

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Join Ridge Civic Association Calling for Demolition of County-Owned Ridge Motel East

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Farmingville, NY – Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner recently sent a letter to County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Al Krupski in support of the Ridge Civic Association’s fight to demolish the vacant Ridge Motel East. The County owns the dilapidated property, located on Route 25 in Ridge, having acquired it through a tax default.

The motel has been an eyesore for several years, becoming a home to a large number of squatters and creating hardship for nearby residents and business owners. The Town took action to condemn the motel in 2010. The four acre parcel is located in the Pine Barrens Core adjacent to Brookhaven State Park and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) property.

In the letter, the Supervisor and Councilwoman called for the County to “exercise their right as property owners,” demolish the structure and return the land to its natural state.

Referring to the letter, Supervisor Romaine said, “The County needs to step up and do the right thing for the people of Ridge who have lived with this problem for too many years. The former owners have been granted extension after extension to pay their taxes, but have done nothing. It is time for the County to take action, demolish this eyesore and move on.”

Councilwoman Bonner said, “Non-action by the County has made a bad situation much worse and the only solution is to demolish this building and clean up the property. I stand firmly with the Ridge Civic Association and will keep the pressure on the County until they knock down this eyesore.”

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