

Supervisor Romaine Celebrates Brookhaven's 360th Anniversary with Five Former Supervisors at Town Hall Event

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Farmingville, NY - On April 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine was joined by five former Brookhaven Town Supervisors to celebrate the 360th Anniversary of Brookhaven Town. The event was open to the public and drew hundreds of residents, elected officials and other guests including the Brookhaven Town Council, New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul as well as former Suffolk County Executive and current Suffolk County Historian Peter F. Cohalan. Pictured left to right are former Town Councilman Gene Gerrard, former Supervisors Brian Foley, Felix Grucci and John LaMura, Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Supervisor Romaine, Mr. Cohalan, and former Brookhaven Town Supervisors Mark Lesko and John Jay LaValle.

The celebration recognized the 1655 arrival of the first English settlers on the north shore of the Town. Coming from eastern Long Island and New England, they established their first settlement in Setauket, named after the local Native Americans from whom the land was purchased. In 1686, Governor Thomas Dongan issued a Patent which granted extensive powers to the Town and established a representative form of government. Visit www.brookhaven.org to learn more about the history of Brookhaven Town.

The event included a display of historic Brookhaven artifacts and a slide show presented by Town Historian Barbara Russell, who also spoke about Brookhaven history. The 4th New York Brigade Revolutionary War soldier group presented the colors, the VFW Post 400 from Farmingville led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem was sung by Ms. Katie Molloy.

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