

Town Demolishes Long Vacant “Zombie House” on Spring Garden Road in Rocky Point

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Farmingville, NY – On May 15, Councilwoman Jane Bonner (left) joined neighborhood residents as the Town demolished a long-vacant and abandoned “zombie house” at 69 Spring Garden Road in Rocky Point. The dilapidated house, which was vacant for nearly 10 years, was the source of resident complaints leading to numerous Town of Brookhaven housing code violations. The property was demolished, by the Town’s Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Councilwoman Bonner said, “A blighted house like this one lowers the property values of nearby homes and has a detrimental impact on everyone in the neighborhood. I commend our Law Department and the Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management for their efforts to remove this eyesore and help clean up neighborhoods in my district and throughout Town of Brookhaven.”

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