

**BROOKHAVEN TOWN**

# Road improvement district

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among the properties as violations after inspection by the town. A slew of tickets have been issued, and at least one has been issued in regard to almost every property on the road, said Marie Michel, a town attorney who handles matters involving special districts.

There are nine properties with submitted site plan applications, but they are caught in a holding process — some since the early 2000s — because the road is private. The northwesternmost property has a site plan approved and has put forth efforts to improve 350 feet of Munsell Road in front of the property, said Gregg Kelsey, assistant town engineer. “They don’t apply to this district because they are building their share of the road,” he said.

Some of the properties must be seized by the town, according to the proposed map plan and report, for purposes involving creating a recharge basin and expanding others. Town water service will be installed and electric will be upgraded as well.

An attorney for one of the owners whose

property is proposed to be partially seized claimed that a 30-year-old title report indicates that the Town of Brookhaven owns 1,200 feet, or 26 percent, of Munsell Road and suggested that the town is responsible for a portion of the project’s funding.

“I’m asking for you to be a partner in this,” said Sean Walter, the property owner’s attorney and former Riverhead Town supervisor.

Walter suggested that the town code be adopted to remedy the issue regarding the holding pattern. “I think rather than jump to adopt a resolution, some research has to be done, because I know there are people in the highway department that did act as if this was a town-maintained road,” he said.

Romaine said that the board will look into the town’s partial ownership of the road and stressed that the first step in getting anything done is establishing the road. “We want to work with the property owners regarding their property,” he said. “We realize that can’t happen immediately, but it has to happen eventually.” ■



Brookhaven Town seeks to clean up Munsell Road in Medford.

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**NORTH PATCHOGUE**



## NPFD dedication ceremony

The North Patchogue Fire Department and board of commissioners will be holding a special dedication ceremony of its new Ladder 2 (5-17-2) in honor of Patchogue native Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, USN. The event will be held at the fire department’s headquarters located on Davidson Avenue on Sunday, May 20. They are requesting all attending fire and EMS or military personnel pay tribute to the local hero by wearing their Class A uniforms. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. For more information or to RSVP by May 1, call second assistant chief Ted Peters at 631-475-1788, ext. 123.

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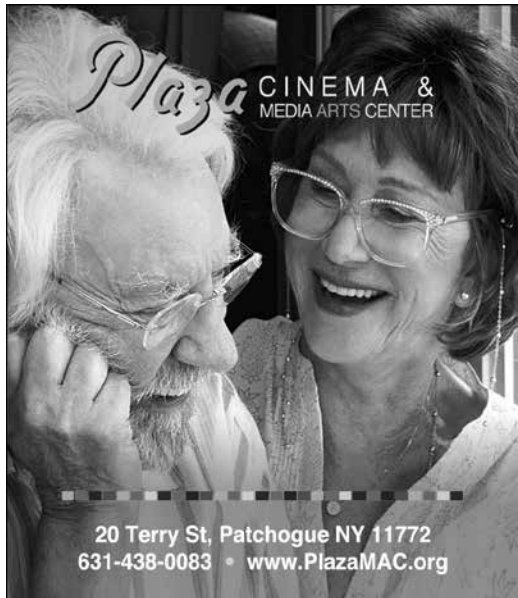
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