Supervisor Romaine and Deputy Supervisor Panico Close on the Last Undeveloped Hundred Acre Parcel in the Mastic-Shirley Area for the People

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Pictured left to right at the closing on 98.8 acres to be preserved as open space are Eliot Monter and Jerry Monter, owners of Colony Preserve, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Deputy Supervisor Dan Panico.

Farmingville, NY - On January 29, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Deputy Supervisor Dan Panico closed on 98.8 acres of land, formerly the site of The Links golf course in Shirley which closed in 2010. Present at the closing along with the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor were Eliot and Jerry Monter, the principles of the Holiday Organization, the previous owners of the property. The 98.8 acres will be used for natural park land, and includes a 6.5 acre lake. In October 2012, Deputy Supervisor Panico accepted a $1 million check from the Holiday Organization on behalf of the Town of Brookhaven to be used for a recreational facility in the Mastic, Mastic Beach and Shirley communities.

"Deputy Supervisor Panico has worked long and hard with the Holiday Organization to secure this open space and the one million dollars. The result of both will be of great benefit to the Mastic, Mastic Beach and Shirley communities as well as all Brookhaven residents. I thank Dan and the Holiday Organization for a job well done."

Deputy Supervisor Panico said, "By working out this compromise that is in the community's interest, we were able to acquire the last 100 acre undeveloped parcel in the Mastic, Mastic Beach and Shirley area. It is my sincere hope that one day this property will provide the recreational atmosphere and central sense of place for the communities to come together in a peaceful and serene park like setting for all to enjoy."

The Holiday Organization is constructing the Colony Preserve condominiums on the site adjacent to the Town's open space property. The Colony Preserve offers two residential choices; The Manors, which include 150 units of luxurious condominium living for active adults 55+ and Country Woods, 75 single-family homes nestled in a landscaped haven. The company has been in business for more than 60 years and has created exceptional communities for families throughout Long Island.

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