

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Rocky Point Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3rd, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Rocky Point VFW

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for community members who have passed.

2. Roll Call

- **President:** Jennifer Hald (Present)
- **Vice President & Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli (Present)
- **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley (Present)
- **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber (Present)
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart (Present)
- **Trustees:**
 - Alicia Palifka (Present)
 - Quentin Palifka (Present)
 - Leah Buttacavoli (Present)

Vacancy noted for Secretary position; applications encouraged.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made and seconded to waive reading and approve May 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

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4. Special Presentations

Certificates for Graduating Senior Junior Firefighters: Certificates presented by Chad Lennon (on behalf of Councilwoman Jane Bonner) to:

- David Alexander (Marine Corps)
- David Almeida (Maritime, Marine Engineering)
- Vincenzo Arnonen (accepted by Keith)
- Cole DelBianco (Stony Brook University, Communications)
- Rocco Gandiosi (U.S. Navy, Electrician)
- Charlotte Jackson (Suffolk Community College)
- Tayshaun Riley (Trade School, Automotive)
- Talen Russell (Law Enforcement & EMS at Suffolk)
- Keith Stewart (Union School, Heavy Machinery)

Recognition of Rocky Point Fire Department for outstanding community service and assistance during Suffolk County fires.

Special Recognition: Jeff Davis honored for community contributions, local business support, and volunteer activities.

5. Reports of Officers

Membership Secretary's Report (Kathy Weber):

- 34 paid members as of this meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Dean Gandley):

- Checking balance: \$8,983.
 - Recent expenses detailed, including planter supplies, decorations, and insurance payments.
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6. COPE Report (7th Precinct)

- Total May crimes: 391 (5% decrease from last year).
 - Motor vehicle accidents: 262 (14% decrease).
 - DWI arrests: 3.
 - Total arrests: 139 with 306 charges.
 - Overdoses: 0.
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7. Reports of Committees

Beautification Committee (Kathy Weber):

- Garden Tour scheduled for June 21st, 10 AM–3 PM; tickets available at Flowers on Broadway and Heritage Paint.
 - 22 planters installed and maintained through community donations; additional volunteers needed for watering.
 - Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Grant submitted for new welcome sign; results expected mid-September.
 - Plans to recognize volunteers formally in October meeting; Tree Lighting recognition by Jane Bonner planned.
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8. Old Business

- Farmers Market management and operations remain unresolved; potential for future Civic oversight discussed.
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9. New Business

- Suffolk County Farmers Market announced at H. Lee Dennison Building.
 - NextGen event scheduled in Riverhead, targeting young adults interested in various trades and professions.
 - Rocky Point Farmers Market: Discussion on potentially reviving under Civic oversight; decision pending further exploration.
 - American flags and "Hometown Heroes" banners discussed; repairs and replacements needed, potential grant applications and sponsorship ideas explored.
 - Donation approved (\$50) for Birthday Closet initiative by Girl Scouts.
 - Women's Self-Defense seminar announced for June 5th.
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10. Community Comments & Announcements

- Successful Rocky Point Day on May 10th.
 - Prom dress drive ongoing until June 13th.
 - Summer programs at Cedar Beach announced.
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11. Adjournment

Motion made by Quentin Palifka to adjourn; seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Next Meeting: July 1st, 2025 at 7:30 PM at the Rocky Point VFW.