

# ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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## Rocky Point Civic Association

### General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 6th, 2025

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** Rocky Point VFW

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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Thomas Buttacavoli. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas, followed by a moment of silence.

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## 2. Roll Call

- **President:** Jennifer Hald (Absent, excused)
  - **Vice President & Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli (Present, acting as President)
  - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley (Absent, excused)
  - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber (Present)
  - **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart (Present)
  - **Trustees:**
    - Alicia Palifka (Present)
    - Quentin Palifka (Present)
    - Leah Buttacavoli (Present)
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## 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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## 4. Report of Officers

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## **Acting President's Report (Thomas Buttacavoli):**

- Discussed ongoing organizational transitions and the need for leadership and committee support, especially for major community events.

## **Membership Secretary's Report (Kathy Weber):**

- Assisted with membership forms and organizing for upcoming events.
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## **5. Report of Committees**

### **a. Beautification Committee (Kathy Weber):**

- Kathy Weber noted that flowers and planters will be present at the Civic table for Rocky Point Day to showcase the Beautification Committee's ongoing work.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with maintaining planters around the community.
- Planter sponsorships and continued community participation are encouraged.
- Flyers and information on planter sponsorships will be available at the event table.

### **b. COPE Report (7th Precinct):**

- April incidents:
  - Assault, second degree with a BB gun at 130 Halleck Landing Road
  - Petty larceny at Ace Hardware and at Stabashat & Rocky Point
- April statistics: 984 tickets issued, 57 arrests (205 charges), 227 accidents (vs. 265 last year), 13 DWI arrests, 10 vehicles stolen (8 recovered, 4 were Hyundai/Kias)
- Reminder: Lock your vehicles, don't leave keys inside

### **c. Special Correspondence – Jane Bonner's Office:**

- Recycling event May 31st at Rose Caracappa Senior Center: paper shredding, electronics, safe medicine disposal, cardboard
- Great Brookhaven Cleanup: May 17th (rain or shine)
- Crown dresses available at Women's Services

### **d. Farmer's Market:**

- Ongoing confusion regarding management and contacts. Chamber of Commerce cited but responsibility unclear.
- Offers of help (including social media/advertising) declined.
- No new information on this year's operation; to be followed up.

### **e. Events Committee (Community Events):**

- Discussion about consolidating community events (Christmas Tree Lighting, Farmer's Market, Hometown Heroes, etc.) under Civic oversight.
  - Suggestion to form a formal Events Committee; volunteers requested.
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## 6. Old Business

- **A-Comp Event:** Despite weather-related rescheduling, event was a success with 400–500 youth attending. Thanks given to volunteers and organizers.
  - **Farmer's Market:** No resolution on management or contact; further follow-up required.
  - **Event Planning:** Noted need to reclaim Civic's oversight of key community events previously handled by other organizations or the Chamber.
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## 7. New Business

- **Birthday Smiles Drive (Girl Scouts):**
    - Fourth annual drive to provide birthday party supplies to children in need (ages 1–15).
    - Donations accepted at Long Island Lending and Helping Hands, 341 Route 25A, Rocky Point, through May.
  - **Rocky Point Day at the High School (Saturday):**
    - Community-wide event, over 120 vendors.
    - Civic, Historical Society, and VFW participating.
    - Fundraiser for after prom breakfast ("duct tape Mr. Mo" activity).
    - Committee volunteers and support for membership table needed.
  - **PTA/Speaker Event:**
    - PTA, CERC, and BOCES sponsored motivational speaker Jordan Toma at Rocky Point High School; event was a success and well-received.
    - Funding: \$3,000 from PTA, \$500 from CERC, remainder from BOCES.
  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - **First-Time Homebuyer Seminar:** May 8th, North Shore Youth Council Heritage Center, 6 PM.
    - **Astronomy Night:** May 9th, North Shore Youth Council Heritage Center, 7:30 PM (mobile planetarium, weather permitting).
    - **Warrior Ranch Movie Fundraiser:** "Warrior: A Battle Against Trauma" – May 22nd, 7 PM at The Suffolk, Riverhead. Tickets \$25, supports veterans with PTSD.
  - **Rails to Trails Cleanup:**
    - Successful meeting April 10th; large turnout and interest in future cleanup day (date TBD).
    - Volunteers may "adopt" trail sections for cleanup.
  - **Flood Mitigation/Sump Project:**
    - Discussion of new sump for flood mitigation near King Road (between Broadway and Shoreham). Ongoing coordination with Town of Brookhaven.
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## 8. Open Discussion / Community Comments

- Discussion on future location for Rocky Point Day (school vs. Broadway) and the importance of including local businesses.
  - Suggestion to use Parent Square and Facebook for community communication.
  - Need for printed and digital membership forms for upcoming events.
  - Requests for additional volunteer support at upcoming events.
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## 9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** June 3rd, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Rocky Point VFW.