

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2020, DEDICATING THE 1927 “WORLD WAR VETERANS CLUB” AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 185 NORTH BROADWAY, LINDENHURST TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORIC TRUST

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed Historic Trust Recommendation Concerning Dedication of the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” and Property located at 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst to the Suffolk County Historic Trust"; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Environmental Bill of Rights of the Suffolk County Charter Section C1-8 establishes the Suffolk County Historic Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Bill of Rights Section C-1-4 states that a function of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is to make recommendations to the County Legislature and County Executive as to what county-owned properties should be dedicated to the County Historic Trust; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 871-1972, establishing the Historic Trust designates the voting members of the CEQ as the members of the County Historic Trust; and

WHEREAS, a presentation on the proposed dedication was also given at the meeting by Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation, and Mary Cascone, Director of Town of Babylon Historic Services; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County originally purchased the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” building and property located at 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst (Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0103-010.00-01.00-038.000) in 1999 and then sold the property to the Town of Babylon in 2000 for the purpose of using the property as a cultural arts center, with the intention of developing a veteran’s museum; and

WHEREAS, the property has remained unused and unimproved by the Town of Babylon for the past 20 years, in violation of the reverter clause in the deed, and the Town has recently agreed to transfer the subject property back to Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Suffolk County Resolution No. 962-2019, which was adopted by Suffolk County on October 9, 2019, the Suffolk County Real Estate Division is directed to transfer the property from the Town of Babylon back to Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, the “World War Veterans Club” which occupied the building was an active participant not only in the service during World War I but also in the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ Historic Trust Committee has recommended to the CEQ that the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” building and property located at 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst be dedicated to the Suffolk County Historic Trust due to both the properties historic architectural and contextual setting; and

WHEREAS, at its November 20, 2019 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the information submitted by the Historic Services Division of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ, as members of the Historic Trust, recommends to the Suffolk County Legislature that upon Suffolk County retaking ownership of the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” building and property at 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst (Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0103-010.00-01.00-038.000), that said property should be dedicated to the Suffolk County Historic Trust pursuant to Section C1-8 of the Suffolk County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ also recommended that the above activity be considered a Type II Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ has advised the County Legislature and the County Executive by memo dated November 22, 2019 of said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Section 450-5(H) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE requires the Presiding Officer to introduce legislation for an appropriate SEQRA determination; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Legislature has reviewed the CEQ recommendations; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that upon Suffolk County retaking ownership of the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” building and property at 185 North Broadway, Lindenhurst (Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0103-010.00-01.00-038.000), that said property is hereby dedicated to the Suffolk County Historic Trust and placed in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation pursuant to Section C1-8 of the Suffolk County Charter; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the 1927 “World War Veterans Club” building and property is hereby assigned the following use and preservation categories as set forth in the Historic Trust Manual:

Use Categories:

- (M) - Museum
- (F) - Functional

Preservation Categories:

- (A) – Architectural
- (C) – Context and Setting

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this resolution constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617.5(c)(26)(33) as this action involves routine or continuing agency administration. As such, this Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: February 11, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 19, 2020