

Councilwoman Bonner and Councilmen Panico and Loguercio Attend Davis Town Meeting House Society's 4th Annual Yard Sale and Craft Fair

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Farmingville, NY – On September 10, Councilwoman Jane Bonner (second from right) and Councilman Dan Panico (left) and Councilman Michael Loguercio joined volunteers and shoppers at the Davis Town Meeting House Society's 4th annual yard sale and craft fair. The Davis Town Meeting House is located on Middle Country Road in Coram. The Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc. was formed exclusively for the charitable purpose of restoring and championing the conservancy efforts for the historic Lester H. Davis House. The house is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is designated a Brookhaven Town Landmark.

Councilwoman Bonner worked with the Parks Department to restore the house, seeking funding from numerous sources and ensuring that capital funds were available. Her support of the project led to the restoration, including roof replacement; exterior restoration; masonry work; engineering services associated with the completion of the interior structural timber restoration; reconstruction of a new timber framed front porch, and completion of the exterior facade.

For over 250 years, the was owned by direct male descendents of Foulk Davis who arrived in Southampton in 1642. According to local historian Davis Erhardt, the original owner of the house was probably Elijah Davis (1727-1802) who kept a tavern-inn. Beginning in the 1790s, the house served as the seat of the Town of Brookhaven government for 80 years. The inn was also used as a temperance house in the mid 1800's. By 1890, all commercial use ceased and it became solely a private residence.

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