

Movement to Incorporate Village of Mastic Beach takes major step forward

## **BOUNDARIES PROPOSED FOR THE VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH**

THE BOUNDRIES COMMITTEE OF THE MASTIC BEACH VILLAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE HAS OUTLINED PRELIMINARY BOUNDRIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH.

The boundaries committee has presented a “proposed boundaries map” to Joseph Prokop, the attorney retained by the Mastic Beach Village Exploratory Committee as legal council. “ This is the first step toward incorporation. The process is fairly straightforward. First a village needs to outline a distinct and accurate boundary for the village following the parameters set down by the local and state guidelines. Next they need to establish exactly who lives within those boundaries” according to Procop.

“This is our village and we must decide exactly what it will look like starting with the boundaries and extending into every aspect of incorporation... It is important that this is not one person or one small group of people making decisions for the entire village, that’s why we have spent so much time preparing the boundaries,” states Paul Breschard, Chairman of the Mastic Beach Village Exploratory Committee.

Once the boundaries are established and filed with the town, the next step in the process is to take a census of the inhabitants of the proposed village. This census will give the committee an accurate population count from which the committee can take the next required step, circulating a petition. The petition is circulated for signatures to inhabitants who are also registered voters with Mastic Beach listed as their primary address. The goal is to have over 20% of the registered voters in the proposed village, sign the petition.

Once this is accomplished the petition can be presented to the Town of Brookhaven for verification. The town will then call for a vote by all voters registered within the boundaries of the proposed Village of Mastic Beach on the question: ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE CREATION OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MASTIC BEACH? YES or NO. If, after the vote is counted, and the YES votes total one vote more than 50% of the total vote the village of Mastic Beach is born.