

June 2017 | Rocky Point Civic |
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*We all need to work
for peace. Some work
harder than others.
Tememi Gazari, 2000*



June

Civic 2017 Board

President: Dr. Charles Bevington

Vice President: Dr. Connie Iervolino

Secretary: Susan Bevington

Treasurer: Susan Wilson

Membership: Kathy Weber

Sargent at Arms: Rory Rubino

Trustees:
Virginia Heslin

Treasurers Report /Update \$4,815.95
Checking \$2,913.10 Savings \$1,902.85

AGENDA for June 6th 2017
Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM
Roll Call
Reading of the May 2017 minutes
Report of Officers
Cope Report
Treasurers Report
Membership Report
Secretary Report
President's Report
Beautification Report
Land Use: Artisans Group Report
Guest Speaker: 7:45 PM
Motion to Adjourn
Next meeting
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Suffolk County Police Commissioner 7:45 PM

Timothy D. Sini

Timothy D. Sini was appointed the 13th Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department in January 2016. To begin the transition from the former Commissioner, Commissioner Sini joined the department in November 2015 as Deputy Police Commissioner.

Under Commissioner Sini's leadership, the Department is focused on enhancing its intelligence-led policing model, improving community relations, and investing in new technology to enhance the Department's operations. Commissioner Sini has also made collaborating with the Department's law enforcement partners a cornerstone of his administration, and has implemented new partnerships with outside agencies to fight crime in Suffolk County.

Under Commissioner Sini's leadership, the Department has launched numerous successful criminal initiatives aimed at addressing the opioid epidemic, firearm violence, and traffic fatalities in Suffolk County. Commissioner Sini has also rolled out new technology to enhance the Department's capabilities in fighting crime, including a new, award-winning intelligence-led policing platform. In addition, Commissioner Sini has launched a number of initiatives to increase the efficiency of the patrol division, allowing officers to spend more time engaged in proactive police work, and has significantly reformed the Department's Internal Affairs Bureau, making it more responsive to community concerns.

Commissioner Sini serves as a representative on the White House's Office of Drug Control Policy New York/New Jersey Regional HIDTA Team, where he participates in strategy sessions with public health and public safety agencies to reduce opioid overdoses in the region. He is also the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which consists of all the stakeholders in Suffolk County's criminal justice system. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Commissioner Sini served as the Assistant Deputy County Executive for Public Safety in the administration of Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone. In this role, Commissioner Sini spearheaded numerous public safety initiatives, including an innovative drug treatment program targeting Suffolk County inmates and releasees, as well as an evidence-based gang prevention program targeting children as early as the Third Grade. Both programs recently received National Association of Counties (NACO) awards.

Commissioner Sini started his career in law enforcement as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he served under U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. Commissioner Sini specialized in investigating and prosecuting violent crimes, including homicides, gang related activity and large scale narcotics cases. Prior to serving as an Assistant United States Attorney, Commissioner Sini served as a law clerk for a federal district court judge in the Southern District of New York and a federal circuit court judge in the Second Circuit. Suffolk County Police Commissioner Timothy D. Sini is a magna cum laude graduate of Brooklyn Law School where he earned his Juris Doctor and American University in Washington, D.C. where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He resides in Babylon Village with his wife, Amanda, and their three children.

East End Disability Associates 8:30 PM

Lisa Meyer Fertal, Chief Executive Officer

Respite House
2 Harding Street
Rocky Point, NY 11778

For many years EEDA has acknowledged the stress and strain that caring for a loved one with intellectual and developmental disabilities presents to families through the provision of Respite services. These families balance the typical needs and stressors of family life with the unique circumstances of providing care and oversight to a loved one with special needs. Often simple tasks like food shopping, a dinner out, or attending a school event for typical children becomes impossible due to the demand of caring for their special loved one. These families require and deserve a few days of rest in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for, when they can rest easy knowing their loved one is cared for by a professional, well trained staff. Overnight Respite is a scheduled, proactive experience for children ages 8 and up and adults who live with their families on Long Island. Respite is scheduled 3 months in advance for 4 night stays for groups of 6 people at a time who present with similar needs, interests and abilities. Respite is available seven days a week for up to six individuals at a time.



Since 2001 EEDA has provided Overnight Respite services in local rental properties that have never fully met the needs of the people we support. After years of fundraising by EEDA's development department and securing financing, we have worked with respected local businessmen to design and build a respite house that will meet the needs of all of our guests. The house on a private road will be wheelchair accessible, have ample parking and private backyard space, making it a peaceful setting for this service. We could not be happier to provide this service in the welcoming and blossoming Rocky Point downtown community.

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2017 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

Present:

- President – Charles Bevington
- Vice President- Constance Iervolino
- Secretary – Susan Bevington
- Treasurer – Susan Wilson
- Sergeant at Arms – Rory Rubino
- Membership Secretary – Kathy Weber
- Trustee - Virginia Heslin
- Trustee – Open
- Trustee – Open

Absent, Excused: Susan Wilson

On a motion by Susan Wilson and seconded by Rory Rubino and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the **March 7, 2017 and April 4, 2017** meeting was waived. The Minutes were approved as written.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Susan Wilson

May 2, 2017 Balances

- ❖ Checking \$2,913.10
- ❖ Savings \$1,902.85

Membership Report: Kathy Weber

36 paid members plus 5 renewals this evening. A total of 237 email addresses

Secretary Report: Susan Bevington

- We were sent copies of correspondence from the North Shore Baymen's Association of Halesite, NY to Governor Cuomo, the NYS Senate, NYS Assembly, NYS DEC, Civic Associations and Yacht Clubs regarding Assembly Bills #A3377, A5193, #A3144, A3960 and Senate Bills #S831, S4248, S3820 and S563 regarding aquaculture and commercial fisheries. The North Shore Baymen's Association is urging NYS to NOT APPROVE these bills.
- We received a letter from East End Disability Association regarding their planned use at 2 Harding Street. The intent is to establish an Individualized Residential Alternative Respite program for six (6) individuals. *The Civic Association will invite them to a meeting to present their program and plans.*
- Peoples Bank is closing the Rocky Point branch on July 14th
- North Shore Youth Council sent a request to be added to our Welcome to Rocky Point sign on 25A. *We will follow-up with NSYC for more details of their request and bring the information back to the Civic*
- Letter from Supervisor Romaine regarding a recent article which appeared in the Long Island Press. The article graded the FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) responses of various local

governments. While Brookhaven received an “A” the article pointed out the “town clerk did not respond to our request...until we followed up...” In his letter to the Civic Association, Supervisor Romaine explained the FOIL officer for the Town is the Town Attorney (not the Town Clerk). All FOIL requests are to be forwarded to the Town Attorney at 631-451-6500

Cope Report:

- 2 heroin overdoses – in both instances NARCAN was administered and the victims survived
- A number of Petit Larcenies (Kohl’s and a few residences)
- Grand Larceny on Patchogue Drive (a policemen’s service revolver was stolen)
- Burglary on Xylo Road
- A few domestic issues and vandalism
- Shield Program – residents can register their security cameras with the Precinct. The Police department already has access to security cameras at the schools. See the SCPA website for details and registration.
- There is an upcoming PAL Fishing Trip
- There is no gang activity in our area.

Land Use: Constance Iervolino

There will be a Rails to Trails meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6pm. The meeting has been set up by Legislator, Sarah Anker for Rocky Point residents only. We need a show of support for the project or Rocky Point could be left out.

Farmers Market Committee Report: Virginia Heslin

The market will opens for the season May 28th (Memorial Day weekend) through November 19th. We have four new vendors.

Beautification Committee Report: Kathy Weber

The beautification grant was submitted for \$2,500. Backowitz Nursery will be providing and maintaining flowering baskets along Broadway and Prince Road. Flags will also be available for a \$30 donation from local businesses. The cost of the flags is not covered by the grant. **May 20th is the Great Brookhaven Clean-up**

Speaker: Dr. Ring and Greg Hilton, Rocky Point Schools

Presented the 2017/18 budget for the Rocky Point Schools. The budget is \$83,286,346 which is a 3.30% increase and a 3.21% tax levy increase (complies with the tax cap). There is also a Capital Reserve Referendum for \$3,385,965 for High School parking reconfiguration , Security Cameras, Door Access, High School music room renovations, Middle School sealing and reconstruction of HS turf field. We get 70% in state building aid on these projects. This is a separate proposition to be voted on in addition to the budget. The budget vote is Tuesday, May 16th at the Rocky Point HS gymnasium 7am to 9pm.

Speaker: Coastal Keepers (Suzanne Johnson, Mary Cooper and Suzanne Seigel)

Spoke about the condition of Hallock Landing beach. They are concerned about the stormwater runoff and suggest permeable pavement, catch basins and “bio swales” to catch and/or filter the stormwater before it gets to the shore. Complained about the lack of parking, the machinery on the beach from

the construction on Friendship and other bulkhead work. They are requesting stormwater drainage, sand replacement on the beach, gabion replacement, ramp renovation, handicap parking spots and preservation of the sandstone wall which came from the Long Island Railroad overpass from the 1880s. Kimberly Farley of Jane Bonner's office explained that Hallock Landing beach is a Brookhaven Town easement and they do not provide parking spots on easements (with the exception of limited night fishing spots). As an easement, this is the access point for construction machinery and emergency vehicles. The machinery recently on the beach was there to repair a town drainage site. The Town has contracted with a waste management company to pick up trash at the beach access point. There is a project pending for work to be done at Hallock Landing Beach. The application was accepted by FEMA and DEC but the scope of the work had to be changed due to the recent storms.

President's Report: none

Old Business:

Jeff Carlsen spoke about the Rails to Trails project. He said it does not make sense to bypass Rocky Point. The Project may be pulled if they believe people will be diverted onto dangerous roadways. The project has the support of Congressman Lee Zeldin who is actively behind getting more money for the project. The final conceptual plan will be done by the end of May. Constance Iervolino stated the benefits are enormous, real estate values will rise. This is a quality of life amenity. Charles Bevington asked the membership if they would approve a special newsletter to be sent to the membership regarding the upcoming Rails to Trails meeting. ***A motion was made by Bob Leonard and seconded by Ralph Iervolino for the RP Civic Association to send out a special newsletter edition on the Rails to Trails project and the upcoming meeting on May 9th.***

New Business - None

Community Announcements

- June 11th The Brick Community Dragonfly Event at Old Depot Park (site of the farmers market)
- September 25th the VFW 10th Annual Golf Outing at @ Willow Creek
- Summer Concert Series begins in July

50/50

\$27 Won by Ralph Iervolino and donated it back to the Civics

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion made by Rory Rubino, seconded by Jeff Davis and passed by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Next meeting date: July 11, 2017

BAN Methoprene: What Can You Do?

[Sign Petition to Stop the Spraying of Accabonac and Napeague Harbors](#)

[Opt into the Suffolk County No Spray Registry](#)



When a natural ecosystem is molested with chemical interference, the balance between the organisms is disrupted and the dynamics of an ecosystem unravels, making it prone to a proliferation of some species and a paucity of others. This may lead to epidemiological consequences whereby the ecosystem degenerates and may become more susceptible to disease organisms. Research already shows that nature has in place a predator-prey system controlling the proliferation of mosquitoes. <http://www.methoprene.info/Mission.html>

"Methoprene is very highly toxic to freshwater invertebrates, as seen in studies with crayfish and daphnia magna. The pesticide also can be very highly acutely toxic to estuarine and marine invertebrates, as seen in studies with grass shrimp and mud-crabs. Marine organisms are not likely to be exposed to methoprene, but estuarine organisms are likely to be exposed as a result of the use of methoprene as a mosquito larvicide. Methoprene degrades rapidly in water so the use of most formulations in estuaries is not of concern. However, the slow-release briquette formulation is of concern to EPA because it causes estuarine organisms to be exposed to methoprene over an extended period of time. An estuarine invertebrate life cycle toxicity study is being required to adequately characterize the chronic toxicity of methoprene to estuarine organisms. End-use products containing methoprene must bear a statement warning the applicator. Methoprene is highly acutely toxic to estuarine invertebrates, however, and these organisms may be exposed to sufficient amounts of methoprene through its aquatic, slow-release, briquette formulation to experience adverse effects. An estuarine invertebrate life cycle toxicity study must be completed before the briquette formulation of methoprene will be eligible for reregistration that improper use could harm aquatic invertebrates." - U.S. EPA Archives <http://www.methoprene.info/Research.html>

5/11/17 – Brookhaven Supervisor, Ed Romaine Urges Suffolk County Legislature to Review Suffolk County Vector Control's Use of Methoprene. <http://www.methoprene.info/Action.html>

Methoprene BAN Information SUMMARY • Connecticut: Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy signed into law a bill banning the use of the pesticides methoprene and resmethrin in coastal areas due to their toxicity to fish, lobsters, and other aquatic invertebrates. The ban went into effect on July 1, 2013. In 2011, researcher Lance Stewart of the University of Connecticut found both methoprene and resmethrin in tissue samples of dead and dying lobsters. Previously, both chemicals were thought to dissipate within a short time and not bio-accumulate. • Like Rhode Island (H 8240 introduced in 2008) and Massachusetts, DEEP now use the biological agents *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) instead of Methoprene. (2014) • Bristol County Mosquito Control (BCMC) in Massachusetts uses Duet®, a sumithrin/prallethrin mix. (2014) EPA warning that sumithrin shouldn't be applied within 100 feet of lakes, streams, rivers or bays because of its acute toxicity to aquatic species. • The East Hampton Town Board adopted a resolution in 2007 opposing the use of methoprene and asking the county to cease using it. In 2014, citing the importance of commercial and recreational fishing to the local economy, the board reiterated its opposition, stating that methoprene "has not been adequately tested and found to be safe in aquatic and marine invertebrates, fish, and zooplankton." Methoprene, an insect growth regulator, is considered a biochemical pesticide that is acutely toxic to estuarine invertebrates, including valuable food and commercial species like crabs and lobsters. Environmental Protection Agency studies have found that Methoprene can be lethal to non-target organisms such as lobsters and crabs. • Maine Assembly Walter Kumiega has introduced a bill in January 2017 that would ban the use of 2 pesticides commonly used to kill mosquitoes. Kumiega's bill, LD 1678. Maine is the only East Coast fishery where Methoprene has been banned for an extended period. • New York Senator Kenneth LaValle and New York Assemblyman Thiele reintroduced the BAN 2017. {A.06336 (Thiele)/ S.04819 (LaValle)} <http://www.methoprene.info/Legislation.html>



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor

May 11, 2017

DuWayne Gregory
Presiding Officer
Suffolk County Legislature
15 Albany Avenue
Amityville, New York 11701

Dr. Larry Swanson, Chairman
Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality
Suffolk County Planning Department
P.O. Box 6100
H. Lee Dennison Building- 11th floor
Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Gentlemen,

As a County Legislator in 2006, I opposed the use of methoprene as an insecticide by Suffolk County Vector Control. While sunlight and microorganisms breakdown methoprene rapidly (1-2 months) in the soil, water and plants, it can be toxic to fish and crustaceans such as shrimp, lobster, crabs, etc. Furthermore, it is highly toxic to freshwater invertebrates. The state of Connecticut has banned its use in all coastal areas.

I would urge the County Legislature and Council on Environmental Quality to carefully review Suffolk County Vector Control's use of methoprene and seek other insecticides that are less harmful or toxic to aquatic life.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Romaine
Supervisor

NORTH SHORE DRUG AWARENESS

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Paint Night on Broadway

featuring:

Creative Zone

hosted by:

Rocky Point Ale House

benefiting:

On Kevin's Wings

All proceeds will go to fund transportation for those with Substance Use Disorders seeking rehabilitation away from home

Thursday June 15, 7:00 pm

\$45 pp

Purchase tickets at <http://ezregister.com/events/20602/>

Rocky Point Ale House

42 Broadway, Rocky Point, NY

Food Menu Available

**Raffle
Baskets**

**Limited
Seating**

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE \$7.6B NUCLEAR SUBSIDY?

IT'S NO JOKE.

On April Fool's Day, 2017, in the largest corporate bailout in NY State history, the NYS Public Service Commission began subsidizing money-losing upstate nuclear power plants. For the next 12 years, \$45-65 million will be sent off Long Island via an electric rate surcharge.

Electric bills will rise for residents, businesses, medical centers, religious organizations and schools — driving up property taxes. Jobs and our tax base will decline. Long Islanders are still paying for Shoreham. Why should L.I. *also* pay to bail out Exelon, a multi-billion-dollar Chicago corporation?

How much of this corporate welfare is profit for Exelon, in excess of what is needed to keep the plants running? At the May 1st hearing, the PSC could not even answer this question.

WE'VE GOT A BETTER ONE.

Contrary to PSC claims, we can reduce NY's carbon footprint *without* this dirty, dangerous and expensive technology. A strong energy efficiency policy *alone* would let us shut nearly all of NY's nuclear plants. In addition, renewables such as wind and solar are *cheaper* per kWh and provide *more jobs* per dollar invested. Efficiency + renewables are a better investment. Why drive a Model T when we can have a Tesla?

WE HAVE A CHOICE. DEMAND A RENEWABLE FUTURE NOW!

Learn more at: AllianceForAGreenEconomy.org and StoptheCuomoTax.org

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Old Depot Park, Broadway & Prince Rd., Rocky Point
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