

MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE CENTRE CIVICS ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025
LOCATION: ROCKVILLE CENTRE PUBLIC LIBRARY
221 N. VILLAGE AVE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

PRESENT: Meghan Kearns, Catie Carter, Emily Kearns, Rich Collet, Kelly Wexler, Caitlin McEntee and Kevin Ryan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTIONS: Elections held to establish the Rockville Centre Civics Association Board.
The following individuals were elected by voice vote and confirmed:

- President Meghan Kearns
- Vice President Catie Carter
- Treasurer Emily Kearns
- Membership Director Rich Collet
- Corresponding Secretary Kelly Wexler
- Recording Secretary Caitlin McEntee

RECOGNITION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE: Thank you to the steering committee who drafted the by-laws and worked to bring the civics association to its current state. Meghan Kearns, Catie Carter, Kevin Ryan, Jeff Kantonis, John Sullivan, Ginny Fitzpatrick, Dave Fitzpatrick,, Mary Beth Kearns, Kelly Wexler, Ben Wexler, Howard Kamp, David Ruttera and Rich Collet.

BY-LAWS: Motion to approve the by -laws was made by Catie Carter, seconded by Kevin Ryan and carried

MINUTES: A motion to adopt the minutes from the March 11, 2025 meeting was made by Kevin Ryan, seconded by Caitlin McEntee and carried.

MEGHAN KEARNS: Meghan Kearns gave a brief overview of what her vision is for the Civics Association, how to run it and next steps for the organization.

- The 3 main tenets that the civics association will be built around are Accessibility, transparency and problem solving.
- We are in the process of incorporating. We will incorporate as a 501 C4 meaning dues cannot be written off on taxes and we are able to lobby. We will then be able to open up a bank account to begin collecting dues.

209 SUNRISE HIGHWAY STATUS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Another mixed use building. Restaurant on lower level with office space above.
- Meghan Kearns to request an adjournment.

GENERAL CONCERNS:

- Leaf blowers being a general disruption as well as the environmental concerns surrounding them. Civics association looking into bringing in the landscapers to a meeting to have a dialog.
- The status K+K auto since it burnt down. Trustee Grillo confirmed that it's still in the insurance claim phase.
- Desire for a town pool.

NEW YORK STATE BILLS OF CONCERN:

A2586:

- Limits the authority of cities, villages and towns to impose certain zoning requirements.
- Status: In Committee Assembly
- <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A2586>

S5674:

- Establishes the New York State Social Housing Development Authority
- Status: In Committee Senate
- <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S5674>

S3662A

- Restricts a law enforcement officer from initiating a traffic stop for certain violations of the vehicle and traffic law ie broken lights, tinted windows, license plate issues, expired registration etc
- Status: In Committee Senate
- <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S3662/amendment/A>

Reach out to your state senator Siela Bynoe and state assembly member Judy Griffin.

UPCOMING CIVICS ASSOCIATION MEETING: To be held on 5/13/25 at 7:00pm at the Rockville Centre Public library. The Youth Coalition will be presenting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Motion made by Kevin Ryan, seconded by Catie Carter and carried.

Please email any questions and concerns to RVCCivics@gmail.com