

Brookhaven Town Board Makes Bi-Partisan Appointments to Departmental Boards at Recent Organizational Meeting

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Farmingville, NY - At the January 6, 2011 Organizational meeting of the Town of Brookhaven, the Town Board members united to reappoint members of the Planning, Zoning, Ethics, and Accessory Apartment Boards. The reappointments, which were approved unanimously, included:

1. Paul DeChance to Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Keri A. Peragine, AIA, as Vice Chair.
2. Vincent Pascale to Chair to the Planning Board and M. Cecile Forte, Ph.D, as Deputy Chair.
3. Ronald C. Manning, M.S., J.D. and William McQuaid Duffy as members of the Board of Ethics (Manning also serves as Chair of the Board of Ethics).
4. Irene D'Abramo to Chair of the Accessory Apartment Review Board.

"We are starting 2011 off right in Brookhaven Town and setting a tone for the rest of the year," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "I am proud to join with all my colleagues on the Town Council by making these bi-partisan appointments. It does not matter to me what political party the appointees belong to, what matters is how well they serve the people of Brookhaven. This is the same policy I have with my management team of Commissioners and Department Heads."

"The intent of this progressive town board is to employ the most qualified individuals to service/assist and represent our residents," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "The entire country has come to realize that what the Town of Brookhaven is doing works. Partisan politics does not serve the people, a qualified, educated staff does."

"I'm proud to have supported and voted on behalf of Brookhaven Town residents who have the character, integrity, experience, qualifications and commitment to public service - in some cases on a volunteer basis," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "I'm especially proud at the manner in which the chairs of our Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Accessory Apartment Review boards have conducted their meetings with one single purpose in mind: to serve the taxpayers and protect the quality of life in our communities. I'm confident that the Ethics Committee will be an entity of clarity, openness and fairness with William Duffy and the new chair."

"It is my hope that these quality Bi-Partisan appointments to our various boards sends a message to the residents of the Town of Brookhaven, and that message is that this Town Board and our Supervisor are committed to appointing the most qualified individuals to serve the people, not the most politically connected. I would also like to congratulate the appointees and ask them to keep up the great work," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

"The residents of Brookhaven Town must have confidence that their elected officials will select the best candidates for the job," said Councilman Tim Mazzei. "These bi-partisan appointments are a step in the right direction and I hope that they set the tone for the future."

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