

Councilman Dan Panico fights Exorbitant Dock and Bulkhead Fees

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Passes Resolution To Repeal And Rollback Fees To Prior Level

Farmingville, NY - Recently, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico sponsored and passed a resolution to roll back the exorbitant dock and bulkhead fees of November 23rd, 2010.

"I am pleased that the Town rolled back these recently created fees and charges for the construction of bulk heading and docks," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I think that this was a classic case of a municipality looking to increase revenue through fees that were wholly inappropriate. After originally opposing these and other fees that were increased late last year, I am pleased that the Board supported this move to restore common sense to the process."

As a result of the November 23rd series of 17 resolutions to increase fees in Brookhaven Town bay bottom fees increased from .50 cents a square foot to \$20 dollars a square foot. As a result of Councilman Panico's resolution to repeal these fees that he argued against in November, the fees return to .50 cents a square foot.

"I strongly believe that the fees charged by Brookhaven, or any municipality, should have a connection to the cost of providing the service," commented Panico. "In this case that connection was clearly absent which made the passage of these fee increases ill conceived."

At a previous Town Board meeting Councilman Panico also repealed the kayak fees which were added as a new fee to the Parks, Recreational and Cultural Resource Fee Schedule for 2011. Councilman Panico fought the creation of these fees then, and successfully removed the kayak fee as a result of prior legislation.

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