

Councilwoman Kepert Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Historic Mott House

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Legislator Rob Calarco, Georgette Grier-Key, Nicole Christian, Vincent Thomas, Shirley Hudson, Councilman Daniel Panico, and Councilwoman Connie Kepert at the Mott House ribbon cutting

Shirley Hudson, Tawaun Weber, Nicole Christian, Legislator Rob Calarco, Vincent Thomas, Councilwoman Daniel Panico and Councilwoman Connie Kepert celebrate at the ribbon cutting

Farmingville, NY - On Friday, May 30, 2014, Councilwoman Connie Kepert hosted a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Historic Mott House in Coram. She was joined by Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco, Deputy Supervisor Dan Panico, the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, and the Assistant Director of the Longwood Public Library. Also present at the event were representatives from the Gordon Heights Fire District, the Gordon Heights Fire Department, and the Middle Country Public Library.

The Mott House, which is located at the southeast intersection of Middle Country Road and Homestead Drive in Coram, was built in 1824 on what was originally 30 acres of land owned by William C. Howell. Seaman Albert Mott and his wife, Joanna, later lived in the home with their seven children. Albert Mott's daughter, Lavina, and her husband, Dr. Isaac Smith also resided in the house with their family.

"Many people worked very hard to insure, not only that this historic house would rise again, but that it would become an integral part of the Gordon Heights community. Thank you and congratulations to the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, the Longwood Library and our Parks and Law Departments," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

"There is a quote that Kevin Costner made famous in the movie *Field of Dreams*, "if you build it they will come". It's built. The ribbon cutting ceremony was the celebration of a long awaited dream for the community. The Greater Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce Business and Cultural Heritage Center at Mott House & Center for Excellence in Education, Research and Advocacy will create an environment that will help our members prosper and succeed through a working partnership with all levels of government and community organizations to achieve a strong local economy and high quality of life," stated Shirley Hudson Singletary, the President of the Greater Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce.

"We are very excited to partner with the Greater Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Brookhaven at the Mott House," stated Longwood Public Library Assistant Director, Lisa Jacobs. "We look forward to better serving members of our community, especially those in Coram, with programs at this site."

The Town of Brookhaven began construction of the replica, which was built using some of the original 190-year old house, in 2009. The house will be used by the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, who will host educational forums and community events there, the Longwood Public Library, which is currently utilizing the space to host their English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, and by the Town of Brookhaven Parks Department.

