

Supervisor Lesko, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh and Members of the Town Board Unveil 9-11 Memorial at Town Hall

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Pictured left to right are Deputy Highway Superintendent Jim LaCarruba, Town Clerk Patricia Eddington, Ernesto Mattace, Rene Stahlman, Councilman Dan Panico, Sam Stahlman, Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Jay Ratto, Michael Sipala III, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Councilman Timothy P. Mazzei and Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh at the 9/11 Memorial at Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville.

Farmingville, NY - On September 15th, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, joined other elected officials and guests to unveil the 9-11 Memorial at Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville. The memorial honors all the victims from the Town of Brookhaven that were lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Most of the materials for the memorial were donated by local businesses and the design team all volunteered their services. Jay Ratto of Ratto Landscaping helped design and create the memorial. He installed the brick platform, walkway and planted trees, shrubs and flowers. Michael Sipala III of Sipala Landscaping donated mulch and gave special attention in cleaning up the area where the memorial is located. Sam Stahlman and Ernesto Mattace were on the memorial design team.

"Those who lost their lives on 9-11 will always be remembered thanks to the hard work by all those involved in creating this beautiful memorial," said Supervisor Lesko. "Our town employees and residents now have a place here at Town Hall where they can come to reflect on the meaning of 9-11 and remember the victims in their thoughts and prayers."

"Without the outstanding work and donations from these wonderful businesses and the creative thinking of the design team this memorial would not be here today," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "Town of Brookhaven residents can come to this memorial to remember the victims of 9-11"

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "This memorial will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the victims who lost their lives and the brave first responders who gave their lives trying to help others. I thank those who donated their time and materials to make this memorial so beautiful."

Councilwoman Connie Kepert said, "It was a deeply touching ceremony here in the Town of Brookhaven where we lost

many of hometown residents on that dreadful day. I hope that ceremonies like this on the tenth anniversary of 9/11/11 remind us all never to forget those who lost their lives in the terror attacks, and those who we lost in the days, months, and years that followed, during the recovery mission that followed those cowardly attacks." "I applaud all of those who donated their time, money and effort to create this beautiful memorial," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I especially commend Councilwoman Walsh for her efforts in spearheading this memorial and for leading the memorial service to unveil the 9-11 monument. The days following the tragic events of September 11th, 2001 were shining examples of the best of this Country, and now as we rebuild the Freedom Tower the world will once again see the greatness of this County and its people."

Councilman Mazzei said, "Nearly every community in Brookhaven Town experienced the loss of friends, neighbors and loved ones on that fateful day ten years ago. We will never forget them and always keep their memories alive with this beautiful memorial here at Town Hall."

Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld said, "With this tranquil and meditative memorial we honor the many men and women that were lost on 9-11, as well as the brave and stouthearted who sacrificed their lives in an attempt to save others, who humbly served protecting our local communities. Let us honor them by our full and wholesome use of our freedoms."

Town Clerk Pat Eddington said, "Ten years have passed but our country remains forever changed. This site offers Brookhaven residents a place to reflect and remember those we lost on 9/11. Many individuals came together to complete this memorial, it is heartwarming in the face of such tragedy to see that our community is still standing together and supporting each other."

Superintendent of Highways John Rouse said, "My heartfelt thanks go out to all of the volunteers and companies who donated their time and materials to put this together. Having a memorial here at Town Hall for our residents and employees to remember and reflect on the tragic loss we all experienced on 9/11 is so important. While we must never forget, we must also pass these memories to future generations, so that all of the brave souls that were lost are remembered eternally."

Lou Marcoccia, Town Tax Receiver said, "The events of 9-11 will forever be in our memory. On this the 10th anniversary of that horrific day, it was fitting to take a moment from the fervor of our busy schedules to reflect and remember the victims, their families, and the brave emergency responders who answered the call of duty and placed themselves in harms way. May our thoughts and prayers always be with and all who perished as well as those among us who carry the burden of these events with them each and every day."

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