The legislation decouples Energy Star Homes requirements from the codes and replaces them with a requirement to achieve Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index. The legislation received the full support of the board as has been praised by the building industry and environmental activists.

"I commend the hard work of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College for their extensive research. This initiative will result in significant energy conservation, which will further reduce the carbon footprint of households. It also benefits the economy by reducing the cost of energy bills. Finally, both Energy Star, and Green Homes Legislation have resulted in the creation of a whole new industry of green jobs on Long Island," said Councilwoman Kepert.

Neal Lewis, Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at Molly College stated, "Brookhaven's actions in adopting this amendment to the local building code that was introduced by Councilwoman Connie Kepert, builds upon the tremendous success story that began in 2006 with adoption of the Energy Star Homes Law. That law has helped protect the environment by eliminating wasted energy, has saved homeowners money from reduced energy bills, it has reduced our reliance on foreign sources of oil, has created local green jobs, and the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College estimates, that it has also kept more than $1.25 million in the Long Island economy. These new changes to this historic law will provide leadership and keep Long Island on the forefront of building performance science. We hope all Long Island towns will adopt these changes to their residential building codes."

Mitch Pally, the Chief Executive of the Long Island Builders Institute (LIBI), who came before the board during the public hearing and made comment in support of the legislation stated, "LIBI is very appreciative of the work of Councilwoman Connie Kepert and the entire Town Board for modifying the energy efficiency regulations to make them more acceptable and flexible which will allow for greater energy efficiency on the Town of Brookhaven."

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