

Councilman LaValle Announces Demolition of “Zombie House” on Adirondack Drive in Selden

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Farmingville, NY – On June 7, Councilman Kevin LaValle (pictured on right) announced the demolition of a “zombie house” located at 76 Adirondack Drive in Selden. The house, which had been vacant for many years, was the source of resident complaints leading to numerous Town of Brookhaven housing code violations dating back to 2008. Violations included illegal apartments, property maintenance and squatters living in the house and a shed. 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.

Councilman LaValle said, “A dilapidated house like this one has a severe impact on the quality of life and property values in the neighborhood. The residents on Adirondack Drive have been waiting a long time for this eyesore to be removed and I thank the Town Law, Building and Waste Management Departments for their efforts to help clean up this neighborhood.”

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