

1) Call to Order

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of silence for the new year

2) Roll Call

Name / Title	Status	Notes
Jennifer Hald - President	Present	
Thomas Buttacavoli - Vice President / Acting Secretary	Present	
Dean Gandlely - Treasurer	Absent	<i>Excused - traveling</i>
Tina Bogart - Sergeant-at-Arms	Present	
Kathy Weber - Membership Secretary	Absent	<i>Excused</i>
Leah Buttacavoli - Trustee	Present	
Alicia Palifka - Trustee	Present	
Quentin Palifka - Trustee	Present	

- Quorum established
- Members reminded to sign in on the sign-in sheet; photo of attendance sheet to be sent to the board group

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion made to approve December 2025 meeting minutes without reading
- Motion carries

4) Membership

- No official membership report available; Kathy Weber absent
- Membership numbers to be obtained from Kathy within the next few weeks
- Dues remain unchanged: \$20 family / \$15 individual; accepted via PayPal or check; planter sponsorships also accepted

Action Items

- Produce a generalized membership spreadsheet accessible to all board members, available by the February meeting
- Implement a consistent email strategy using a minimum of three emails per month: one reminder one week before the meeting, one follow-up after the meeting, and one general blast per month covering membership and planter sponsorships
- Launch an ongoing indefinite membership drive

5) Beautification and Garden Club

- Jane from the Garden Club was unable to attend but communicated that they have begun reaching out to vendors for the spring planting order
- Planter program financial overview being prepared by Dean Gandley - not available this meeting due to absence
- Overview will cover total number of planter units, annual sponsorship revenue, vendor costs, and any surplus or deficit
- Sponsor a Planter Drive posted to the civic Facebook page today
- Thanks to all volunteers who helped with the winter greens installation despite difficult weather

Action Items

- Dean Gandley to prepare full planter program financial overview for the February meeting
- Begin outreach to businesses and community members to address any funding deficit in the planter program

6) Farmer's Market

- No formal report available without Dean Gandley
- Market expected to return end of April or May 2026
- Several farms have been lined up; vendor contacts to be confirmed

Action Items

- By the March meeting: confirm vendor list, farm participants, advertising budget, and schedule for the 2026 season
- Coordinate with the legislator's office on renewing the required resolution for the market

7) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean Gandley was absent. No financial report available. Updated figures to be published on the website and presented at the February meeting.

8) COPE and Public Safety

December 2025 Precinct Statistics

Category	Detail
Overall Crime (7th Precinct)	Down 14% vs. December 2024 (328 reported last year)
Aggravated Assaults	11
Burglaries	3
Robberies	1
Shootings	0
Summonses (through Dec 15)	843 tickets
William Floyd Parkway	226 tickets; 42 speeders
Neighborhood Road	7 tickets
Total Larcenies (precinct-wide)	95 (down from prior period)
Stolen Vehicles	14 (trending up; often involving minors)
Shoplifting (precinct-wide)	34 total; 11 from Walmart in Yaphank; none in Rocky Point
Fatal Overdoses - December	0

Fatal Overdose Trend (Precinct-Wide)

- July: 3
- August: 0
- September: 0
- October: 1
- November: 1
- December: 0

COPE officer noted this is the lowest fatal overdose count observed during their tenure, consistent with the broader trend attributed in part to Narcan distribution.

Rocky Point / Sound Beach

- Area has been quiet; no significant local incidents to report
 - Ongoing issue with vehicle break-ins via unlocked door handles on tree streets (Cal, Locust, and surrounding roads)
- Residents reminded to lock vehicles at all times

E-Bikes and Rails to Trails

- E-bike complaints on the rails to trails remain frequent; county is developing updated rules
 - COPE officers have patrolled the trail multiple times; activity during patrol hours has been minimal
 - Concern raised about e-bike riders approaching intersections from unexpected directions and causing near-accidents
 - Patrols will increase starting mid-April as weather warms and usage picks up
- Plan a community e-bike safety information event in spring, potentially coinciding with the farmer's market launch, to clarify rules and allow the public to ask questions

Personnel

- Inspector Raber departing this month; incoming inspector reported to be pro-community
- Precinct staffing recovering after holiday leave; spares coming back online

Community Partnerships

- COPE attends civic events including Halloween and Easter when notified in advance
- Flyers posted in the precinct office; event attendance approved through command staff
- For events requiring traffic management or manpower, requests must go through command staff with at least one month's notice
- Civic to continue sending COPE event flyers with at least one month advance notice
- Coordinate with COPE to schedule a Narcan training event at a future civic meeting (approximately one hour)

9) Old Business

Wildlife Updates

- Edgerton duck: reported killed
- Female Rufous Hummingbird: departed Saturday morning at 11 AM
- Sweetbriar owl: still missing; one unconfirmed sighting approximately one month ago

10) New Business

Legislator Lennon's Office

- New 2026 recycling calendar now available
- New soft plastics recycling program: soft plastics can now be brought to Town Hall or the landfill for recycling, in addition to hard plastics
- Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon: January 19 at Bellport Country Club, hosted by Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the NAACP
- Cedar Beach programs: ongoing nature and bird observation events for ages 3 and up through adults; waterfowl program January 31 at 10 AM

Community Organizations

- Over 200 families served at Christmas; families were able to shop for and wrap their own gifts at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- Shop-as-you-go food pantry model allows recipients to choose their own items
- Thanksgiving turkey giveaway at the precinct coordinated with Frank; vehicle packed to capacity
- Chad Lennon's office raised over \$100 at Thanksgiving and over \$200 at Christmas
- Toy drive completed with Toaster Tots; additional food and veteran supply drives ongoing; toy drives planned for July
- Feature community organization volunteer opportunities on the civic website

North Shore Beach Association

- Membership drive underway; flyers available

Rocky Point Bypass Sign

- Ongoing community concern about the deteriorating civic sign at Veterans Way and the bypass
 - Sign is located on New York State DEC property; the civic has no legal authority to repair, replace, or remove it
 - Jane Bonner's office has indicated something may be in the works and has advised the civic not to touch it
 - Multiple volunteers have offered to take on the project over the years but have not followed through
 - No clear path forward at this time; DEC is the only party that can authorize action
- Continue monitoring; route any further inquiries through the state senator's office rather than directly to DEC

Website

- New civic website launched at RockyPointCivic.com
- Site is live but not fully complete; planter sponsorship link currently routes to email rather than a payment processor
- Future features: online dues payment, donations, planter sponsorship, and eventually a full membership and document portal
- Website was a requirement for the signage grant Kathy Weber was pursuing
- Digital assets are now formally defined in the updated bylaws
- PayPal dues payments: send to rpcivicassociation@gmail.com

America 250 / Historical Society

- Suffolk County America 250 passbooks available; each historical site in the county has a page to be stamped upon visiting
 - Rocky Point Historical Society museum is expanding its building footprint to add to the veterans museum
 - Construction may begin around April; farmer's market organizers should monitor for potential scheduling conflicts
- Post about the America 250 passbook program on civic social channels

VFW Collaboration

- President Jennifer Hald meeting with Frank at the VFW on Wednesday at 6 PM to discuss civic-VFW collaboration, shared points of contact, upcoming joint events, and the Hometown Heroes program
- Report back to the board on outcomes of Wednesday's VFW meeting

11) Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn passed
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

*Respectfully submitted by **Thomas Buttacavoli**, Vice President and Acting Secretary*