

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
June 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops home and abroad. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Kathrine Soscia and Jean Hartling.

There were approximately 40 members and guests in attendance.

**Announcements:** 1) The Civic Country Line Dance event takes place Friday, July 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Registrations are due by July 6<sup>th</sup>. 2) The second annual Coram Community Summer Concert will take place at Coram Fire Sub Station 2, Monday, August 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. 3) An opioid training session will take place on July 23 (our next General Membership meeting date) and will include what to look for in addiction and how to administer Narcan. 4) Coram was featured in the recent Newsday "Hometown" column citing reasonable home prices, the Davis House Historical Society, Diamond in the Pines Park and great school district. 5) Nirmal, owner of the 7-11 store on Rt. 111 donated six trays of sandwiches to our meeting tonight and members were invited to enjoy them.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business Update:** Chris Reilly gave an overview of asbestos removal at the proposed Taco Bell site and the lack of a site plan still needed for the store. There is a delay in the construction of the McDonald's on Rt.112 but a twenty-year lease has been signed for the property. Customer service at Home Depot and Stop and Shop shows evidence improvement.

**Brookhaven National Laboratory (Paul Ziems):** The Summer Sunday's programs begin in July. Information can be found on the bnl.org website. The June Citizen's Advisory Committee dealt with groundwater issues and a proposed LIRR line to connect to BNL, local contractors and financing to be used.

**Police Liason-SCPD-6<sup>th</sup> Precinct:** Officer Efstathiou gave an update on current statistics, which continue to be down in all areas.

**Davis Town Meeting House Society (Maryanne Davis):** Preservation Long Island visited the Davis House for a tour the house during construction. Maryanne Douglas highlighted efforts to preserve the endangered Norton House.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone** discussed a number of priority issues impacting local communities including 1. Eradicating MS13 and work with children to make them less susceptible to gang membership 2. Need for additional drug treatment beds, services, and prosecution of drug dealers under homicide laws 3. Additional public versus auto transportation 4. Transit oriented development around train stations 5. Regional plans for hiking, biking and recreation 5. Regional focus on water quality and tourism 6. Government reforms for efficiency and effectiveness. A question and answer period followed. Members raised questions about the correlation between animal abuse and other serious crimes; how to maintain a good bond rating and reduce county debt load; reducing the taxpayer cost of schools; pending legalization of marijuana; increasing incidence of suicide; providing jobs, recreation and vibrant towns that will keep young people on the island; and the need for greater oversight by the State of drug treatment centers.

**50/50 Drawing** was won by Susan Capek who took home \$15.00.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Hartling  
Recording Secretary