

Town Demolishes Another Zombie House in Mastic Beach

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Farmingville, NY – On May 1, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Dan Panico (right) were joined by Suffolk County Legislator Rudy Sunderman (center) at the demolition of a decades-long vacant house located at 719 Riviera Drive in Mastic Beach. The house, which was in complete disrepair, was demolished by the Town’s Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. 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, “This house has been an eyesore as long as anyone can remember, and the fact that it sits on wetlands make it even more important to remove it. These houses bring down a neighborhood and lower the property values of the homes all around them. We will continue our efforts to demolish abandoned houses to make Mastic Beach a better place to live for everyone.”

Councilman Panico said, “In Brookhaven we don't talk about change and don't wait for others. We are going to make the changes that residents have been waiting for and we aren't going to let grass grow under our feet. A bright future is on the horizon, but we must first part the clouds.”

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