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BROOKHAVEN TOWN SBU official joins agency as deputy

A leader of Stony Brook University's program to nurture new businesses will join Brookhaven Town as its deputy director of the Department of Housing and Human Services.

Christine Kempner, a former Greenport Village trustee, will replace Leah-Michelle Jefferson, who has been named director of the Huntington Community Development Agency board.

Kempner was hired last year as associate director of Stony Brook University's Business Incubator, based in Calverton. Previously, she had been executive director of the Riverhead Town Community Development Agency since 2008.

Kempner will be paid \$115,000 annually in her Brookhaven job.

Brookhaven officials also announced the resignation of Deputy Finance Commissioner Tom Kilmartin, who has been named director of finance for Effingham County in Georgia.

— CARL MACGOWAN

WESTHAMPTON BEACH

Trying to comply with waste-systems law

Westhampton Beach officials are looking into how to craft their own local law to comply with Southampton Town laws requiring new on-site wastewater treatment systems in some areas.

Westhampton Beach Mayor Maria Moore said the board of trustees has asked the village's attorney, Stephen R. Angel, to draft a proposed law that would comply with the town's 2017 law that was designed to cut down on nitrogen seeping into groundwater, bays and waterways.

Noting there was "a lot of new construction" underway, Moore said the village wanted to make sure new waste systems were being installed.

"Some people have said that's a lot to ask people to do, but the town and county have rebate programs [to help offset system installation costs] so it



GARDEN CITY. Kobie Boykins, a mechanical engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, holds a wheel from a Mars rover as he shares recent discoveries about Mars with students at the Cradle of Aviation Museum Tuesday.

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wouldn't be a hardship for people to comply with the law," Moore said.

Southampton's law requires advanced nitrogen-reducing sanitary systems for all new residential construction and any renovation that includes an increase of 25 percent or more in the floor area of a building in high priority areas listed under the town's Water Quality Improvement Project Plan.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

HUNTINGTON TOWN

Board vote removes roundabout stop sign

The Huntington Town Board voted to remove a stop sign at a roundabout at the intersection of New York Avenue, Park Avenue and Cliftwood Drive in Halesite.

Federal regulations say stop signs should not be used on approaches to roundabouts, so the sign is being removed to adhere to regulations, town officials said.

In spring 2012 the state Department of Transportation started the Route 110 redesign project in Halesite. The drainage and roadway improvement project was designed to mitigate flooding and improve mobility and safety for motorists in the low-lying North Shore coastal area. The roundabout was put in as part of that project, town officials said.

In 2012, a flashing signal at the intersection was removed, town officials said. The redesign project was completed in December 2014.

The board approved the sign removal 5-0 at the Jan. 23 town board meeting.

The board also unanimously approved a resolution to install stop signs on East 17th Street at Front Drive and Stratton Drive in Huntington Station.

Officials have said the town Transportation and Traffic Safety Department discovered there was no existing traffic control at those streets as they intersect with East 17th Street.

Federal regulations state that yield or stop signs should be used in situations where "less

important roads intersect with a main road, where normal right of way would not be expected," a town news release said.

Cars traveling south on East 17th will have to stop at Front Drive; those heading north will stop at Stratton Drive.

— DEBORAH S. MORRIS AND SOPHIA CHANG

RIVERHEAD EPCAL sale hearing now set for Feb. 27

The long-awaited public hearing on the pending \$40 million deal to sell 1,643 acres of developable land at the Enterprise Park at Calverton to an aviation partnership will take place near the end of this month.

The Riverhead Town Board voted 4-1 at its Tuesday meeting to schedule the hearing on the land deal for Feb. 27.

The hearing would determine if Calverton Aviation & Technology — a joint venture between Calverton-based Luminati Aerospace and Triple

Five Real Estate I — is qualified and able to move forward with its proposal to develop the site to expand Luminati's operations, with an emphasis on aviation, technology and supportive uses.

Town Councilwoman Jodi Giglio voted against holding the hearing, saying she felt Luminati Aerospace's letter of intent to buy the property did not conform to the deal's contract. "I voted no on the contract and I'm voting no to move forward with" the hearing, Giglio said.

The hearing had originally been scheduled for Jan. 17, but board members decided to reschedule the meeting after they learned Triple Five Ventures Co., which had originally partnered with Luminati in the deal, was being replaced with Triple Five Real Estate I. Several board members, including Riverhead Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith, said at the time they were alarmed by the change and requested more time to research the new partnering company.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA