Romaine, Bonner: Renovations to Begin at Historic Woodhull House in Wading River

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (left) recently met with Sid Bail, President of the Wading River Civic Association and Stephanie Bail, President of the Wading River Historical Society, to review plans for renovation of the Woodhull House.

Built sometime around 1720, the house was owned by Josiah Woodhull, grandson of Richard Woodhull, one of the founders of Brookhaven Town. It was home to seven generations of the Woodhull clan until 1926, when it was purchased by Henry Mueller, proprietor of Mueller's Pasta, who named the 160-acre estate Seldoon Farm. In 1936, magazine publisher Ray Gilleaudeau purchased it. Keyspan, which took the property over from LILCO, donated the property to Brookhaven Town in 2002.

"By restoring the Woodhull House, we are preserving an important piece of Brookhaven history that could never be replaced," said Supervisor Romaine. "I look forward to finally seeing this beautiful home brought back to life and enjoyed by the community."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "Historic landmarks like the Woodhull House have such a rich history and they must be preserved and put to good use. Thanks to Sid and Stephanie, this project has been kept in the forefront and now we'll see our plan come to fruition."

Work to be done at the Woodhull House under the $240,000 project includes:

- Structural floor and wall remediation in main building
- Demolition of the dilapidated breezeway and storage building
- Cleaning & repointing existing stone & brick
- Rehabilitation of trim for windows, doors, entry, vents
- Replace exterior doors, windows, shutters & hardware
- Some new siding and some refinishing of existing siding
- Replacement of damaged roof shingles
- Exterior painting
- Site grading & drainage

• New landscaping around the building, which will be done separately in the Spring.

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