

Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico Announces Hearing Date for Proposed Rezoning of Properties in the Hamlets of Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches & Eastport

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico has announced that a public hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 22nd to solicit comments on the Draft Comprehensive Zoning Re-evaluation of the Montauk Highway Corridor for the Greater Moriches area. The hearing will be held at 5 p.m. at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, in the Auditorium on the second floor.

The public hearing is the next step in the overall process of rezoning hundreds of acres of land in the Hamlets of Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches, and Eastport, that are currently not zoned in accordance with their existing land uses. Councilman Panico, who started the comprehensive re-evaluation study more than a year ago, noted that in many instances, there are homes located on commercially zoned properties.

“The Greater Moriches area has largely been ignored over the years when land use plans were created for the rest of Brookhaven Town,” said Councilman Panico. “The goal of this proposed plan is to rezone lands in accordance with their existing land use and eliminate the threat of the over commercialization in communities that are known for their rural charm. But most importantly, these zone changes will support the current business community, especially those within the Center Moriches and East Moriches downtown areas and well established commercial center areas.”

Councilman Panico held a community forum in September 2015 at Center Moriches High School, where he spoke to more than 100 residents about the planning study and how it would help to protect the Montauk Highway Corridor from commercial blight suffered by other Long Island communities.

“By making these necessary zone changes, most properties will come into compliance with current zoning regulations and our communities will subsequently be protected for future generations,” Panico said.

A copy of the Comprehensive Re-evaluation Plan is available on the Town of Brookhaven website at www.Brookhaven.org, as well as at the Center Moriches Public Library and the Mastic-Shirley Library.

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