

Brookhaven Town Supports Reallocation of \$1.3 Million DASNY Grant to Mastic Beach Village for Much-Needed Sewer Study

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico recently sponsored a resolution supporting the reallocation of a \$1.3 million grant that was awarded to Brookhaven Town by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in 2013, to the Village of Mastic Beach, where it will be used for an engineering study to explore the establishment of sewers in the Village. Councilman Panico, along with Supervisor Ed Romaine and fellow board members, unanimously passed the resolution at the February 25th Town Board Meeting. The grant was originally awarded to the Town for the construction of a sewage treatment plant at Brookhaven Calabro Airport, but nearly \$200 million was later secured through the federal government for the project. Pictured left to right are Councilman Panico, Mastic

Beach Village Trustee Betty Manzella, Mastic Beach Village Mayor Maura Sperry, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Deputy Mastic Beach Village Mayor Bruce Summa.

“There’s no question that sewers are a necessity if Mastic Beach Village is to expand their business district,” said Supervisor Romaine. “Just as important is the Village’s proximity to the Forge River and the bay. The water quality of both will improve as more commercial and residential cesspools are replaced with sewer hook ups.”

Councilman Dan Panico said, “My hometown of Mastic Beach has so much beauty and unrealized potential, and while my authority is extremely limited inside of a Village, I will always do all that I can to help see that potential realized. I hope this funding will be put to good use for the residents, and thank Village Mayor Maura Sperry and the entire board for their work on behalf of our mutual constituency.”

During the board meeting, Mayor Sperry expressed her appreciation to the board for their continued support and partnership, noting that sewers were “imperative” in order for the Village to “revitalize.” “The need for sewers is written in stone,” said Sperry. “It is so important for us to do this engineering study, to get a shovel ready plan.”

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