

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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General Meeting • Tuesday, September 2, 2025 • 7:30 PM

Location: VFW Basement, King Rd, Rocky Point, NY

1) Call to Order

- Meeting called to order; Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence observed.

2) Roll Call

- **Officers Present:**
 - **President:** Jennifer Hald
 - **Vice President / Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli
 - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber
- **Trustees Present:**
 - Alicia Palifka
 - Quentin Palifka
 - Leah Buttacavoli

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to waive reading and approve prior minutes **PASSED** (no objections).

4) Treasurer's Report

- **Checking:** \$7,806.41
- **PayPal:** \$500.16 (bank link corrected; test transfer succeeded; full transfer pending).
- **PO Box:** Renewal due; key issue noted. **Action:** Treasurer to renew and restore access.

5) Membership Report

- **36 paid members** YTD.
- **Dues:** \$15 individual / \$20 family (cash/check or via rpcivic.org).

6) Elections / Nominating

- Officer cycle this fall; standard trustee rotation continues.
- President to appoint up to **four** to the **Nominating Committee**.

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- **Action:** Membership Secretary to deliver **eligibility list** (members in good standing) before next meeting.
- Slate to be presented next meeting; **nominations from the floor** will be accepted.

7) COPE / Public Safety

- No COPE reports received for July–September to date.
- Outreach ongoing to Officers **Anson**, **Cummings**, and **Respondi/Frank**.
- Community noted a recent **helicopter search** (reported as a missing child).
- **Action:** Re-establish monthly COPE reporting cadence.

8) Beautification

- Planters maintained; **volunteers needed** (several regulars away/injured).
- Priority sites: two on **Broadway** (George's Barbershop, Greek Place) and one by the **Christmas tree**; additional attention near **McGuire's** and **Prince & Broadway**.
- Water tank unit down; **pickup/bucket help** appreciated (~2x/week).
- **Scarecrow Contest (NEW):**
 - ≤3 ft, on a stake, install by **Oct 1**; **22 planter spots** (overflow to mulch/tree beds or a "scarecrow garden" by the Christmas tree).
 - Prizes TBD (idea: **Alfie's GC**). Promote via FB/email/flyers + school **virtual backpack**.
- **Welcome Sign Grant:** County Downtown Revitalization application submitted for **bypass-side** sign (larger "Welcome to Rocky Point" + business/market panels). If awarded this fall → **Spring 2026** install. Coordinate with local sign makers.

9) Farmer's Market

- Civic assumed management mid-season; **rebuilding year**.
- **Permits/Site:** County organizational permit targeted **Friday**; food trucks require Town/County/Fire Marshal permits. Western row of Broadway Market lot within insurance perimeter; rotate trucks for fairness.
- **Vendors/Farms:** Two farms interested **next season** if invited by season's end; prior reputation/traffic issues acknowledged.
- **Marketing:** Add Instagram; week-long ramp; day-of Stories/live; vendor spotlights. Directional **A-frames** from bypass to Broadway (Town permits). Flyers at area businesses.
- **Programming:** Fitness/yoga demo (10 AM), music, "meet the vendor."
- **Alcohol:** Current **no-alcohol** policy; board to review limited/ticketed tastings via **NYS day permits** with strict controls.
- **Fees:** \$20/day; season discounts.
- **Committee:** **APPROVED** (see Motions). **Chair:** **Dean Gandley**. Volunteers welcome (non-resident members may serve as dues-paying members).

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10) Land Use / Community Items

- **Hometown Heroes Banners:** Removed; flags placed (first year fully by Civic).
- **Island Estates:** Inquiry out re: build phases; modular noted for evaluation only.
- **Decks Property:** New plan-**2-story**, 3 retail (ground), 2 apartments (above); parking variance likely; dumpster enclosure; owner intends to **hold and lease** (restaurant + office).
- **Broadway Laundromat:** Rumored for sale; deteriorated but appears code-compliant/grandfathered.

11) Motions

1. **Create Farmer's Market Committee – PASSED (unanimous)**
 - **Chair:** Dean Gandley
 - Scope: marketing, vendor recruitment, programming, permits, and operations.

12) Action Items (Summary)

- **President:** Appoint **Nominating Committee** (≤ 4).
- **Membership:** Provide **eligibility list** for elections.
- **Treasurer:** Transfer PayPal → checking; **renew PO Box** and fix key access.
- **COPE Liaison(s):** Restore COPE reporting cadence.
- **Beautification:** Recruit watering help (include **BSA/GSA**), fix tank, launch Scarecrow Contest plan.
- **Market Committee:** Secure County permit; line up first food truck (permitted); stand up Instagram/content cadence; signage plan (permits/A-frames); begin **2026 vendor** recruitment; draft policy on limited alcohol tastings.

13) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **8:53 PM**.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 7:30 PM • VFW Basement, King Rd, Rocky Point, NY