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### **The Deerpark Monthly Update – June 2008** **By: Karl A. Brabenec, Councilman**

June has proved to be another busy time for our town. Legislation that authorizes the town to issue serial bonds for our budget deficit has been passed by both houses of the state legislature and is awaiting the signature of Governor Paterson. I want to thank Senator Bonacic and Assemblywoman Gunther for introducing this legislation. As always, the town board is continuously looking for ways to trim the current budget without dramatically effecting town services and we always are welcome to your ideas and suggestions.

The New York State Department of Transportation will be milling and paving sections of U.S. Route 209 in the town starting on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Work is projected to be complete by August 28<sup>th</sup>. The highway will remain open at all times and all work will be performed during the daytime hours. Lane closures will be in place during those hours and delays are possible. If you are traveling on 209, please plan your trip accordingly.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Senator Bonacic held a workshop at town hall with representatives of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal about a newly enacted flood buyout program. The Senator outlined eligibility requirements and the process for which homeowners can apply for and obtain aid if they choose to move out of their flood prone homes. The Senator hopes that the program, if successful, can be expanded during the next budget cycle. For more information about the program, you can contact the Senator's office at 845-344-3311.

At the June 2nd meeting, the town board passed a motion to change Brewer Drive back to the road's original name, Basha Drive. The Basha/Brewer Drive dilemma became a big issue a few years ago when the town was going through its E-911 transition and the board had changed the road's name from Basha to Brewer Drive. The road was originally named Basha Drive in honor of the late Indian Princess Basha, who died many years ago in the Bashakill River. She did many good things for the early settlers of the area and she is considered an important footnote in our town's history. This town board wanted to honor her memory and thought that it was only right to change the name back. Special thanks go out to everyone that helped the board to research this issue.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended my summer constituent day. Orange County Clerk Donna Benson and Deerpark Town Clerk Flo Santini did an excellent job providing a lot of information on various subjects and making many forms easily accessible to the public. I look forward to holding another open house in the fall months.

I hope everyone has a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and until next month, I wish you health and happiness!