

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner On Hand for Demolition of “Zombie House” in Rocky Point

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Farmingville, NY – On June 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner were on-hand for the demolition of a “zombie house” located at 17 Monroe Street in Rocky Point. The house, which had been vacant for many years and fire damaged, was the source of resident complaints leading to Town of Brookhaven housing code violations dating back to 2008. The house was demolished by the Town’s Department of Waste Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The property will be cleared of debris and graded by the Town. 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.

Supervisor Romaine said, “Nearly every community in Brookhaven Town has been hit by the increase of vacant, neglected houses. Unfortunately, many of them are run down and not secure from animals and squatters. We will continue to clean up properties like this and I thank the Town Law, Building and Waste Management Departments for their efforts to help clean up this neighborhood and others across the Town.”

Councilwoman Bonner said, “This house was a dangerous eyesore on Monroe Street, and for a long time it had a detrimental effect on the quality of life and property values in the neighborhood. I am very happy for the residents that live on the street. Some stopped by during the demolition just to say how very thankful they were that it was coming down.”

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