

September 2016 | Rocky Point Civic |
<http://rockypointcivic.org/>

“Brookhaven Animal Control officers responded to a call late in the afternoon on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 on Soundview Drive in Rocky Point. Suffolk County Police officers were at the location when Town Animal Control officers arrived. The three dogs involved in this incident were released by police to the owner before Town personnel arrived with an Animal Shelter transportation vehicle.

September

Civic 2016 – 2017 Board

President: Dr. Charles Bevington

Vice President:

Secretary: Susan Bevington

Treasurer: Susan Wilson

Membership: Kathy Weber

Sargent at Arms: Rory Rubino

Trustees: Maureen O’Keefe,
 Jeff Davis, Virginia Heslin

Treasurers Report
 Sept 3, 2016
 Checking \$2,898.15 Savings \$1,902.60

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Reading of the June 2016 minutes

Report of Officers

Cope Report

Treasurers Report

Membership Report

Secretary Report

President’s Report

Farmers Market Report

Beautification Report

Old Business:

Guest Speaker 7:45PM: Brookhaven Bites

New Business:

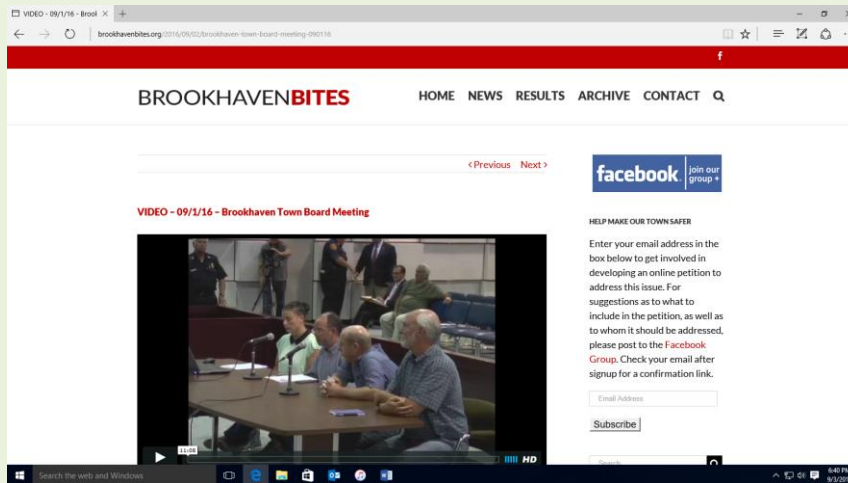
Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting is scheduled for October
 4th

Thank You to the Rocky Point Rotary!



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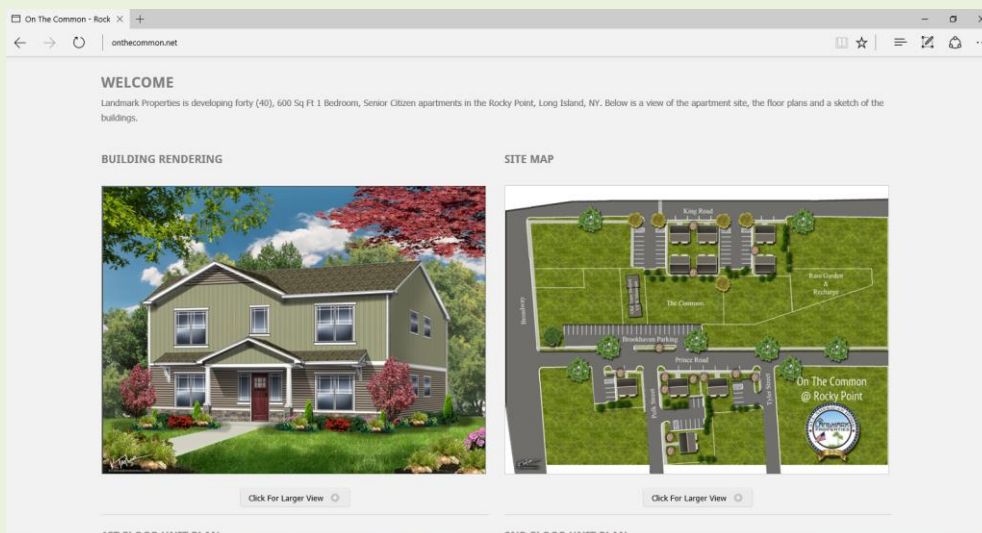
September 6th Speaker: Colin Goldberg 8:00PM

Representatives at Brookhaven Bites addressed the Town Board last night (9/1) at the Brookhaven Town Board Meeting. Video is here:

<http://brookhavenbites.org/2016/09/02/brookhaven-town-board-meeting-090116/>

Local Community Members Colin Goldberg and guests speak at the Civics.

Beautification committee: The committee will be presenting their alternative façades to the civics regarding the On The Common project to Mark Baisch from Landmark Properties. The committee worked closely with Mr. Baisch during our process.



ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2016 ~ 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

Present:

President – Charles Bevington

Vice President-

Secretary – Susan Bevington

Treasurer - Susan Wilson

Sergeant at Arms – Rory Rubino

Membership Secretary – Kathy Weber

Trustee - Virginia Heslin

Trustee – Jeff Davis

Trustee – Maureen O’Keeffe

*Bring an item
for donation
for our local
food pantry.
All items will
gladly be
accepted and
forwarded to
our local food
banks.*

Absent, Excused:

On a motion by Jeff Davis and seconded by Joe Cognitore and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting were waived. Correction to May 3, 2016 minutes – 45 paid members

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Susan Wilson

June 7, 2016 Balances

Checking \$2,864.43

Savings \$1,902.50

Membership Report: Kathy Weber

225 Members - 45 paid members

Secretary Report: Susan Bevington

Letter from Dr. Ring, Superintendent of Rocky Point Schools thanking the Civic for the opportunity to present the budget. Final Notice was received from NYS Department of State regarding the \$1000 grant which is expiring in July. We submitted \$500 in receipts for promotional materials and are awaiting payment. The Secretary asked if there are any additional receipts we can submit. Kathy Weber said she would provide some additional receipts and copies of checks.

Cope Report:

None

Land Use:

None

Farmers Market Committee Report: Virginia Heslin

Farmers market is open – three of our four farmers are there with produce. We also have bread, naturally grass fed meat and Rocky Point Artisan Brewery. An olive oil vendor will be joining us in a few weeks.

Beautification Committee Report: Kathy Weber

Annual Garden Tour is June 25th from 11am to 3pm. There are six homes in the tour, an adopt-a-spot and the Hallock House and a local artisan's house. The fee is \$20.

Kathy asked to form a "Façade Committee" for the proposed development on the former Thurber Property. The committee members would be Kathy Weber, John Easterbrook, David Griffin, Ed Farrell and Anthony Gristafi. The committee was formally established at this meeting. The committee will be developing an alternative façade to the proposed apartment buildings rendered in the drawings previously presented by Mark Baisch. The committee has agreed to present their alternative façade to the Civics for consensus prior to sharing with Mr. Baisch.

Speaker: Dr. Sarah Meyland

Spoke about the groundwater on Long Island the aquifer which is the source of our drinking water, the Suffolk County plan for sewers on the South Shore and development of a Regional Aquifer Management Entity which would make groundwater management a #1 priority as similar entities do in other regions of New York State. On Long Island the NYS DEC is tasked with managing our groundwater, and issuing permits for public wells. In Dr. Meyland's opinion the DEC is not using its full set of powers to provide effective oversight. Groundwater management is only one of the myriad of responsibilities the DEC is tasked with. That along with staffing reductions, challenges their ability to fully protect the groundwater supply. There is not an unlimited supply of groundwater. The aquifer replenishes in the winter. Recharge from rainfall is high in the winter months and down to 0 in the summer. The water usage in the summer for watering our lawns does not filter down to the aquifer. 50% evaporates and the other 50% is taken up by the plant and trees. The major problems facing our water supply are saltwater intrusion (mostly a problem in Nassau County), pollutants (which threaten our drinking water) and nitrates (which are detrimental to the coastal areas). Long Island uses 162.5 billion gallons of water annually. The per capital use on Long Island is growing and is the highest on the North Atlantic Coast.

Questions: How will the proposed Regional Aquifer Management entity be supported? Answer – A fee structure would be set up equivalent to 1 cup of coffee per year per person paid through the water utility. This would provide comprehensive management. The Board of Directors would be a combination of governmental professionals, water management professionals and a citizen based advisory committee. No governmental money would support this entity.

Question: Is the Suffolk County Water Authority a quasi-governmental entity? Answer – Yes. It was established at the state level, fully independent not for profit entity.

Old Business

Joe Cognitore thanked the Civics for the donation.

An old check to ABCO in the amount of \$25 has not be cashed. A motion was made by Charles Bevington and seconded by Rory Rubino to cancel and re-issue the check. All in favor – motion carried.

New Business

Joe Cognitore announced, in collaboration with Mark Baisch, the VFW has been able to purchase and rehab vacant homes and place veterans in the homes. The VA mortgage does not provide funding for rehabs so the homes must be renovated first. They are looking to do nine more this year.

Community Announcements

Joe Cognitore – announced NYS Citizen Corps Training Preparedness Workshop – Saturday, June 18th at 10am. Go to www.prepare.ny.gov to register in advance. The training is 1-1/2 hours and you get a preparedness kit.

Peter Oleychek is working with Joe Cognitore on a fundraiser for the VFW. They will be having a “Super Car Show” through the Long Island North Fork Cruisers organization. Date to be announced. All cars 25 years or older are eligible.

Paulette - Raising funds for the Gear Heads Team (a local robotics team unaffiliated with the Rocky Point Schools Robotics Team). A motion was made by Susan Wilson for the Civics to donate \$50, seconded by Joe Cognitore and approved by all members present.

Kim Farley from Jane Bonner’s office announced the Town will be demolishing a vacant home on Monroe Street on Monday, June 13th.

Theresa from Sarah Anker’s office said the one-time use plastic bag ban resolution is going through committee at the County Legislature. They are working with Dr. Ring and the Department of Public Works to install a guardrail in front of the High School. There is a current book drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Suffolk County – donations may be dropped off at Legislator Anker’s office.

50/50

\$27 Won by Ed Farrell and donated back

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion made by Maureen O’Keefe, seconded by Rory Rubino and passed by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Next meeting date: September 6, 2016

Call for Volunteers:

Ad Hoc Land Use Committee: Contact 'Vacant Home data collection and Downtown Project

Beautification Committee: contact 'kathy weber' bluedesi@yahoo.com various projects

Environmental Committee: contact 'Charlie Bevington' cbevingt@optonline.net

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens
The Last Refuge Afterword Pages 236-237 (used with permission of the author)

I have attempted to make several points in this book, but they all converge on a common theme: we humans have disrupted natural habitats in so many ways and in so many places that the future of our nation's biodiversity is dim unless we start to share the places in which we live—our cities and, and an even greater extent, our suburbs – with the plants and animals that evolved there. Because life is fueled by the energy captured from the sun by plants, it will be the plants that we use in our gardens that determine what nature will be like 10, 20 and 50 years from now. If we continue to landscape predominantly with alien plants that are toxic to insects – the most important herbivores in our suburban ecosystem in terms of passing energy from plants to other animals – we may witness extinction on a scale that exceeds what occurred when a meteor struck the Yucatan Peninsula at the end of the Cretaceous period. If instead we use plants that evolved with our local animal communities as the foundation of our landscapes, we may be able to save much of our biodiversity from extinction. In essence, we will for the first time coexist with nature rather than compete with her (running towards the precipice).

For the past century we have created our gardens with one thing in mind: aesthetics. We have selected plants for landscaping based only on their beauty and their fit within our artistic designs. Yet if we designed our buildings the way we design our gardens, with only aesthetics in mind, they would fall down. Just as buildings need support structures – girders, I-beams, and headers – to hold the graceful arches and beautiful lines of fine architecture in place, our gardens need native plants to support a diverse and balanced food web essential to all sustainable ecosystems.

To me the choice is clear. The costs of increasing the percentage and biomass of natives in our suburban landscapes are small, and the benefits are immense. Increasing the percentage of natives in suburbia is a grassroots solution to the extinction crisis. To succeed, we do not need to invoke governmental action; we do not need to purchase large tracts of pristine habitat that no longer exist; we do not need to limit ourselves to sending money to national and international conservation organizations and hoping it will be used productively. Our success is up to each one of us individually. We can each make a measurable difference almost immediately by planting a native plant or tree nearby. As gardeners and stewards of our land, we have never been so empowered – and the ecological stakes have never been so high.

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens, 2007, Douglas W. Tallamy, Timber Press; This book also contains an Appendix for Native Plants with Wildlife Values and Desirable landscaping Attributes; An Appendix of host Plants of Butterflies and Showy Moths.

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