

A Special Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Babylon, was held at the Town House, 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY on Thursday, the 20th day of September, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. prevailing time.

*Supervisor Schaffer called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag.*

*Supervisor Schaffer: Please remain standing for a moment of silence and I ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers the brave service men and women who are serving our Country here and aboard as well as those families still suffering from the aftermath of super storm Sandy.*

*Thank you, please be seated.*

**The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll:**

Councilman Manetta	Present
Councilman Martinez	Present
Councilman McSweeney	Present
Councilwoman Gordon	Excused
Supervisor Schaffer	Present

**RESOLUTION NO. 667 SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
AUTHORIZING AUSTIN DRYWALL CORP.  
TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Manetta and seconded by Councilman Martinez

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk, through competitive bidding and procurement, awarded Contract No. GCS-080917 for General Contracting Services, to Austin Drywall Corp., and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law 103 (16), a political subdivision is authorized to contract for services through the use of contracts let by any other political subdivision therein, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon is desirous to renovate the Building Department due to water damage from broken HVAC pipes and would like to utilize Austin Drywall Corp. pursuant to Suffolk County Contract No. GCS-080917 as allowed by General Municipal Law 103(16), and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of General Services and his/her designee solicited a proposal to renovate the Building Department for a total contract amount not to exceed FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$46,533.50)

NOW THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of General Services designee, Austin Drywall Corp. be and is hereby authorized to perform the work to renovate the Building Department for a total contract amount not to exceed FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$46,533.50).

VOTES: 4 YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 668 SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

**REQUESTING SUFFOLK COUNTY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE HAMLET OF LINDENHURST, KNOWN AS 711 MONTAUK HIGHWAY PURSUANT TO THE NEW SUFFOLK COUNTY DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, AS AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 24-2007, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BABYLON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK FOR THE MAINTENANCE BY THE TOWN OF BABYLON OF THE SAME**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Martinez and seconded by Councilman McSweeney

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk, by Local Law No. 24-2007 authorized the acquisition of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (effective December 1, 2007) — Hamlet Greens/Active Recreation/Historic and/or Cultural Park Component; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon desires that the County of Suffolk purchase a parcel of land under the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program for active parklands, for a marina facility, which is located at 711 Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst, New York, and is more particularly described on the Suffolk County Tax Map as District 0100, Section 189.00, Block 02.00, Lot 010.000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon shall improve and maintain the property as an active park with a marina facility as further described in the concept plan (the "Concept Plan") on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and also available for viewing at the Office of the Town Historian;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Babylon that the Town of Babylon hereby requests that the following parcel of land be purchased by Suffolk County as part of the New Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program — Hamlet Greens/Active Recreation/Historic and/or Cultural Park Component to wit: 711 Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst and is more particularly described on the Suffolk County Tax Map as District 0100, Section 189.00, Block 02.00, Lot 010.000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Babylon is willing to partner with the County of Suffolk for 50% of the cost of the acquisition and any associated soft costs including appraisals, title searches and environmental site assessment reports, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Babylon acknowledges that the County of Suffolk acquires property for active or passive recreational uses that have clear title including non-delinquent on property taxes and have satisfied any environmental conditions/issues identified in any environmental site assessment report or any federal, state or local government actions relating to such property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Babylon hereby makes a commitment to improve and maintain the property in perpetuity as active parkland with a marina facility as described in the Concept Plan, with public access to all Suffolk County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Babylon may enter into agreements with civic groups to be approved by the County of Suffolk to maintain the parkland as a marina facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor of the Town of Babylon is authorized to execute any necessary agreements and documents with the County of Suffolk to effectuate the maintenance of the active park by the Town of Babylon as a park and marina facility; and

VOTES: 4 YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Proposed Park**

The Town of Babylon intends to restore the historic American Venice Administration Plaza (the "Plaza"), presently used as a commercial venture by RPM Marine, to a public park and marina. The proposed park would create public access to scenic views of the Great South Bay and be used as an open-air exhibition area with historical and cultural information about the American Venice community, and similar 1920's residential developments on the South Shore. The park would also restore the decorative gateway of the American Venice community.

**Historic Restoration**

The Plaza has various historic features dating back to circa 1926 which the Town intends to restore and/or replicated, as needed and as feasible. These historic features include two administration buildings (each approximately 450 sq. ft.), two winged-lion columns, a lagoon with a gazebo island known as Laguna San Marco, decorative railings and landscaped grounds with Venetian style lighting, planters and seating.

The administration buildings were previously modified to accommodate the commercial business on site. However, it is anticipated that substantial portions of the original buildings exist, encapsulated under the current building facade the building structures and the pair of winged-lion columns can be restored using historic photographs.

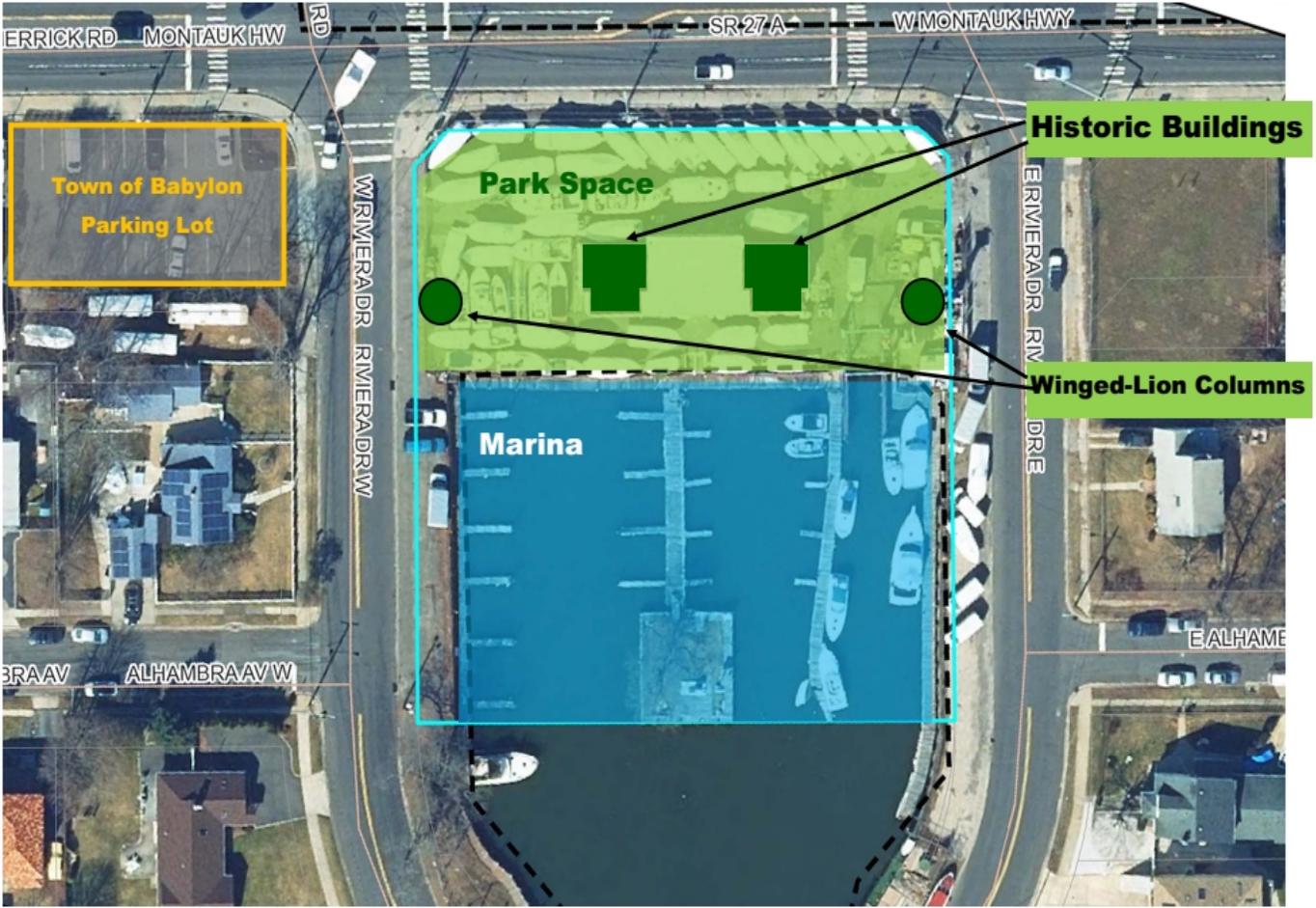
Laguna San Marco contains an island that was once home to a Venetian-style gazebo. The shape of the island has been altered but could be restored to its round shape with a replica of the original tile roofed gazebo, using historic photographs as a guide. The Laguna San Marco can be configured for boat slips.

**Public Access**

The Plaza is situated on Montauk Highway and at the head of the Grand Canal leading to the Great South Bay. It is conveniently located for use by the 1200 homes in the American Venice community, neighboring South Shore communities and all Town of Babylon and Suffolk County residents and visitors.

For nearly 40 years, the Town of Babylon has used its annual Parks & Recreation Guide to effectively publicize and promote use of town parks and activities. Through the Parks Guide, the Town website and social media, the Town of Babylon will broadcast use of the proposed park.

Reservations for boat slips would be open to all Suffolk County residents. One of the restored buildings could provide restroom facilities for boat slip users. The other building could be used by the Town of Babylon Bay Constables for their needs.



Being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm on the motion of Councilman McSweeney, seconded by Councilman Manetta

Stephen Greenwald, Deputy Town Clerk

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