

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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General Meeting • Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 7:30 PM

Location: VFW, King Rd, Rocky Point, NY

1) Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Moment of silence in memory of **Charlie Kirk** on his birthday.

2) Roll Call

- **Officers Present:**
 - **President:** Jennifer Hald
 - **Vice President / Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli
 - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber (**Absence excused – recovering; best wishes**)
 - **Sergeant At Arms:** Tina Bogart
- **Trustees Present:** Alicia Palifka, Quentin Palifka, Leah Buttacavoli (and others as noted on sign-in).

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion** to accept prior minutes **PASSED** (moved/seconded; no objections).

4) Treasurer's Report

- **Operating balance (as of 9/30): \$7,621.41**
- **PayPal:** transfer of "\$500 and change" **completed/posted to checking** (to appear in next balance).
- **Expenses:** bank service fee **\$3.00**; **\$192.00** check to **USPS** for **PO Box** (renewed; access restored).
- Bank deposits have been made during September.

5) Membership

- No updated report (Membership Secretary excused).
- Last month's count: **36 paid members**.
- Dues: **\$15** individual / **\$20** family (cash/check).

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6) Beautification / Garden Club

- **Fall change-out timeline:**
 - **Remove** spent summer plantings; **top off** with soil.
 - **Winter greens install: Saturday after Thanksgiving** (greens arrive that morning).
 - Pre-bundle greens earlier in the **11:00 AM** hour; **volunteer team needed**.
- **Action:** Create/share a flyer + FB event to recruit volunteers for (1) soil top-offs and (2) winter-greens install day.

7) Farmer's Market (Committee)

- **Season end date: Sunday, November 9** (Veterans Day weekend), **10 AM – 2 PM**.
- **Vendors/Farms:** One farm **committed for 2026**; one considering switching to RP next year; a third may attend the **remaining 2025 Sundays** and return in 2026.
- **Operations/Comms:** Social media help ongoing (thanks to **Charity** and **Louise's daughter**). Several committee members absent this meeting due to illness/family events.
- **2026 planning:** Next meeting(s) to set **advertising budget**, site layout adjustments, signage, and early farmer commitments.

8) COPE / Public Safety (7th Precinct)

(Precinct-wide report, not RP-specific; provided raw from SCPD)

- **Jan–Sep comparisons (through 9/30):**
 - Reported crimes: **420** vs **480** last year (**–13%**).
 - Motor vehicle accidents (Sept): **274** vs **298** (**–8%**).
- **Enforcement (Sept):** **12** DWI arrests (3 on William Floyd Pkwy).
- **Tickets:** Mixed tallies across commands; **238** tickets on William Floyd Pkwy; **55** speeders cited; **24** “negative speeders” noted (SCPD term).
- **Arrests:** **111** individuals / **171** charges (vs **149** / **266** last Sept). Includes **5 assaults**, **7 CPW** (criminal possession of a weapon), **5 handguns recovered**, **8** drug charges including **CPCS 1st**, **29** drug charges over **18** arrestees total; **24** larcenies (**3** grand, **21** petit).
- **Note:** RP/Sound Beach break-outs were not provided in this raw export.

9) Land Use / Downtown

- **Broadway & 25A projects:** Both awaiting **final cost estimates** prior to construction start.
- **“Deks”/restaurant site:** Return toward restaurant use; current owners intend to **retain and operate/lease**; plan footprint updated.
- **Corner property: Demolition & rebuild** with a slightly revised footprint planned (waiting on final costs); tenant mix TBD.
- **Island Estates: Paved road** visible; one modular **mock-up** was evaluated; additional lifts/asphalt layers still expected.

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10) Elections & Governance

- **Annual Meeting (Elections): November** (per bylaws).
- **Eligibility reality:** Under current rules (homeowner status; 6 meetings in last 12), **few members qualify** beyond current board.
- **Motion – Bylaw Amendments:**
 - **PASSED** to authorize the Board to **draft and circulate proposed amendments** for member adoption (target options: present at next meeting and/or proxy ballot).
 - **Goals (for member review):**
 - Revisit **homeowner-only** requirement for officers.
 - Revisit **attendance threshold** to vote/serve (currently 6/12).
 - Improve **quorum** flexibility and allow **proxy/absentee** voting where appropriate.
 - Permit **interim appointments** with guardrails when vacancies stall operations.
 - Enable **hybrid meetings** (in-person + real-time audio/video) for attendance credit, identity verification required.
 - Clarify **website ownership/control** as a Civic asset; board-managed access policy.
- **Actions:** Board to hold an executive working session; circulate draft changes to membership; prepare adoption path before/at November meeting.

11) Meeting Venue/Date Logistics

- **VFW request:** Aim to move Civic meetings **upstairs** (basement prioritized for veterans' use).
- **Day change:** Explore shifting off **Tuesdays** (to enable COPE attendance and reduce conflicts). Candidates discussed: **Monday** or **Wednesday**; avoid holiday conflicts.
- **Signage:** Remove fixed day ("First Tuesday...") from physical signs; rely on website/calendar for date.
- **Action:** Board to propose a 2026 meeting-day schedule and report back in November.

12) Communications & Website

- **MailChimp** free tier limits to ~3 sends/month; Board may budget a modest upgrade.
- **New site** to integrate Facebook login, events, published bylaws, minutes, and volunteer sign-ups; domain to be owned/controlled by the Civic.

13) Community Announcements

- **VFW Operation Welcome Home: Sat, Oct 18 • 11 AM–4 PM** (family event; food/refreshments).
- **Suffolk County Marathon Weekend:** 5K **Sat**; 10K/Half/Full **Sun** at **Gardiner Park/Robert Moses**; **Vet Fest** follows the races.
- **Leg. Chad Lennon 66-mile Walk (recap):** Completed Orient FD → H. Lee Dennison; **SAR** flag raised; thanks to all supporters.

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- **Long Island Lending Helping Hand:**
 - **Trunk-or-Treat & Penny's Parade: Sun (11–2 PM)** – details via LILHH.
 - **Turkey Dinner Giveaway: Saturday before Thanksgiving (7th Precinct).**
 - **Hope for the Holidays: Sat, Dec 13** (tentative).
 - **Casino Night Gala:** supports programs (date on LILHH flyer).
- **Special Olympics Polar Plunge: Support Team "Frozen Eagles"** (CM Bonner).

14) Recognitions

- Plan to **acknowledge Garden Club & volunteers** at **December** meeting (holiday gathering).

15) Motions Passed (Summary)

1. **Approve prior minutes** – PASSED
2. **Authorize Board to draft bylaw amendments & circulate for adoption** – PASSED

16) Action Items (Summary)

- **Board:** Draft bylaw amendments; set meeting-day/venue proposal; prepare election logistics/options; coordinate website ownership policy.
- **Treasurer:** Reflect PayPal transfer in next report; PO Box complete.
- **Beautification:** Publish volunteer call for soil/greens install; schedule and supplies.
- **Farmer's Market Committee:** Lock in remaining 2025 dates ops; initiate 2026 recruitment/advertising plan.
- **Secretary:** Prepare proxy/adoption materials if needed; update announcements digest.

17) Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn PASSED at 8:27 PM.**

Next Meeting (Annual/Elections): November 2025 (date/time/room TBA, pending upstairs space & day change exploration).

Updates will be posted via email and our social channels.