

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Rocky Point Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 1st, 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.

2. Roll Call

- **President:** Jennifer Hald – Present
 - **Vice President / Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli – Present
 - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley – Present
 - **Trustees:**
 - Quentin Palifka – Present
 - Alicia Palifka – Present
 - Leah Buttacavoli – Present
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber – Present
 - **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart – Present
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3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion made and seconded to waive the reading of the June 2025 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports of Officers & Committees

Membership Secretary's Report (Kathy Whitman):

- Current membership: 34 members.
- No new changes reported.

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Treasurer's Report (Dean Gandley):

- Checking balance: \$6,736.19.
- Recent expenditures included:
 - Insurance payments (\$1,407 and \$633).
 - Flowers for planters.
 - \$133 for sign duplication at Rocky Point Shipping Pack.
- Checks distributed:
 - \$96.48 reimbursement to Kathy.
 - \$132 to Rocky Point Historical Society.
- Additional deposits from the Garden Tour raffles forthcoming.

Beautification / Garden Tour Committee:

- 13th Annual Garden Tour held June 21st.
 - 60 tickets sold, generating \$1,200 in revenue.
 - Expenses totaled \$328.44, leaving \$871.56 profit.
 - Raffles raised approximately \$178.
 - Net proceeds will go toward planters and beautification.
 - Positive feedback received; discussion to reduce number of houses in future tours to allow more time at each stop.
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5. COPE Report

No COPE (7th Precinct) report received this month.

6. Old Business

Rocky Point Farmers Market:

- Civic Association has reclaimed management of the Farmers Market.
 - Opening scheduled for **Sunday, July 13th, 2025.**
 - Approximately 8 vendors confirmed, with more in progress.
 - Vendor fees set at \$300 for the season, with flexible arrangements (\$20/week options) for part-time participants.
 - Non-profits offered discounted fee (\$100).
 - A committee of vendor-members will steward the market weekly under Civic oversight.
 - Hours extended until 2 PM to accommodate churchgoers and increase attendance.
 - Advertising through Councilwoman Bonner's newsletter and Civic channels underway.
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Welcome Sign / Beautification:

- Ongoing concerns with dilapidated welcome signs on Broadway and 25A.
- Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Grant still pending (decision expected in September).
- Members discussed temporary cleaning (power washing, painting) to improve current signs until grants are approved.
- Additional lighting and design alternatives suggested.

Website & Communications:

- Discussion regarding the Civic's online presence following loss of access to the old website.
- Plans to establish a new Civic website to avoid reliance on individuals or outside entities.
- Aim is to ensure continuity and transparency for future boards.

Hometown Heroes Banners:

- Lengthy discussion regarding the banners and flags program historically tied to the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Concerns raised over lack of transparency in funds collected vs. funds remitted to the VFW.
 - Issues with aging banners, missing brackets, and unclear ownership.
 - Consensus that a new banner program under Civic/VFW control should be considered for 2026, with fairer pricing and clear accountability.
 - Permit requirements clarified: banners and brackets require town-issued permits; only the sponsoring organization (e.g., VFW) may be named on flags.
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8. Community & Land Use Updates

- "The Estates at Rocky Point" housing development behind the former Cow Palace is under construction, with lots being cleared and septic systems installed. Projected home prices near \$1 million. Civic to pursue site visit or presentation from project management in fall.
 - Additional concerns discussed about recreational-zoned property near Aldi still unresolved.
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9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Next Meeting: September 2025 (no Civic meeting scheduled in August).