

**TOWN CLERKS MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 27, 2007**

Present: Supervisor Dunford
Councilman Johnson
Councilman Honeck
Councilwoman Mitts

Also: Town Clerk Ruth A. Mazzei
Town Counsel Willis H. Stephens, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Bonanno

Supervisor Dunford made a motion to open the Special Meeting and Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor.

RESOLUTION # 77/2007 JAMES F. LAWLOR/DEDICATION OF FLAG POLE

Introduced By: Supervisor Dunford
Seconded By: Councilman Johnson

WHEREAS, JAMES F. LAWLOR has served as Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Southeast from 1994 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, JAMES F. LAWLOR has spent most of his career serving the people of this Town as a member of the Town Highway Department and, later, as its duly elected Superintendent;

WHEREAS, JAMES F. LAWLOR led the Town of Southeast Highway Department through a period of unprecedented growth under a backdrop of heightened regulation; and

WHEREAS, JAMES F. LAWLOR has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his community, working shoulder-to-shoulder with his dedicated team of personnel;

WHEREAS, JAMES F. LAWLOR has shown his devotion to duty weathering countless hurricanes, floods, ice storms and blizzards and has always answered the call with a smile and good cheer; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Town Board that in JAMES F. LAWLOR we have an individual who is worthy of the esteem of our Town, County and the Great State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that, in consideration for and in recognition of his many fine works and service to his community, the flag pole located in the side yard of the new Town Court and office building at 1360 Route 22, Town of Southeast, be and hereby is dedicated to and named in honor of JAMES F. LAWLOR and that a sign or plaque bearing such legend be commissioned and placed at the foot thereof for all who visit to see; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution, suitable engrossed, be presented to JAMES F. LAWLOR, with the heartfelt appreciation of the entire Town.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Dunford – Aye
Councilman Honeck – Aye
Councilman Bonanno – Aye

Councilman Johnson – Aye
Councilwoman Mitts – Aye

VOTE: carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against; 0 abstained.

RESOLUTION # 78/2007 JOHN J. DUNFORD CIVIC CENTER

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

WHEREAS, JOHN J. DUNFORD has served as Supervisor of this Town from 2004 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, this Town is unique because of individuals like JOHN J. DUNFORD, who give of themselves to make their community a better place to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, JOHN J. DUNFORD, has served this community with distinction as Mayor of the Village of Brewster from 1977 through 1979; as a member of the Southeast Town Board and Deputy Supervisor from 1982 through 1986, when he became Commissioner of the Putnam County Board of Elections and served from 1986 through 1990; and again as a member of the Southeast Town Board where he served from 1998 through 2003, when he was elected Town supervisor; and

WHEREAS, JOHN J. DUNFORD further demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his community through his service as chair of the Southeast Bicentennial Celebration in 1988; and

WHEREAS, having concluded a distinguished career in customer and community relations with New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, JOHN J. DUNFORD, has devoted his full attentions to his service to his community and has played a leadership role in improving the quality of life in the town of Southeast culminating in the acquisition of significant recreation and open space lands, the acquisition of the former Temple Beth Elohim property located at 1360 Route 22 and the conversion of that facility to a new Town Court, public meeting space and town offices; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense this Town Board that in JOHN J. DUNFORD we have an individual who is worthy of the esteem of our Town, County and the Great State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that, in consideration for and in recognition of his many fine works and service to this community, the public meeting room located in the Town Court and office building at 1360 Route 22, Town of Southeast, be and hereby is named the JOHN J. DUNFORD CIVIC CENTER and that a sign or plaque bearing such legend be commissioned and placed above the door to such room; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution, suitable engrossed, be presented to JOHN J. DUNFORD, with the heartfelt appreciation of the entire Town.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Dunford
Councilman Honeck
Councilman Bonanno

Councilman Johnson
Councilwoman Mitts

VOTE: carried by a vote of in favor, against; abstained.

**TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STA**

WHEREAS, a Great State is only as great as the individuals who give of themselves to make their communities better places to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, LORRAINE MITTS, has served this community with distinction in various public and charitable capacities; and

WHEREAS, LORRAINE MITTS, never shy of being in the ‘arena’, has continually demonstrated her commitment to the betterment of her community through her service on the board of the Brewster Education Foundation and having served as a member of the Town Council from 2004 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, as a distinguished attorney, throughout her involvement in public service, LORRAINE MITTS has distinguished herself as someone with a keen understanding of municipal law, zoning, planning and land use; and

WHEREAS, while her list of accomplishments in public office are many, LORRAINE MITTS, has played a leadership role in crafting local laws aimed at

modulating the residential growth of our town and balancing the need for commercial development with a desire to preserve the historic and suburban character of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense this Town Board that in LORRAINE MITTS we have an individual who is worthy of the esteem of our Town, County and the Great State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast hereby thanks LORRAINE MITTS, her husband Sean, and her children Conor and Kyle, for Lorraine’s hard work and exemplary public service to the people of the Town of Southeast; and be it further

RESOLVED, that on the foregoing, it is our distinct pleasure to confer upon LORRAINE MITTS this Certificate of Distinguished Service in recognition of her many efforts to secure and enhance the public welfare of our Town, all above and beyond the call of duty.

ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

JOHN J. DUNFORD. SUPERVISOR

TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

WHEREAS, a Great State is only as great as the individuals who give of themselves to make their communities better places to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, PAT BONANNO, has served this community with distinction as a member of the Town Council from 2000 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, prior to his becoming a member of the Southeast Town Council, PAT BONANNO demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his community through his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished career in law enforcement as a member of the New York City Police Department, PAT BONANNO attended law school and was admitted to practice law in the State of New York. With this experience, Pat Bonanno has proven himself to be an asset to the deliberative and legislative process of Town government with a keen understanding of the many quality of life and public protection issues that came before the various agencies of the Town during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, PAT BONANNO has played a leadership role in shaping our a zoning laws to better reflect the needs of a growing community while protecting our ever dwindling natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense this Town Board that in PAT BONANNO we have an individual who is worthy of the esteem of our Town, County and the Great State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast hereby thanks PAT BONANNO and his family, for Pat's many years of distinguished and exemplary public service to the people of the Town of Southeast, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on the foregoing, it is our pleasure to confer upon PAT BONANNO this Certificate of Distinguished Service in recognition of his many efforts to secure and enhance the public welfare of our Town, all above and beyond the call of duty.

ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

JOHN J DUNFORD, SUPERVISOR

CLOSING REMARKS TOWN OF SOUTHEAST MEETING 12-27-07
1360 ROUTE 22

BEING MY LAST OFFICIAL MEETING THERE ARE SOME THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY. FIRST OF ALL IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST AND THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER. FOR OVER 30 YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE AND ALTHOUGH THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN AT TIMES POLITICALLY UGLY, THERE ISN'T A DAY THAT I HAVE REGRETTED.

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK THAT IF I START NAMING THEM I WILL FORGET SOMEONE. HOWEVER THERE ARE A FEW I MUST MENTION. IN THE EARLY 1980'S SOUTHEAST REPUBLICANS WERE REFERRED TO AS THE YOUNG TURKS. PEOPLE LIKE BOB AND PAT HALL, ARTIE AND ARLENE RICE MADE THE PARTY STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL THROUGHOUT THAT DECADE.

I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE SUPPORT OF LOIS ZUTELL. THE FRIENDSHIP THAT WE DEVELOPED THROUGH POLITICS WILL LAST FOREVER,

THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST EMPLOYEES. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO DO ANYTHING THE TOWN BOARD HAS ASKED THEM TO DO. WE IN SOUTHEAST ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT BUNCH OF PEOPLE.

MY BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS, DICK AND DONNA HAZZARD, BRENDA KOBACKER, AND KATHLEEN LARKIN STUART (NOW KNOWN AS SEASONAL FRIENDS SINCE THEY ARE SNOWBIRDS) WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME WHEN I NEEDED TO PICK THE PIECES UP.

HOW DO YOU THANK PEOPLE LIKE BOB AND ANGELA CAVALUZZO, MICHELLE AND ED POWERS, ELLEN SCHNEIDER, THE TRURANS, ROBERT CONLIN AND RENEE. THESE FRIENDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MY SOUNDING BOARD AND HAVE GIVEN ME WONDERFUL ADVICE OVER MY POLITICAL CAREER.

TO SERVE FOR SO LONG DOES EFFECT YOUR FAMILY. THERE WERE TIMES THAT MY 3 SONS AND WIFE SUFFERED IN SOME WAY BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS I HAD TO MAKE. THEY WERE ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE, AND NEVER QUESTIONED MY CHOICES. THEY KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM AND NOW THAT I AM RETIRING, I CAN DEVOTE MORE TIME TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, YOU SOON REALIZE THE VALUE AND KNOWLEDGE YOU ARE BLESSED TO RECEIVE FROM OUR TOWN CLERK, RUTH MAZZEI AND OUR TOWN ATTORNEY, WILLIS H. STEPHENS JR., HOWEVER, I AM BLESSED TWICE BECAUSE I NOT ONLY HAVE LEARNED FROM THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TOWN BUT I ALSO HAVE DEVELOPED A FRIENDSHIP THAT I COULD NEVER REPLACE.

AT LAST BUT NOT LEAST THIS CURRENT TOWN BOARD. PAT BONANNO, WHO IS NOT HERE TODAY, DICK HONECK, LORRAINE MITTS AND PAUL JOHNSON. WITHOUT THEIR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT WE WOULD NOT BE HERE IN THIS WONDERFUL FACILITY TODAY. WE KNEW THIS WAS NOT PERFECT, BUT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE WITH OUR FACILITIES, SO WE DID IT.

EVERYONE STAY HEALTHY AND ENJOY THE NEW YEAR.