Councilwoman Kepert Brings Down the House at 603 Bourdois Avenue

Farmingville, NY - Councilwoman Connie Kepert worked diligently with the Town of Brookhaven's Building Department and Law Department for nearly two years to have the burned down structure located at 603 Bourdois Avenue in North Bellport demolished. In February of 2011 Councilwoman Kepert's office was contacted by a resident who complained about the condition of the blighted remnants and wanted the eyesore to be removed.

The Councilwoman took a ride to see for herself what the resident had called about, "Once I saw this dilapidated, half burned out structure it was clear that it should be demolished to protect the surrounding neighborhood. It's an injustice to the nearby residents who take pride in the maintenance of their homes," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

Immediately after receiving the complaint, the Councilwoman contacted the Building Department and directed an inspector to go to the site. The Building inspector subsequently contacted the owner and instructed him to secure the structure with a six foot fence or remove the building. The owner opted for the fence which was unfortunately soon cut by vandals. In response, the Councilwoman moved forward a resolution to initiate a Chapter 73 demolition process enabling the Building Department to go to state Supreme Court and obtain an order for demolition.

While the Chapter 73 process was moving forward, the Building Department attempted to get the owner to demo the structure; however the owner was delayed with insurance issues. Finally, this lengthy process came to a close on Saturday morning when the structure was demolished.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Demolishing this dangerous eyesore makes an immediate impact on the quality of life in the neighborhood. I commend our Law, Building and Waste Management departments for their persistent effort to clean up this property and make it safe again for the residents in the area."

"It is critical that blighted properties be removed from the Bellport community as we continue to focus on revitalizing the area," stated Legislator Kate Browning. "This house was not only unsightly, it presented a danger to the health and safety of our residents. I want to thank Councilwoman Kepert and Supervisor Romaine for their efforts to address this serious problem. By all levels of government working together towards a common goal, we can continue to improve the quality of life in Bellport one property at a time," stated Legislator Kate Browning.

John Rogers, president of the Greater Bellport Civic Association stated, "This house was a danger and an eyesore that dragged down the neighborhood. We're glad to see it go."

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