Bellport Village, NY - This past Saturday, Councilwoman Connie Kepert participated in the Bellport Village Cash Mob organized by Terri Hall to support local businesses. A group of approximately 100 people "mobbed" a local business and spent $20.00 each. "In these tough times it's important to help our local 'mom and pops' by voting for them with our dollars. Spending cash in local businesses helps them to survive and even thrive," stated Councilwoman Kepert. The mob had a positive impact on the entire village as every restaurant was busy that night and folks were patronizing the other stores.

The idea for Cash Mobs was originated by Andrew Samtoy of Cleveland. The events have garnered national attention and the Bellport Village Cash Mob was covered by Inside Edition. According to Bellport.com: "Cash mobs were inspired by flash mobs and a deep sense of community. Cash Mobs help keep our money at home and celebrate what we have right here." Councilwoman Kepert concluded "They are a great idea, and a heck of a lot of fun! Hats off to Terri!"