

# March Newsletter 2013

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## 2013 Meeting Dates:

January 8  
February 5

**March 5**

April 2  
May 7  
June 4  
July 9

No August Meeting  
September 10

## Know Your Power

The problem isn't that we don't have power. It's that we don't use our incredible power at the checkout counter, on the ballot and in our daily lives.

100% of electric capacity added in U.S. last month was renewable.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency which informed us that almost half of all new electricity generating capacity added in the U.S. in 2012 was renewable.

## Civic Meeting Feb 5th Minutes

**Civic meeting minutes – 2/5/13**

7:30 Pledge of Allegiance

### Board in attendance

Charles Bevington, President

Kathy Weber, Treasurer

Pat Adamko, Corresponding Secretary

Joan Sele, Membership Chair

Virginia Heslin, Trustee

Jennifer Mertz -Trustee

3 open positions

Minutes of the January 8th meeting were read (included in the Newsletter).

Virginia Heslin made a motion to accept the minutes as read.

Second by Rory Rubino

All in favor. The motion carried.

The President requested approval for to apply and pay for Directors and Officers insurance in the amount of \$1,204.

A motion was made by Al Hanson to approve application and payment of the Directors and Officers insurance. The motion was seconded by Maureen O'Keefe.

All in favor. The motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Board of Zoning appeals – February 6th. North side of Neptune and Lyre

Mather Hospital is having a Comedy & Cuisine fundraiser

New York Metro Transit Counsel – draft plan is available for public comment period through March 1st

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

133 active members up from 128 active members last month

### TREASURERS REPORT:

Checking \$1,139.75

Savings \$3,099.08

Petty cash \$20.33

The RP Civics association applied for a \$1000 Legislative grant through the Department of Community Projects to help fund communication, event announcements, newsletters etc. We should have a status report by the next meeting.

The President requested approval to pay the ABCO annual dues of \$25.

A motion was made by Rory Rubino to approve the annual dues payment to ABCO in the amount of \$25

The motion was seconded by Maureen O'Keefe.

All in favor. The motion carried.

We have an opportunity to apply for a NYS Mean Streets grant. The grants are from \$25,000 to \$250,000 for a local business owner to improve their business. The business must stay in operation for 5 years. There are matching funds. A \$25,000 grant would equate to \$50,000 in funding. The civics association would apply for the grant and pass the money onto a local business. It would be up to the civics to decide which business would benefit from this grant if accepted. Kathy Weber is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to work on this grant.

Bills to pay: The President requested payment approval of the Depot park rental fees for the Farmers Market for the 2013 season (29 Sundays). The cost of the rental is \$35/ per application, with a maximum of 5 dates per application. The total to be paid is 6 applications x \$35 = \$210.

A motion was made by Al Hanson to approve the payment of Depot park rental.

The motion was seconded by Rory Rubino.

All in favor. The motion carried.



## Minutes—continued

*The Bill of Rights is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. These limitations serve to protect the natural rights of liberty and property. They guarantee a number of personal freedoms, limit the government's power in judicial and other proceedings, and reserve some powers to the states and the public. While originally the amendments applied only to the federal government, most of their provisions have since been held to apply to the states by way of the Fourteenth Amendment.*

*The amendments were introduced by James Madison to the 1st United States Congress as a series of legislative articles. They were adopted by the House of Representatives on August 21, 1789 formally proposed by joint resolution of Congress on September 25, 1789, and came into effect as Constitutional Amendments on December 15, 1791, through the process of ratification by three-fourths of the States. While twelve amendments were proposed by Congress, only ten were originally ratified by the states. Of the remaining two, one was adopted 203 years later as the Twenty-seventh Amendment and the other technically remains pending before the states.*

*The Bill of Rights plays a key role in American law and government, and remains a vital symbol of the freedoms and culture of the nation.*

The President presented the request by Peter O. for the RPCA to pay him approximately \$200 for establishing an email service and website for the RP Civics Association. The President is not recommending the Civics pay this bill. The President had stated that he offered to pay the bill personally but had been turned down. It was the President's opinion that payment by the Association of services rendered by one of the Officers of the Association would be a conflict. Discussion followed wherein Jeff Davis suggested that the President send Mr. O. a check as offered thereby fulfilling our obligation. Agreed.

### COPE REPORT

Rory Rubino and Maureen O'Keefe attended COPE and reported back to the Civics. COPE Meeting at Seventh Precinct 1419 Wm Floyd Pkway 11967

Robbery ring, a loose confederation of 3



Call for members' \$10 Annual Dues Renew

groups, driven by drug problems.

Various group members connected to robberies between Manorville/Wading River and Miller Place and Mt. Sinai. Mostly daytime robberies – by 20 year olds. Three arrests so far – more to come. Advice: Call 911 if anyone comes to your door with a ruse. i.e. lost dog, Can I use your phone? Watch for the usual scams: following UPS delivery trucks, and stealing tips left for sanitation workers. Don't make it easy. Do not leave valuables in car. Police appreciate calls on suspicious behavior. Call 852-COPS for non-emergencies. Year-end statistics will be coming out next month. Not many store robberies. Other areas covered by the seventh precinct were not as crime free as Rocky Point.

### OLD BUSINESS and OTHER REPORTS:

Report from Sarah Anker's Office by Kimberly Tucker:

Rails to Trails may move forward by segment as local areas approve. One of the staff members is going to Kenya, East Africa with Hope Children's

Fund. She requested school supplies as a donation.

Virginia Heslin reported that Relay for Life will be meeting Jan 30th at the HS at 7:30 to start the planning for the 1st Friday in June event.

Joe Cognitore reported that the Summer Concert series planning is underway and an effort to have restaurant week again this year is part of that planning.

Discussion about reinvigorating the Land Use Committee was discussed. J6 properties and the change in zoning was restated. In addition to board members Kathy and Joan, new member Bryan Johnson agreed to join the group. Joan S. discussed getting information about the Community Development Corp grants for first time homeowners. Also Joe C. referenced the projects VFW was doing to help veterans.

There was some discussion about renewing our efforts for the Sunday Farmer Markets. New member Jamie Johnson agreed to join the steering committee.



BUSINESS: MINUTES continued...

Remember the FOOD DRIVE



Please continue to bring canned items all year long. These items are immediately taken to the local food pantries.

Amy of Sarah Anker's office gave an update on two (2) bills sponsored by Legislator Anker, which were passed.

A resolution was passed by the County Legislature to provide a feasibility study on an emergency notification system for the local school districts which would be a direct partnership between the schools and the local police and fire departments.

A resolution was passed by the County Legislature to provide a sales tax exemption for Commercial solar projects. Jeff Davis asked why business can only re-coop 60% on solar projects. Amy will look into it.

Rails to Trails update – they are considering a partial segmented trail, which would bypass Rocky Point and begin in Shoreham through Wading River. Al Hanson asked about the status of the Lawsuit regarding the Drive-in property. Per Debby from Jane Bonner's office: The lawsuit is still in the Supreme Court.

Debby from Jane Bonner's office also advised us of upcoming events at the Town. The parking lot next to Carmody's, on Broadway, was purchased by the Town of Brookhaven. More information to follow with Shed the Meds program, Tax Grievance Seminar, and E-waste date is pending.

The President suggested the Civics thank Jane Bonner formally for all the drains that have been put in recently on Friendship Drive and surrounding streets. The civics will draft a letter of support and thanks. A request was made for paving throughout the town. A request was made for a 4-way stop sign at Prince and Broadway. Debby will bring the requests back to the Town.

Speaker: Jennifer Dzvonnor of The North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce which represents six (6) towns including Rocky Point, Sound Beach, Miller Place, Port Jefferson Station, Terryville and Mount Sinai extended an invitation for Rocky Point businesses to join. \$100 annual membership. For more information go to [www.northbrookhavenchamber.org](http://www.northbrookhavenchamber.org) The Chamber meets the 3rd Monday of the month. There was discussion about a new business called TJ's Music Hut at 23B Broadway is a new business in town and spoke about supplying music lessons.

Charles Bevington won the 50/50 and the \$16 was donated back to the civics.

Al Hanson made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm Maureen O'Keefe seconded.

## SPEAKER March 5th: "The role of minor political parties in local politics" by Frank M. MacKay

Frank MacKay's career in public relations, entertainment and politics spans two decades and encompasses a diversity of fields of work. In 1985, at the age of 18, he published his first music publication, "Network", which fast became a hit among music business insiders, musicians and their fans. Throughout the next ten years, MacKay built a significant following in the music industry as a band and club promoter. By the age of 25, he had launched three nightclubs known as Dr. Shay's and managed entertainers such as Criss Angel and the rock band Los Gusanos, featuring CJ Ramone.

In the year 2000, at the age of 31, MacKay became the youngest State Chairman of a political party in New York State history, and has been re-elected as State Chair of the Independence Party of New York six times. The Independence Party has grown significantly under his leadership – it is the largest third party political organization in the nation with more than 450,000 members. In 2007, Mackay was also elected to the position of Chairman of the Independence Party of America.

In 2012, MacKay launched a TV and radio talk show called Turning Point with Frank MacKay. The radio show presently airs on WRCN and MyCountry 96.1 and on FIOs in the New York metro area. The show airs on CBS HD affiliates nationwide. The website for the show is [www.turningpointwithfrankmackay.com](http://www.turningpointwithfrankmackay.com).

Frank MacKay resides in Rocky Point with his wife, Kristin, and four children. He serves as a Member of the Board of Governors for the Touro Law Center, holds a Master's degree from SUNY, Stony Brook and a Bachelor's degree from Empire State College. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2008 from Five Towns College for his accomplishments in business and politics.





## ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**President** - Charles T. Bevington  
Ed.D.

**Vice President** -

**Treasurer** - Kathy Weber

**Recording Secretary** -

**Corresponding Secretary** Pat Adamko

**Sergeant at Arms** -

**Membership Secretary** - Joan Sele

**Trustee** - Jennifer Maertz- Virginia Heslin

March 5th Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM  
Roll call of Officers and Trustees  
Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Report of Officers  
Report of Committees

COPE Report  
Old Business

Land Use Committee Report  
New Business  
Guest Speaker 8:00 PM. See Page 3  
Good and Welfare of the Association.  
Motion to Adjourn 9:00 PM

Rocky Point High School presents  
Guys and Dolls A Musical Fable of Broadway  
Free Performance for Senior Citizens  
Wednesday, February 27, 2013 3:30 P.M.  
Rocky Point High School Auditorium  
Based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon  
Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser  
Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

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**Speaker for  
April 2nd**

Write to her now from the civic association:

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Airport runway becomes parking lot for Sandy-damaged vehicles



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In other news the long island cask festival was held on January 27th. Rocky Point Brewery and the South Shore Brewery were comparing winter ales when things turn sour between two of the brewers. Witnesses reported hearing the South Shore brewmaster shouting obscenities like "the north shore stinks", "your waves are tiny" and the always inflammatory comment "your beaches are too rocky" COPE quickly escorted the brewmaster back to the south shore where he was then banned from crossing north of middle county road until he completes 30 hours of classes in Indian rock painting and rock skipping.