

Councilman Panico Celebrates One Year Anniversary of the Historic Designation of the Floyd Murray Petty House

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Farmingville, NY - On July 17, Councilman Dan Panico joined the Mastic Civic Association and the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society in celebrating the one year anniversary of the historic designation to the Floyd Murray Petty House.

Known officially as the William Floyd Estates Floyd-Murray Home, the original structure at the site in the 1830s was home to Charles and Charity Petty Havens Murray. This building was owned by family members of William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who lived in Mastic Beach.

Charles Murray worked for the William Floyd Estate, and the house passed down through six generations of family heirs until it was sold to Ann Murray, the daughter of Charles and Charity Murray.

When Anne Murray died in 1923, the house was sold by the county at auction, and it went on to different owners until the Lerner-Heidenberg development company, the current owner, bought it, according to former Mastic Beach Village historian Jamie Reason. Lerner-Heidenberg owns the neighboring Southport Shopping Center.

The current 1 1/2-story structure on the original Petty House site contains about 60 percent of the original timber framing of the original house. The remainder of the structure is an approximate re-creation of the exterior of the former home.

"As a student of history, I have a great appreciation for our past and for such a significant piece of local history," said town Councilman Dan Panico, who sponsored the resolution to make the house a town landmark.

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