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BELLPORT CHAMBER RECEIVES GRANT

Browning Secures \$10,000 for Downtown Marketing Program



Pictured left to right – Bellport Chamber of Commerce board members: Susann Gude, Jim Avino, Peter Romano, Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning, Chamber President Dianne Romano, Meredith Avino, Dave Schultzer, and Erna Cuenin.

Bellport, NY – The Bellport Chamber of Commerce held its annual lobster bake this past Tuesday, August 9, 2011. Despite the poor weather it was a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time. The chamber welcomed Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) as their guest to thank her for securing \$10,000 towards “Discover Historic Bellport”. The money came from Suffolk County’s cultural and tourism fund.

“Discover Historic Bellport” is a program that was created by the chamber as a way to attract more business to the area and to highlight the historic aspects of Bellport. A map of downtown Bellport Village was created to inform tourists of the many shops and restaurants the village has to offer. The maps are being distributed all over Long Island at hotels, tourist destinations and events to help bring more visitors to the area. The Chamber of Commerce is also working on a historic tour that visitors can use to learn about the many historic structures and unique history of one of Suffolk County’s oldest settlements.

“During these tough economic times we need to focus on supporting small businesses,” stated Legislator Browning. “Bellport Village has survived over a hundred years because of local support and it is a testament to those shop owners that have succeeded in competing with big box stores. This grant will help to bring shoppers and visitors to Main Street so that these businesses can continue to thrive.”

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