Farmingville, NY – On September 19, Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning attended the Bicentennial Birthday of the Miller Farm House in Brookhaven Hamlet. The Miller family, Dr. Nathaniel Miller and his wife Sarah Haven, moved from East Hampton to Fire Place in 1815. The Miller Farm stretched from Beaver Dam Creek east to Little Neck Run. They ran an independent farm including a blacksmith shop and raised and trapped their own trout in the ponds on Beaver Dam Creek. Nathaniel Miller was the third Postmaster of Fire Place in 1818 and served again in 1829 and 1849. His son, Nathaniel Miller Jr., also lived, worked, and raised his family at the Miller Farm and held various local official jobs, including Brookhaven Town Supervisor. His son, George Miller, worked the farm until his death. Decedents of the Miller family lived in the homestead until 1959 and several generations of the family are buried in the family cemetery not far from the house.

“The Miller Farm bicentennial celebration was a great event that recognized the rich history of Brookhaven Hamlet,” said Councilwoman Connie Kepert. “It was wonderful to once again visit this historic farm house and enjoy the company of old friends. Thank you to Helen Geraghty for hosting this special affair.”

“Suffolk County has a rich history dating back over 300 years, and farming was and will forever be a large part of what makes our area unique and great,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “We have been the State’s leading agricultural producer for decades, and the Miller family was one the most prominent to help build this great tradition in the 19th and early 20th century in Brookhaven Hamlet. I was honored to recognize the Bicentennial of the Miller Farm and its important place in our local history.”