

July Newsletter 2013

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Civic Meeting June 4th

ROCKY POINT CIVICS MEETING – 6/4/13

7:40 Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance

President – Charles Bevington

Treasurer – Kathy Weber

Membership Chair – Joan Sele

Trustee – Virginia Heslin

Treasurers Report

June 1, 2013 balances

Checking \$2,380.41*

Savings \$3,099.59

Cash \$20.33

Total \$5,500.33

*The checking account balance does not include the \$100 donation check to “Relay for Life” and the \$150 donation check to Coastal Steward as per resolutions carried at the May meeting.

Membership: 104 paid members

Cope Report was read by Maureen O’Keefe.

Grant Updates: \$1000 from the Dept. of State is still pending.

The Downtown Revitalization grant is pending approval by the Brookhaven Town Board this evening. The grant can only be used for the area and items originally included in the “Corridor Study/Visioning” process. The proposed

project will be focused on the area of Broadway and Prince including curbing, lighting, crosswalks and a four-way stop. Debby from Jane Bonner’s office will email the details (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rocky-Point-Civic-Association/232940942217> to follow-up).

The Drug Free Community Planning Forum met last Thursday, May 30th which was coordinated by the RPUFSD. Participants included parents and youth groups, local business, civics and faith based organizations along with law enforcement, local government officials and social services representatives. Charlie to share the outcome at the next meeting.

Speaker: The Honorable Chris Ann Kelley, Suffolk County Court Justice at the Domestic Violence Court spoke regarding her experience on the bench, the judiciary challenges, new programs and options available when dealing with the drug issues in our local communities. Discussion following regarding the presence of drugs in our community and how we can protect ourselves, our children our neighborhoods from the influence of drugs and drug related crime.

No Old Business:

New Business: Jaimie McMillan and Karen Cardone spoke about how to promote the Farmers Market through social media/Facebook.

50/50 Raffle - \$22 was won by Al Hansen; Motion to Adjourn made by Jeff Davis, Second by Maureen O’Keefe 9:00pm.

Rocky Point Farmers and Artisans Market Sundays 8 AM—1 PM

Downtown Rocky Point: Corner of Prince and Broadway

Agriculturists: Long Island

Davis Peach Farms

Natural Earth Farms

Hamlet Organic Garden

Corwin Farms

Sujecki Farms

Naturally Grass Fed

Sunburst Shrubs

Rocky Point Artisan Brewery

Artisans: Local

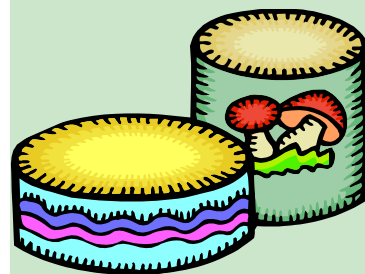
Pottery and Jewelry

Handmade Soaps

Copper Items

Hand crafted Woodwork

Support our pantries;
bring some canned items
to the meeting!

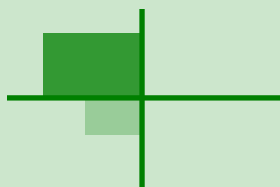


2013 Meeting Dates:

January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4

July 9

No August Meeting
September 10



How will I be affected by hydrofracturing?

The areas where oil and gas companies want to drill stretch through the Southern Tier and Catskill areas of Upstate New York. These areas supply drinking water for more than 13 million people—including people upstate, in New York City, and in Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, and Putnam counties. So if you live in these areas or if you've ever taken a hike through the Catskills, gone for a swim in the Finger Lakes, enjoyed fresh milk and cheese from one of New York's dairies, chances are none of these things will be the same once the drill rigs roll in from Texas.

Earthjustice, 2013

Nutrition discussion—continued

Call for members' \$10 Annual and \$15 Family Dues Renew Now



Romaine outlines river protection plan

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Brookhaven Supervisor Edward P. Romaine is wading into an issue that has defied previous town leaders: a protection plan for the Carmans River watershed. At a reporters' roundtable Thursday, Romaine outlined a new plan that centers on buying and rezoning land near the ecologically sensitive river, which winds over 10 miles from Middle Island to Bellport. The plan will be drafted with full community input, he stressed. "We're meeting with every civic organization," he said at the session, held at Town Hall in Farmingville. For four decades, town officials have tried to devise a plan to protect the watershed from overdevelopment, town documents show. Last year, then-Supervisor Mark Lesko withdrew a controversial Carmans River proposal that hinged on the transfer of development rights from sensitive areas of the watershed and to designated receiving areas. Some residents and council members feared Lesko's plan would actually create overdevelopment in the receiving areas, and some community groups complained about being left out of the process.

Romaine also criticized the Lesko plan, saying, "I viewed that more as a development plan." The town plans to use money from a dedicated open space fund to buy and preserve land near the river, he said. The core of the watershed, with the most restrictive limitations on development, will also be expanded. Town officials would also suggest that privately owned land in the core be "rezoned to minimum 2 acre residential," according to town documents. Romaine said the new plan will impose a fee upon application approval on developers looking to build "intense development" in approved town sites, following a formula devised by town planners. "If you develop more intensely here, you must preserve open space over there," he said. The proposed fees could generate millions of dollars a year for the struggling town, he said. Romaine said the plan, while focused on controlling development near Carmans River, could help improve the river's water quality. If successful, the plan will protect 1,177 acres of public land and 483 acres of private land in the watershed, he said.

MaryAnn Johnston, chairwoman of the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organization's land use committee, said she has not seen details but wants more emphasis on water quality. "The water quality standard is not workable at all," she said. "There won't be any support for that standard." She said ABCO would host several meetings for the community to learn about Romaine's plan.

TOPIC: “Carmans River Conservation and Management Plan” opinion

The Rocky Point Civic Association will host with ABCO (Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Association) Brookhaven Town’s Planning’s presentation of a “new draft plan” for the Carmans River, “The Carmans River Conservation and Management Plan.” Residents of Medford area and all Brookhaven will have an opportunity for input and concerns. Plan INFO: www.Brookhaven.org , flyer to copy/please FWD attached, fuller plan at "E-mail/search box" EMPOAwebF7 < There is much to review but click on right column to view info. as desirable.>

Please come to this important community meeting. We have knowledge, background or simply care for our environment, water, air quality, fishing, fresh/salt water marine life industry, noxious materials concerns, storm water, swimmable lakes ...so we need all to make a special effort to be at the VFW this Tuesday evening...July 9th. @ 7:30PM.

Please contact and invite all your neighbors to help craft the best plan to preserve the Carmans, your community and town's environment. Perhaps, working together we can begin to create a model to preserve all areas, especially some or the less pristine, lakes, stream corridors such as the Patchogue, Swan, and Forge Rivers etc. and preserve both Medford's and Brookhaven Town’s quality of life. A science and community based plan is a critical key to a saving our natural environment and to preserving every community's quality of life.

We need each person to help, provide comments and their breadth of knowledge. A science based plan that actually corrects the past and ensures all environments are protected and restored is the goal.

1. Brookhaven Town Board recently passed a new Multi-Family Code that directly targets the placement of affordable, workforce, rental, condominium, multi-family development to areas such as Medford. Targeted locations for heavy density could still be about 3,300 feet from a main, connector road, working railroad or bus station. Dollars derived from zone changes will be directed to the Macchia Fund and funneled for preservation to the Carmans Watershed.

2. The New York State Legislature has already passed an expansion of the Pine Barren Core and the Central Pine Barrens with the advertised purpose of added Carmans protection and Pine Barrens Credits to be used to build in other areas of the town.

This plan appears to be on the fast track at the town, and yet as of today the plan document itself has not been made publicly available. We ask that you insist that the actual plan be released and posted on the town's website so the public can read, review and make knowledgeable comments. Originally, the town agreed to several joint community outreach and education presentations on the plan, (6) instead only a powerpoint presentation has been shown at the 1st two meetings.

Unfortunately, now the town has indicated the plan itself will NOT even be made publicly available until after July 2nd; leaving only 28 days before the scheduled (July 30th) Special Town Board meeting set to adopt the plan. Clearly no one can comment on any plan they cannot read..

We have now verified with the NYS Committee on Open Government that the actual plan must be made available in advance of any action on the plan or related events can be taken...The town has already issued a posi-

tive SEQRA declaration and a Home Rule Message regarding the expansion of the Core of the Pine Barrens to the State Legislature...and all without making the actual plan document (even in draft form) publicly available...So how the above and other concerns are designed to positively preserve the Carmans, while protecting our other hamlets, quality of life and to all environs critical to preserving your Long Island.

Thank you!

Speaker Subject: New Carmans River law now on for action in Albany

The following bills have been introduced: Town Officials will be here on July 9th as part of a ABCO/Rocky Point Civic Meeting
Bill No. A7905; S5727

Sweeney Adds certain lands in the Carmans River Watershed to the Central Pine Barrens Area and the Core Preservation Area;

LaValle -- Adds certain lands in the Carmans River Watershed to the Central Pine Barrens Area and the Core Preservation Area;

It looks like the bulk of the new legislation is lengthy metes and bounds descriptions of the expansion. If passed this year, the act would be January 1, as provided in the following section, the point of much of which escapes me so far:

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law provided that if the provisions of this act establishing a new description and boundaries of the Central Pine Barrens Area or the core preservation area removes or excludes any of the lands of the Central Pine Barrens Area or the core preservation area as such lands are described and bounded in chapter 286 of the laws of 1998, and/or protections established and/or provided by such act, this act shall be deemed repealed and of no force and effect and chapter 286 of the laws of 1998 shall remain in full force and effect.

July 9th 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 Speakers from Town of Brookhaven
8:00 PM. Carmans
Good and Welfare of the Association.
Motion to Adjourn 9:00 PM

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Corresponding Secretary Pat Adamko

Sergeant at Arms -

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