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June 27 BOT-Rezoning Applications

was published in the issue(s) of that paper as follows:

6/23/2022

Subscribed and sworn to before me this June 23, 2022.

Notary Public

STUART RICHNER
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Qualified in NASSAU County
Commission Expires 11/13/22

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
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STATE OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF NASSAU,
VILLAGE OF FREEPORT,
ss: I, PAMELA WALSH BOENING, Clerk of the Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said notice duly authorized by the Board of Trustees of the said Village at a meeting of the Said Board of Trustees, calling for a public hearing to be duly held in the Main Conference Room of the Municipal Building of the Village of Freeport, 46 N. Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York on the 27th day of June 2022 at 7:15 P.M., and of the whole thereof, as entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the said Board kept by me as Village Clerk.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Village this 20th day of June 2022.
Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk
Dated: Freeport, New York
June 20, 2022
132329

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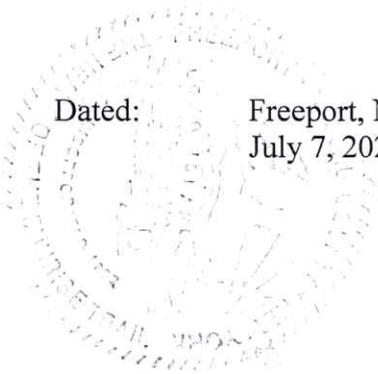
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Village this 5th day of July 2022.

Pamela Walsh Boening
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July 7, 2022





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July 25 BOT-Rezoning Application

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7/07/2022

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 07, 2022.

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Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk
Dated: Freeport, New York
July 7, 2022
132670

RE: 7/25/2022 Rezoning Public Hearing 55/H/372; 55/190/63;
55/190/51-55
RETURN TO: Pamela Walsh Boening

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

State of New York

County of Nassau

I, Samantha Hall, being duly sworn, deposes and states that on the 8th day of July, 2022 he/she posted copies of the attached notice in the following public places in the **INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT:**

MUNICIPAL BUILDING	46 North Ocean Avenues
MEMORIAL LIBRARY	144 West Merrick Road
RECREATION CENTER	130 E. Merrick Road
FREEPORT HOSE CO. #1	22 Southside Avenue
FREEPORT HOSE CO. #2	15 Broadway
FREEPORT HOSE CO. #3	375 South Bayview Avenue

Samantha Hall
Deponent

Sworn to before me this 8 day

of July 2022

Donna L. Sullivan
Notary Public

DONNA L SULLIVAN
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01SU6344420
Qualified in Nassau County
My Commission Expires 07-11-2024



**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT
VILLAGE CLERK**

**46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
FREEPORT, NEW YORK 11520
(516) 377-2300 (516) 771-4127 Fax**

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July 7, 2022
132670



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Rezone 7/25/22 public hearing date BOT
Section 55, Block H, Lot 372, from Residence AA district to Industrial B district,
Section 55, Block 190, Lot 63 from Business AA to Industrial B district, Sec 55,
Blk 190, Lots 51-55, from Manufacturing district to Industrial B district

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York)
County of Nassau)
Village of Freeport) ss:

I, Samantha Hall, being duly sworn, deposes and states
that on the 5 day of JULY 2022, the attached notice to
property owners regarding the Rezoning application of The Incorporated Village
of Freeport, relative to the property located at: Section 55, Block H, Lot 372;
Section 55, Block 190, Lot 63; & Sec 55, Blk 190, Lots 51-55, was duly delivered
to the United States Post Office branch at Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue,
Freeport, New York, and directed to the attached list of persons at the addresses
designated, as same appears on the Assessment Rolls of the Village of Freeport,
between which places there then was and now is a regular communication by
mail.

Samantha Hall

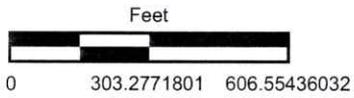
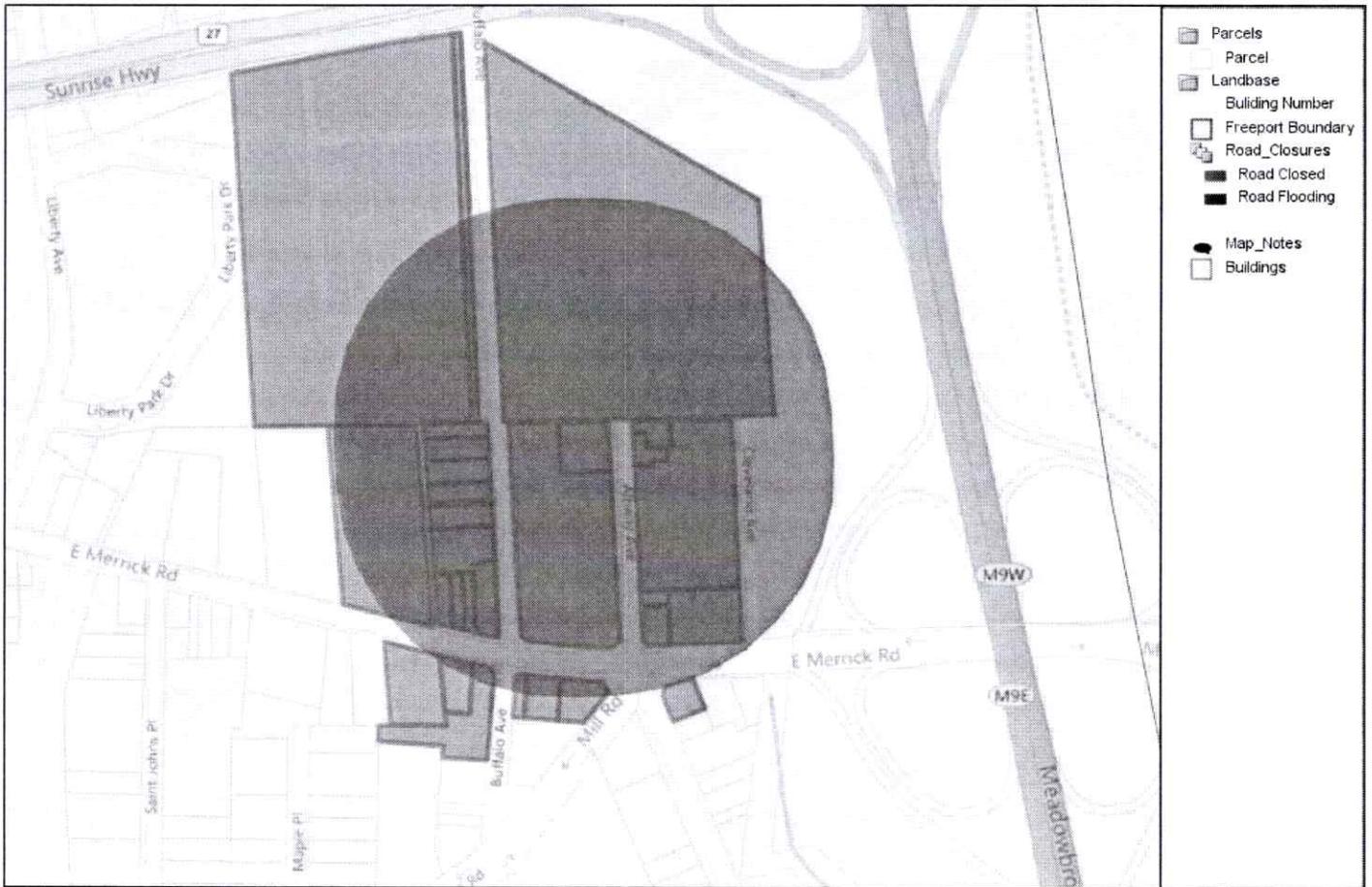
Signature

Sworn to before me this 5 day
of July 2022

Donna L. Sullivan
Notary Public, Nassau County, NY

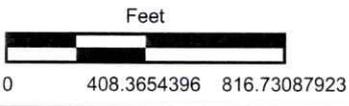
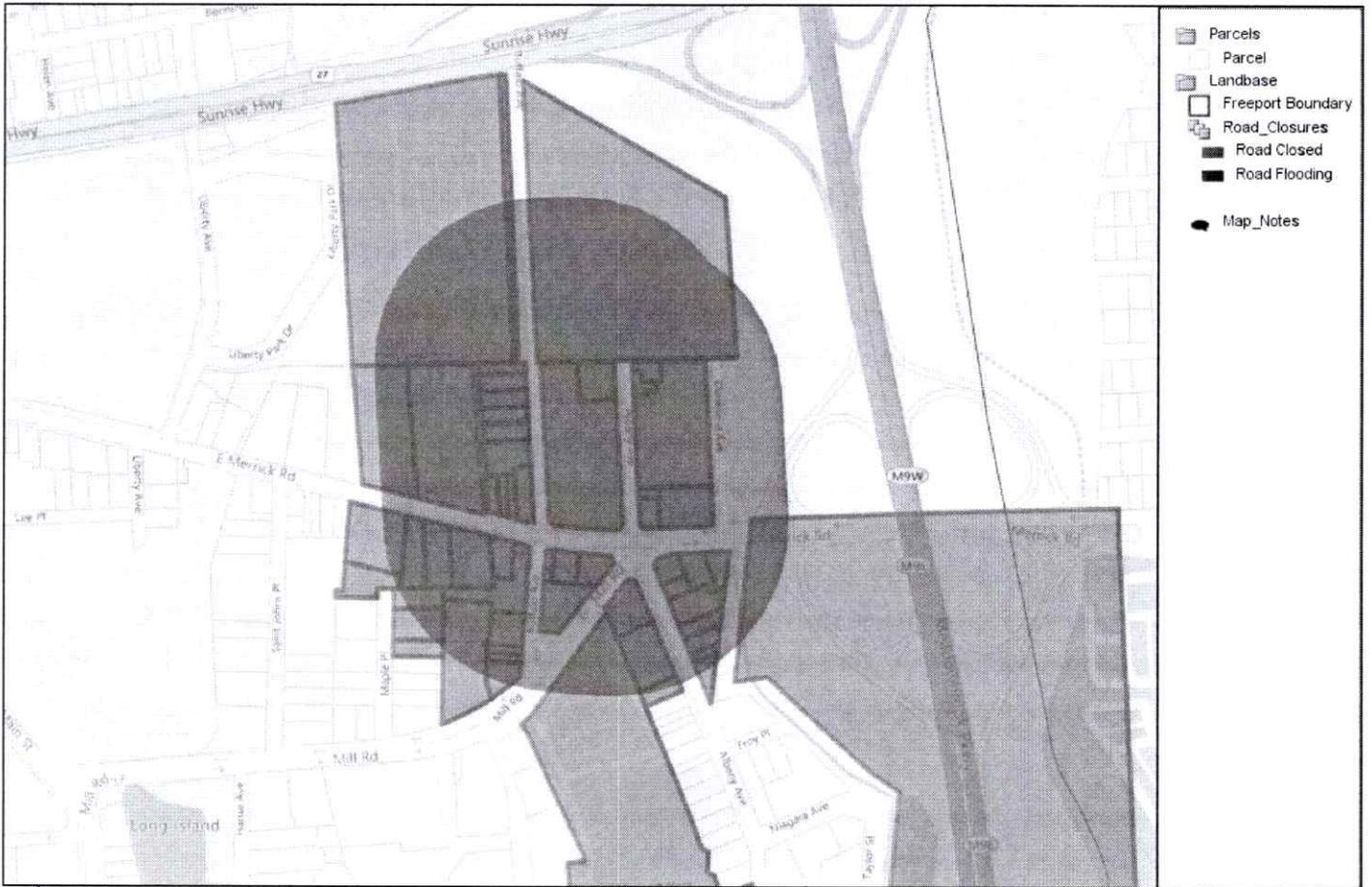
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55/190/51-55 map



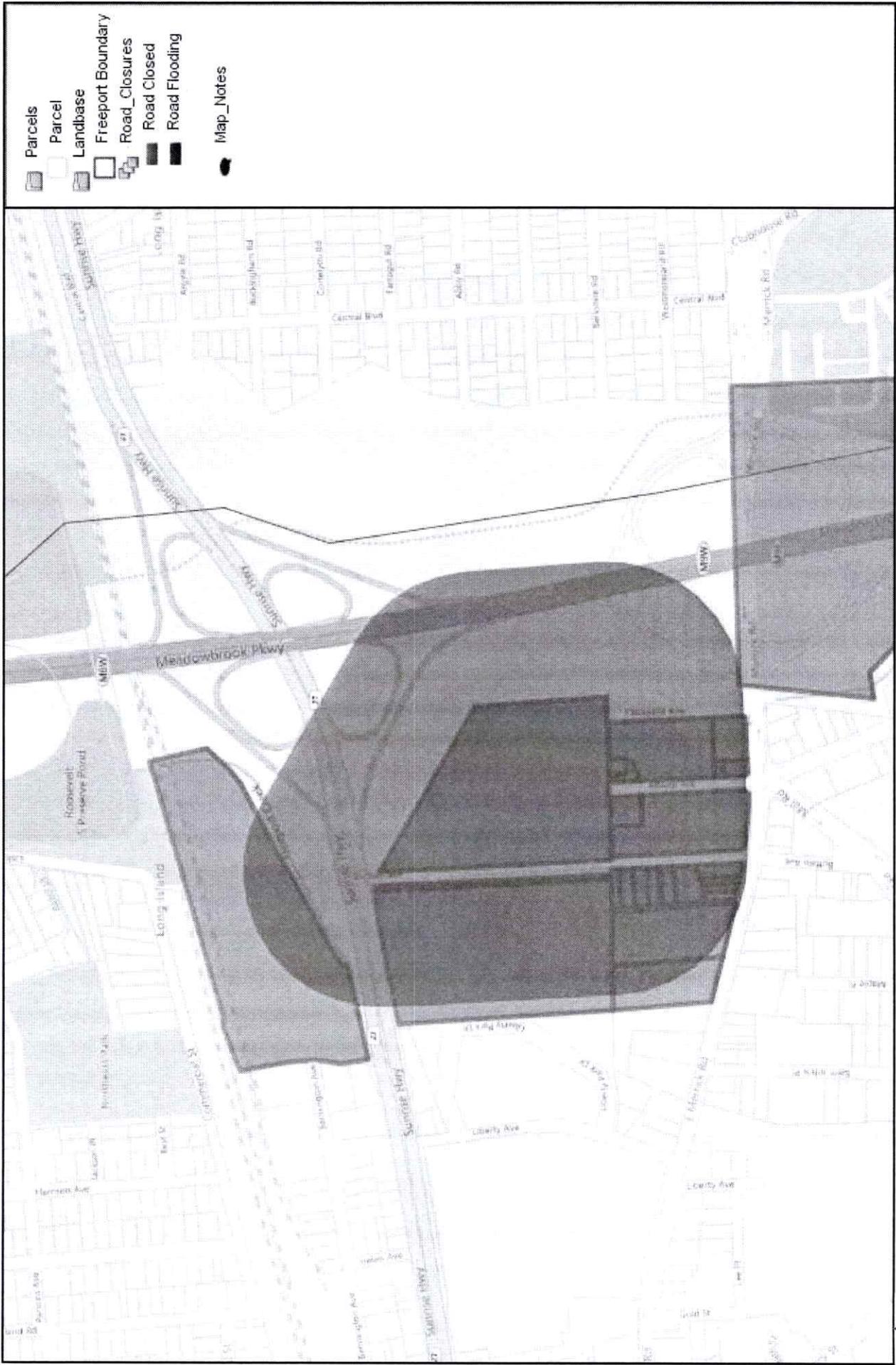
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55 190 63 map



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55 H 372 map



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Contact Name	Property Address	Mailing Name	In Care of	Mailing Address	Mailing City	Mailing Zip
244 E MERRICK ABRZ LLC	244 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO 244 E MERRICK ABRZ LLC		10 PARKSIDE DR	GREAT NECK NY	11021-1023
TT OF FREEPORT INC	253 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO TT OF FREEPORT INC		100 CLEVELAND AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4053
107 MILL FREEPORT LLC	234 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO FREEPORT MERRICK RD GASOL	C/O WOLF	100 JERICHO QUADRANG	JERICHO NY	11753-1049
FREEPORT COLLISION IN	107 MILL RD	FREEPORT, N\ 107 MILL FREEPORT LLC		107 MILL RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4630
2A HOLDING INC	160 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO 160 EMR REALTY CORP	C/O JOHN P MILE	160 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4020
FREEPORT AFFRD HOUS	182 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO FREEPORT COLLISION INC	182 MERRICK RO	182 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4020
BUFFALO AVE PROPERT	7 MAPLE PL	FREEPORT, NY 2A HOLDING INC		184 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4020
FREEPORT MERRICK PRC	195 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO FREEPORT AFFRD HOUSING	MOXEY RIGBY LL	195 E MERRICK RD 120	FREEPORT NY	11520-4064
PRESTIGIACOMO JOSEPI	26 BUFFALO AVE	FREEPOR' BUFFALO AVE PROPERTY MGM		2094 SMITH ST	MERRICK NY	11566-3614
FREEPORT UNION FREE	211 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO FREEPORT MERRICK PROP MGM		2094 SMITH ST	MERRICK NY	11566-3614
REAL NY REALTY LLC	0 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT ULLIAN MILTON		2094 SMITH ST	MERRICK NY	11566-3614
RLTY INC PENN PROP	210 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO PRESTIGIACOMO JOSEPH &	KATIR ANN	210 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4029
SCRATCHLINE PROD INC	0 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, I FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOO	C/O FACILITIES O	235 N OCEAN AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-2135
DOVER GOURMET	61 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, REAL NY REALTY LLC		240 E MERRICK RD	FREEPORT NY	11520-4029
KIR MEADOWBROOK 02	100 MILL RD	FREEPORT, N\ RLTY INC PENN PROP		26 BUFFALO AVE	WESTBOROUGH N	01581-5230
TT OF FREEPORT INC	6 BUFFALO AVE	FREEPORT, SCRATCHLINE PROD INC		26 BUFFALO AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4014
SIXTY ALBANY HOLDING	8 MAPLE PL	FREEPORT, NY DOVER GOURMET		3499 E BAY CT	FREEPORT NY	11520-4606
DICRACCHO REALTY INC	261 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO 261 EAST MERRICK RD CORP		500 N BROADWAY	JERICHO NY	11753-2128
COLUMBIA 72 ALBANY	210 E SUNRISE HWY	FREEP KIR MEADOWBROOK 027 LLC		505 S FLAGLER DR	WEST PALM BEAC	33401-5946
GONIAS REALTY INC	177 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO TT OF FREEPORT INC		60 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4702
MAPLE PLACE PROPERTI	60 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, SIXTY ALBANY HOLDING LLC		67 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4648
MERRICK ARMS INC	67 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, CRACHO PROPERTIES INC		67 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4701
103 MILL ROAD CORP	65 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, DICRACCHO REALTY INC		72 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT NY	11520-4702
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FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	71 ALBANY AVE	FREEPORT, GONIAS REALTY INC		99 DOXSEE DR	FREEPORT NY	11520-4603
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	11 MAPLE PL	FREEPORT, N' CAMPOVERDE PROPERTIES LLC		99 DOXSEE DR	FREEPORT NY	11520-4717
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	21 MAPLE PL	FREEPORT, N' MAPLE PLACE PROPERTIES LL		DEPT OF TRANSP OFC OF RIGHT WAY RM	HAUPPAUGE NY	11788-5518
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	0 MEADOWBROOK PARKW	STATE OF NEW YORK		GARDEN CITY NY	11530-0374	
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	203 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO MERRICK ARMS INC		DALLAS TX	75221-0711	
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	200 E MERRICK RD	FREEPO FREEPORT 7-11 LLC		HICKSVILLE NY	11802-7767	
FREEPORT MERRICK ARMS	103 MILL RD	FREEPORT, N\ 103 MILL ROAD CORP				



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46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
FREEPORT, NY 11520

John Gross, Esq
Ingerman Smith LLP
150 Motor Parkway, Suite 400
Hauppauge, New York 11788



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46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
FREEPORT, NY 11520

Kate Murray
Town Clerk
One Washington Street
Hempstead, New York 11550



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46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
FREEPORT, NY 11520

Perry B. Duryea Jr.
State Office Building
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York 11788



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT

46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
FREEPORT, NY 11520

Maureen O'Connell
County Clerk
240 Old Country Road
Mineola, New York 11501



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FREEPORT, NY 11520

Erik Kullseid, Commissioner
Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 11207

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT

46 NORTH OCEAN AVENUE
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Freeport Public Schools
235 N. Ocean Avenue
Freeport, New York 11520

Dr. Kishore Kuncham
Superintendent of Schools

11/11/2020

THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF
FREEPORT
 THE 7TH "COOLEST TOWN" IN AMERICA



Cleveland Avenue - *the Truth.*

Three decades ago, the Freeport School Board President, Dante Grover, approached the Village of Freeport with an idea to develop Cow Meadow Park (then owned by Nassau County) into a state-of-the-art athletic facility (not only for the use of the Public Schools, but for all residents) complete with three multi-use turf fields, an updated baseball/softball field, updated tennis, basketball, and handball courts and new lighting. Once developed, the limited amount of sports programming at Cleveland Avenue field would move to Cow Meadow Park.

While the State was originally unable to transfer the property to Freeport, the discussion began.

In 2014-2015, the Village of Freeport was approached by then School Board President Michael Pomerico and Superintendent of Schools Kishore Kuncham. The parties met with representatives of Nassau County, and while the County was not able to permanently transfer Cow Meadow Park to the Village at the time, it was agreed that the Village and the School District would continue discussions.

On May 28, 2021, Mayor Kennedy met with then School Board President Vilma Lancaster, then Board member Maria Jordan-Awelom, Superintendent Kuncham and the Village Attorney to discuss and plan the acquisition of Cow Meadow Park and the transfer of all sports from Cleveland Avenue.

A schematic was provided to the Village of Freeport detailing the vision of the School District. At that point, the District recognized that Freeport student athletes deserved more than a muddy field for its athletics. In order for youth players to be the best, lay foundations for success, scholarships, and lifelong passion for sport, they deserved to play on the best possible surface.

What Our Residents and Businesses Deserve:

- 1. A 20% tax reduction over four years;**
- 2. 320 new Freeport jobs;**
- 3. New tax revenue;**
- 4. New sources of property tax revenues;**

The only request from the School District was to "keep discussions quiet and not notify the public."

Once Cow Meadow Park was renovated and sports programming transferred to Cow Meadow, the Village would develop Cleveland Avenue Field into a corporate headquarters or a distribution site (with proper site plan and aesthetic conditions, including the preservation of green space).

Cleveland Avenue - *the Truth.*

This new economic development would provide a 20% Village tax reduction to all Village residents and businesses over a four year period, and as many as 320 new Freeport jobs.

Mayor Robert Kennedy made clear in that meeting - as well as others - that the Cleveland Avenue field would remain available until Cow Meadow Park was ready.

The Village engaged the services of outside counsel to negotiate an agreement with the schools. This agreement would grant a permanent right of the schools for priority use of Cow Meadow Park, but also preserve the rights of all residents. This was the culmination of a thirty year process that would guarantee our children nothing but the best, and also provide our residents a much needed tax break in these trying economic times. It was a win-win for all parties.



In order for youth players to be the best, lay foundations for success, scholarships, and lifelong passion for sport, they deserved to play on the best possible surface.

The majority on the School Board changed, and other outside interests began to stop the process. Interests that were personal, and not in the best interests of our children or the economic well-being of our Village. The School Board's attorneys stopped speaking to the Village. Calls were never returned and progress was "all of a sudden," delayed.

Finally, the Superintendent of Schools and Mayor Robert T. Kennedy had multiple meetings about

the next stage of the plan. Mayor Kennedy agreed to meet the requests of the School District in their totality. However, the Village's intentions to proceed with this much-needed project in Freeport was met with obstruction and delay. The School Board's personal vendetta to stop the process in its tracks continued, thus depriving our students of new fields and Village residents and businesses of a 20% tax reduction and 320 new Freeport jobs.

What Our Students Deserve:

1. A state-of-the-art sports facility at Cow Meadow Park, with:
 - a. Three new multi-use turf fields;
 - b. Renovated basketball, handball, and tennis courts;
 - c. Renovated baseball diamond;
 - d. New locker and changing rooms;
 - e. Fully lighted facilities;
 - f. To play on the best, and not the old muddy fields of Cleveland Avenue.

In 2022, thanks to the bi-partisan diligence of Assemblywoman Taylor Darling, Senator John Brooks, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Minority Leader of the Nassau County Legislature Kevan Abrahams, and County Legislators Steve Rhoads and Debbie Mulé, the ownership of Cow Meadow Park was officially transferred to the Village of Freeport.

Signs were put up at Cleveland Avenue field stating the property was owned by the Freeport Public Schools (the Village of Freeport has owned the property since 1971), and access was prohibited. The Village of Freeport requested the signs be removed; they weren't. Freeport removed the signs and one portion of fence to allow access.

The School Board voted to commence litigation against the Village of Freeport. Litigation began, and the School Board brought in consulting firms, hired a high priced New York City crisis management/lobbying firm, and a separate contract for its lawyers (**spending the obscene amount of \$284,000.00 of your tax dollars**), to spin its tale.



When all is said and done, the proposed development of Cleveland Avenue will result in a 20% Freeport property tax reduction to all residents and businesses. Further, Freeport will benefit from approximately 320 needed jobs, recurring tax revenue, and economic development of the surrounding industrial area.

Cow Meadow Park would be revitalized and restored. The Park would be patrolled by the Freeport Police Department. The waterfront would be revamped with a swimming area and lifeguards, along with a functional marina. The longtime goal of bringing a world-class sports complex to Freeport would be within reach.

The proposal is shovel-ready. Three, state-of-the-art, multi-use turf fields would be installed at Cow Meadow Park. The basketball, handball, and tennis courts would be renovated. The baseball diamond would also be the focus of an improvement effort, and a building would be converted into locker room facilities for our children. All this with no increased tax cost to Village residents, and at no cost to the School District.

With economic uncertainty looming, record levels of inflation, and seemingly ever-rising gas prices, why would any group of leaders want to stop much-needed tax relief for local residents?

Freeport residents and children deserve the best. The Village of Freeport believes this in word and action, and will fight until progress is realized for generations of children and residents to come



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