

Town Board Adopts Councilwoman Bonner's "Program for Public Good" Resolution to Establish Rocky Point Farmer's Market at Town's Old Depot Park

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Co-Sponsorship between Town and Rocky Point Civic Association builds on the J6 zoning designation as presented in Route 25 A Land Use Plan

Farmingville, NY - At the May 21 Board Meeting, the Town Board voted unanimously to adopt Councilwoman Jane Bonner's resolution that authorizes the Rocky Point Farmer's Market to operate at the Town's Old Depot Park as a co-sponsorship between the Rocky Point Civic Association and the Town. The event is classified as a "program for public good" which qualifies it for coverage under the Town of Brookhaven Programs for Public Good insurance. Establishing the Farmer's Market is another opportunity for the Town to build on the J6 zoning designation that is part of the Route 25A Mount Sinai to Wading River Land Use Plan. The plan, which was spearheaded by Councilwoman Bonner, was adopted by the Town Board earlier this year. It covers a 10.5 mile stretch of Route 25A through the hamlets of Mount Sinai, Miller Place, Sound Beach, Rocky Point, Shoreham and Wading River to the Riverhead town line.

"The Farmer's Market is another step toward the revitalization of the Rocky Point downtown business district and I thank the Rocky Point Civic Association for their efforts to promote economic development in the community," said Councilwoman Bonner. "Now, people who want to buy fresh produce don't have to travel elsewhere, and at the same time they can support local vendors and the other businesses in the area."

Supervisor Romaine said, "A farmer's market is a great addition to Rocky Point's downtown and a reminder of the rural character of our eastern communities on the North Shore. It's another good example of how our government works with the private sector to create new business opportunities that benefit the local economy and the residents of Brookhaven Town."

Councilwoman Bonner is also working on a 3-5 year plan with the Town's Planning Department and Division of Traffic Safety to make infrastructure improvements along the Route 25A Corridor. Recently, the Town purchased property on Broadway in Rocky Point to build a municipal parking lot. The purchase, which was made possible through Community Development Block Grant funding, was the first opportunity for the Town to build on the J6 zoning designation. Councilwoman Bonner is also working with Senator Ken LaValle to apply for State Multimodal funding that will enhance the Route 25A Corridor, including improvements to Broadway and the Rocky Point business district.

Prior to adopting the Route 25A Land Use Plan, the Town Board held public hearings to amend a number of zoning definitions, consider changes of zone to 79 properties in the Rocky Point business district from their current zoning from J2 (Neighborhood Business) to J6 (Main Street Business) and to create three new overlay districts. In creating the plan, Councilwoman Bonner's overriding concern was to preserve the current high quality of life enjoyed by corridor residents by preserving the community character of the area, preventing future suburban sprawl, limiting "big box" retail, improving both the safety and appearance of Route 25A, and revitalizing local businesses and Main Streets along the corridor.

The Route 25A Mount Sinai to Wading River Land Use Plan and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) are available on the Town website at www.brookhaven.org.

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