

December Newsletter 2014

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Civic Speaker—see page 6

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2014 Meeting Date:

First Tuesdays

Dec 2

2015 Meeting Dates will be "set" at the December meeting

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2014 ~ 7:30 PM to 9:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

President - Kathy Weber

Recording Secretary - TBD

Corresponding Secretary - Pat Adamko

Sergeant at Arms - Charles T. Bevington Ed.D.

Trustee Virginia Heslin

Trustee Susan Bevington

Trustee Rory Rubino

Absent, Excused: Honorary Trustee - Ann Reynen, Maria Farley VP, Maureen O'Keefe Treasurer, Membership Secretary - Jeff Carlson

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting: On a motion by Joe Cognitore, and seconded by Albert Hoppi, and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the September 2014 & October 2014 meetings were waived.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: November

Checking \$932.01
Savings \$1901.26
Petty Cash \$20.33
Total \$2,853.60

Committee Reports

President's Report

President Kathy Weber shared information about the upcoming December 6, 2014, Christmas Tree Lighting and also that two groups would be decorating the windows on Broadway. Al Hansen asked if anyone knew the timeline to finish the work on Broadway. Kathy Weber was unsure. A member asked what happened to the Civic Vice President. Kathy Weber responded that Maria Farley had resigned but would finish out her term until December 2014.

Sergeant at Arms, Dr. Charles Bevington, shared that the Civic Rocky Point Civic Association would like to thank District 2 Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro, Supervisor Edward P. Romaine and Senator Kenneth LaValle for supporting the downtown revitalization project. Jpegs were published of the proposed site in the November 2014 newsletter.

Membership Report: No membership report as Jeff Carlson will not be accepting the nomination for membership secretary. Charles Bevington asked Kathy Weber who had the sign in sheets from the past two meetings. Kathy will forward these to him so that he can update

the membership lists. There were three new members paid this evening. There were thirty community members present this evening.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Pat Adamko

Brookhaven Town Zoning Meeting on 11/5/14. Locations on the agenda include Hawthorne Rd and Pt. Breeze Drive.

Thank you was sent to Susan Wilk our October speaker

North Shore Youth Council invitation to attend the NSYC 2014 Consortium Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at noon. Light lunch will be served. RSVP 744-0207

Saturday, November 15, at Suffolk Community College—Mather Hospital will sponsor a free Health Fair from 8 AM to noon - Blood screenings, BMI calculators, interactive exhibits.

Cope Report: Rory Rubino (Reporting for Maureen O'Keefe)

COPE is asking us to be aware of ATV activity. ATVs are only permitted on private property with the permission of the owner. Call the 7th precinct if you see any ATVs in your area.



2014 Volunteers

Rocky Point Civic Association

President -

Kathy Weber

Vice President -

Al Hansen

Treasurer -

Susan Wilson

Recording Secretary -

Corresponding Secretary Pat Adamko

Sergeant at Arms -

Charles T. Bevington

Membership Secretary

Trustees -

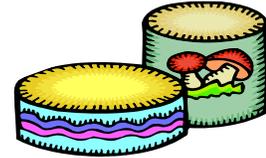
Rory Rubino,

Virginia Heslin,

and Susan Bevington

Call for members' \$10 Annual and \$15 Family Dues Renew Now— PLEASE RENEW NOW

Bring Pantry items each meeting...



Rocky Point Farmers Market: May through the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Find more info at www.rockypointfarmsmarket.com Sundays 8AM—1PM May through Nov

Minutes continued: (see attachment for full details)

There will be a Farmers Market steering committee meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the North Shore public Library at 7:30 PM.

No Guest Speaker this month

Old Business

Review of nominations from prior meeting. Susan Wilson, Treasurer; Jeff Carlson, Membership.

Mr. Carlson has withdrawn from the ballot.

Kathy Weber shared that Maria Farley resigned. Susan Wilson nominated Al Hansen as Vice President. Seconded by Rory Rubino. Al Hansen accepted the nomination. Kathy Weber asked us to consider Al Hansen for another position. Charles Bevington and Susan Wilson offered to assist with membership/recording secretary until these positions could be filled.

Kathy asked for additional nominations; Susan Wilson suggested waiting until we had the membership data to see who is eligible to run for office.

Motion: Rory Rubino made a motion to accept the slate of officers—Susan Wilson, Al Hansen. Seconded by Susan Bevington, passed by members present.

Rails to Trails

Al Hansen asked who would take ownership and maintain the trails when completed. He inquired if anyone had done soil testing yet.

Kathy Weber was not sure. She indicated that Sarah Anker's and Jane Bonner's reps were not at tonight's meeting due to the fact that it is Election Day.

Land Use: No report. RP Civics will appoint a new committee chairperson (and direct the committee) in January.

Minutes continued: (see attachment for full details)

Rocky Point Neighborhood Watch has 14 groups to day. COPE can help us acquire Neighborhood Watch signs.

There were the following in October 2014: 1 burglary complaint, 5 vandalism complaints, 5 assault complaints, and 1 robbery. Joe Cognitore asked what “assaults” would be. Rory shared it could be an unwanted kiss or someone getting hit. It had a wide range of types of items that would fall into this category.—see additional information page 5.

Downtown Rocky Point--Broadway

Mr. Losquadro stated that the new trees have not been installed properly on Broadway and that they will die. He also spoke about the curbs/corners that stick out stating that the Fire Department was not aware that they would stick out. He stated that the trucks would not be able to make the turns. Mr. Losquadro stated he was not informed of the new look of downtown Broadway. Kathy Weber shared that the plans were reviewed and this was a traffic calming measure and that the Town was working to revitalize downtown Rocky Point.

New member Marie Stewart of Brooklyn Bagels spoke briefly about her business and the fact that she is located in a strip mall that is not on Broadway and that it would be nice to decorate something in this area. She also shared that two businesses recently closed—Back Streets Dance and Agean Tanning. Back Streets was in business for 35 years. Discussion followed.

New business owner, Lara Pole, was introduced. Lara from NaturallyGrassFed and her business partner, Annie, from Something Sweet Dessert Shoppe, are working to revitalize the old Gracie’s building. Annie is a baker and Lara will have the grass fed beef, chicken, etc. that has been featured at the weekly farmers’ market on Prince Road each Sunday. The Civic members welcomed these new owners and wished them well. One member asked when they would have the business up and running. Lara and Annie stated it would be just about a year from now. Plans are still being worked on. They are both vendors at the Rocky Point Farmers Market.

New member Sherry Raymond spoke about some issues she was experiencing including lights that were not working properly on her street. She was asked to call 451-TOWN and they would help. Ms. Raymond indicated that she wanted to get involved in a gardening project. Mr. Jackson shared info on how to go about “adopting a spot” in Brookhaven. Discussion followed.

Kathy Weber talked briefly about a business improvement district and what it meant to have one.

Marie Stewart shared that she had a “Rocky Point Facebook” page for local and surrounding businesses. She would share the link and we will add it to the civic site. This is now open to the public.

Marie Stewart shared that the Northern Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce was having a meeting on November 17, 2014 at the VFW hall at 7 PM.

Neighborhood Watch

Charles Bevington suggested that we add a neighborhood watch report to our agenda each month. Roland Jackson spoke about the watch program sharing that while we had 100 people at a prior meeting, actually getting people to do something is tough. He shared the biggest part is getting people to communicate. If you see something, you can write to rpcommunitywatch@gmail.com and Tracy Baldi oversees this mail account and forwards to the appropriate parties. It was agreed that a neighborhood watch report would be added to the agenda beginning in January 2015. Members asked for some guidelines on how to “watch” their neighborhood. Mr. Jackson shared that there is a wealth of info on the SCPD site. Mr. Shackelford spoke about his experience e-mailing Tracy. Another member mentioned that “little fish are breaking into houses.” Roland shared he would try to attend Civic meetings more often.

New Business

Joe Cognitore shared upcoming VFW event dates:

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Mr. Losquadro won the 50-50 and donated his \$25 back to the Civic. Thank you Mr. Losquadro!

Immigration speech 11/20/14 My fellow Americans, tonight I'd like to talk with you about immigration. For more than 200 years, our tradition of welcoming immigrants from around the world has given us a tremendous advantage over other nations. It's kept us youthful, dynamic, and entrepreneurial. It has shaped our character as a people with limitless possibilities. People not trapped by our past, but able to remake ourselves as we choose. But today, our immigration system is broken, and everybody knows it. Families who enter our country the right way and play by the rules watch others flout the rules. Business owners who offer their wages good wages benefits see the competition exploit undocumented immigrants by paying them far less. All of us take offense to anyone who reaps the rewards of living in America without taking on the responsibilities of living in America. And undocumented immigrants who desperately want to embrace those responsibilities see little option but to remain in the shadows, or risk their families being torn apart. It's been this way for decades. And for decades we haven't done much about it. When I took office, I committed to fixing this broken immigration system. And I began by doing what I could to secure our borders.

Today we have more agents and technology deployed to secure our southern border than at any time in our history. And over the past six years illegal border crossings have been cut by more than half. Although this summer there was a brief spike in unaccompanied children being apprehended at our border, the number of such children is actually lower than it's been in nearly two years. Overall the number of people trying to cross our border illegally is at its lowest level since the 1970s. Those are the facts. Meanwhile, I worked with Congress on a comprehensive fix. Last year sixty-eight Democrats, Republicans, and Independents came together to pass a bipartisan bill in the Senate. It wasn't perfect. It was a compromise. But it reflected common sense. It would have doubled the number of Border Patrol agents, while giving undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship, if they paid a fine, started paying their taxes and went to the back of the line. And independent experts said that it would help grow our economy and shrink our deficits.

Had the House of Representatives allowed that kind of bill a simple yes or no vote, it would have passed with support from both parties. And today it would be the law. But for a year and a half now Republican leaders in the House have refused to allow that simple vote. Now I continue to believe that the best way to solve this problem is by working together to pass that kind of common sense law. But until that happens, there are actions I have the legal authority to take as president, the same kinds of actions taken by Democratic and Republican presidents before me, that will help make our immigration system more fair and more just.

Tonight I'm announcing those actions. First, we'll build on our progress at the border with additional resources for our law enforcement personnel so that they can stem the flow of illegal crossings and speed the return of those who do cross over. Second, I'll make it easier and faster for high-skilled immigrants, graduates and entrepreneurs to stay and contribute to our economy, as so many business leaders proposed. Third, we'll take steps to deal responsibly with the millions of undocumented immigrants who already had live in our country. I want to say more about this third issue, because it generates the most passion and controversy. Even as we are a nation of immigrants, we're also a nation of laws. Undocumented workers broke our immigration laws, and I believe that they must be held accountable, especially those who may be dangerous.

That's why over the past six years deportations of criminals are up 80 percent, and that's why we're going to keep focusing enforcement resources on actual threats to our security. Felons, not families. Criminals, not children. Gang members, not a mom who's working hard to provide for her kids. We'll prioritize, just like law enforcement does every day. But even as we focus on deporting criminals, the fact is millions of immigrants in every state, of every race and nationality still live here illegally. And let's be honest, tracking down, rounding up and deporting millions of people isn't realistic. Anyone who suggests otherwise isn't being straight with you. It's also not who we are as Americans. After all, most of these immigrants have been here a long time. They work hard often in tough, low paying jobs. They support their families. They worship at our churches. Many of the kids are American born or spent most of their lives here. And their hopes, dreams, and patriotism are just like ours. As my predecessor, President Bush, once put it, they are a part of American life. Now here is the thing. We expect people who live in this country to play by the rules. We expect those who cut the line will not be unfairly rewarded. So we're going to offer the following deal: If you've with been in America more than five years. If you have children who are American citizens or illegal residents. If you register, pass a criminal background check and you're willing to pay your fair share of taxes, you'll be able to apply to stay in this country temporarily without fear of deportation. You can come out of the shadows and get right with the law. That's what this deal is.

Now let's be clear about what it isn't. This deal does not apply to anyone who has come to this country recently. It does not apply to anyone who might come to America illegally in the future. It does not grant citizenship or the right to stay here permanently, or offer the same benefits that citizens receive. Only Congress can do that. All we're saying is we're not going to deport you. I know some of the critics of the action call it amnesty. Well, it's the not. Amnesty is the immigration system we have today. Millions of people who live here without paying their taxes or playing by the rules, while politicians use the issue to scare people and whip up votes at election time. That's the real amnesty, leaving this broken system the way it is. Mass amnesty would be unfair. Mass deportation would be both impossible and contrary to our character.

What I'm describing is accountability. A common sense middle-ground approach. If you meet the criteria, you can come out of the shadows and get right with the law. If you're a criminal, you'll be deported. If you plan to enter the U.S. illegally, your chances of getting caught and sent back just went up. The actions I'm taken are not only lawful, they're the kinds of actions taken by every single Republican president and every single Democratic president for the past half century. And to those members of Congress who question my authority to make our immigration system work better or question the wisdom of me acting where Congress has failed, I have one answer: Pass a bill. I want to work with both parties to pass a more permanent legislative solution. And the day I sign that bill into law, the actions I take will no longer be necessary. Meanwhile, don't let a disagreement over a single issue be a deal breaker on every issue. That's not how our Democracy works, and Congress shouldn't shut down our government again just because we disagree on this.

Americans are tired of gridlock. What our country needs right now is a common purpose, a higher purpose. Most Americans support the types of reforms I've talked about tonight, but I understand with the disagreements held by many of you at home. Millions of us, myself included, go back generations in this country, with ancestors who put in the painstaking work to become citizens. So we don't like the notion anyone might get a free pass to American citizenship. I know some worry immigration will change the very fabric of who we are, or take our jobs, or stick it to middle-class families at a time they already feel they've gotten a raw deal for over a decade. I hear those concerns, but that's not what these steps would do.

Our history and the facts show that immigrants are a net plus for our economy and our society. And I believe it's important that all of us have this debate without impugning each other's character. Because for all the back and forth in Washington, we have to remember that this debate is about something bigger. It's about who we are a country and who we want to be for future generations. Are we a nation that tolerates the hypocrisy of a system where workers who pick our fruit and make our beds never have a chance to get right with the law? Or are we a nation that gives them a chance to make amends, take responsibility, and give their kids a better future? Are we a nation that accepts the cruelty of ripping children from their parents' arms, or are we a nation that values families and works together to keep them together? Are we a nation that educates the world's best and brightest in our universities only to send them home to create businesses in countries that compete against us, or are we a nation that encourages them to stay and create jobs here, create businesses here, create industries right here in America? That's what this debate is all about.

We need more than politics as usual when it comes to immigration. We need reasoned, thoughtful, compassionate debate that focuses on our hopes, not our fears. I know the politics of this issue are tough, but let me tell you why I have come to feel so strongly about it. Over the past years I've seen the determination of immigrant fathers who worked two or three jobs without taking a dime from the government, and at risk any moment of losing it all just to build a better life for their kids. I've seen the heartbreak and anxiety of children whose mothers might be taken away from them just because they didn't have the right papers. I've seen the courage of students who except for the circumstances of their birth are as American as Malia or Sasha, students who bravely come out as undocumented in hopes they could make a difference in the country they love. These people, our neighbors, our classmates, our friends, they did not come here in search of a free ride or an easy life. They came to work, and study and serve in our military. And, above all, contribute to American success.

Now tomorrow I'll travel to Las Vegas and meet with some of these students, including a young woman named Astrid Silva. Astrid was brought to America when she was 4 years old. Her only possessions were a cross, her doll, and the frilly dress she had on. When she started school, she didn't speak any English. She caught up to other kids by reading newspapers and watching PBS. And then she became a good student. Her father worked in landscaping. Her mom cleaned other people's homes. They wouldn't let Astrid apply to a technology magnet school, not because they didn't love her, but because they were afraid the paperwork would out her as an undocumented immigrant. So she applied behind their back and got in. Still, she mostly lived in the shadows until her grandmother, who visited every year from Mexico, passed away, and she couldn't travel to the funeral without risk of being found out and deported. It was around that time she decided to begin advocating for herself and others like her. And today Astrid Silva a college student working on her third degree. Are we a nation that kicks out a striving, hopeful immigrant like Astrid? Or are we a nation that finds a way to welcome her in? Scripture tells us, we shall not oppress a stranger, for we know the heart of a stranger. We were strangers once, too.

My fellow Americans, we are and always will be a nation of immigrants. We were strangers once, too. And whether our forbearers were strangers who crossed the Atlantic, or the Pacific or the Rio Grande, we are here only because this country welcomed them in and taught them that to be an American is about something more than what we look like or what our last names are, or how we worship. What makes us Americans is our shared commitment to an ideal, that all of us are created equal, and all of us have the chance to make of our lives what we will. That's the country our parents and grandparents and generations before them built for us. That's the tradition we must uphold. That's the legacy we must leave for those who are yet to come. Thank you. God bless you. And God bless this country we love.

Single Stream Recycling Reduces Costs

"Single-Stream" recycling means there will no longer be separate pick up days for various items. You can place your recyclables all in ONE CONTAINER. Every Wednesday please place all of your paper, glass, plastics, cans, cardboard into one container. Not only are we making it easier by allowing residents to use one container, but we are now accepting more recyclable items, including plastic containers labeled # 1-7. Y (Thank You Jane and Thank you Edward!)



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Events Page

1. Homegrown News *17 years of acoustic American roots music*

The Homegrown String Band* will be appearing at Long Island libraries:

Sunday, November 16, will find the band performing at the [Half Hollow Hills Community Library](#), 55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, NY 11746; 631-421-4530. The show is also at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be reserved on line or at the library.

The Homegrown String Band* are community members and artisan vendors at the Farmers Market.

2. "A Members Taste of Rocky Point" Chamber Members from Rocky Point

will be providing a sampling of the edibles for our enjoyment. Admission is a beverage of choice (Wine, 6-pack Beer, Soda, or water). We are also collecting donations of Teddy Bears (for the Bike run) and Non-perishable food items for the local food pantries.

Jennifer Dzvonar, www.willsbasselectric.com President,

North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce (631)821-1313, (631) 807-4438

3. From the VFW: Joe Cognitore shared upcoming VFW event dates:

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4.. Your announcement here! Contact cbevingt at optonline.net



Neighborhood Watch Page

COPE report for the 11/4/2014 Civic meeting.

At the October COPE meeting the police concentrated on reports of ATV activity. ATVs can only be driven on private property with written permission of the owner. If you know where ATV activity originates please call the 7th precinct. Currently they are giving tickets and impounding vehicles.

Rocky Point Neighborhood watch was talked about. Large turnout; Seems everyone wanted to join. COPE officers suggested breaking up into smaller groups with block captains. We currently have 14 groups. COPE can help us acquire Neighborhood Watch signs.

Burglary WILLOW RD 10/02/14 11:00 AM

Vandalism ROBIN RD 10/02/14 10:30 PM

Vandalism ROSEWOOD RD 10/03/14 10:00 PM

Vandalism PALM RD 10/05/14 09:31 AM

Assault NARCISSUS RD 10/07/14 02:45 PM

Assault SOUNDWAY DR 10/11/14 01:18 PM

Vandalism WILLOW RD 10/13/14 07:30 AM

Assault ROCKY POINT RD 10/14/14 08:53 AM

Robbery PRINCE RD 10/19/14 11:05 PM

Assault TULIP RD 10/21/14 11:15 AM

Assault LOWER CROSS RD 10/21/14 08:42 AM

C Vandalism BROOKHAVEN DR 10/25/14 02:00 AM

Come to the next Civics meeting:

December 2nd

Join a Neighborhood Watch



Legislator Anker joined more than sixty Rocky Point residents at Fischer-Hewins FW Post 6249 to organize a neighborhood watch.

In response to a string of recent burglaries in the Rocky Point community, Anker's office partnered with local residents Roland Jackson and Tracy Baldi to facilitate a neighborhood meeting to address community safety. At the meeting, residents voiced their concerns to the Suffolk County Police Department who informed residents on ways to prevent future crime."

"My office has received over 75 responses requesting the formation of a neighborhood watch," said Legislator Anker. "If you see something, say something. Rocky Point residents will not tolerate crime in their community and with the initiation of a neighborhood watch they will be able to monitor suspicious activity in their neighborhoods."

Neighborhood watches have been proven to reduce crime within communities. Deterrents for crime include neighborhood watch signs, social media, and community meetings.

"Community communication is key in reducing crime in neighborhoods," said Anker. The Seventh Precinct COPE Unit will be working with the community to form neighborhood throughout the Rocky Point community."

If you are interested in participating in a neighborhood watch, please contact Tracy Baldi and Roland Jackson at rppcommunitywatch@gmail.com or call Legislator Anker's office at 631-854-1600.

Pope Francis urges solidarity and concrete action in global nutrition challenge

"For the first time in history, humanity can say that misery is not fate and that hunger is completely avoidable," FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said while introducing the pontiff. "The presence of his Holiness here with us today reflects an ecumenical convergence on this point that is that is increasingly spreading among peoples of different latitudes, cultures and points of view."

Francis has been an outspoken advocate for the poor, saying it is a "God-given right of everyone to have access to adequate food" and urging everyone to be more conscious of their "food choices," including waste, to end the "global scandal" of hunger.



Tuesday, December 2nd

Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM
 Roll call of Officers and Trustees

Swearing in of 2015 Officers and Trustees



Reading of prior Minutes
 Report of Officers
 Report of Committees
 COPE Report

Speakers

Old Business

Adjournment 9:00 PM

Who to call? List of important numbers

Police and Emergency: 911 and Address: 400 Middle Country Rd, Selden, NY 11784 Phone:(631) 854-8600 Non emergency 852-COPS

Fire Department(631) 744-2390

Dangerous road complaint? Pothole repair call Highway Superintendent Losquadro (631) 451-9200, (631) 732-2584, fax

For Councilwoman Jane Bonner: 451-6964, phone / 451-6447, fax councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org

For Supervisor Brookhaven Ed Romaine: One Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 (631) 451-TOWN

For NYS Assemblyman Anthony H. Palumbo District 2, 400 W. Main St., Suite 201, Riverhead, NY 11901 631-727-0204

Suffolk County Assemblywoman Sarah Anker, 620 Route 25A, Suite B, Mt. Sinai, New York 11766 631- 854-1600

Rocky Point Farmers Market
SEASON FINALE
Sunday November, 23, 2014



Beer, baked goods, crafts and
of course the local farmers
still have plenty of fresh produce.