

Comments

Approximately one-half of the respondents included comments and recommendations in addition to answering the questions. Several noteworthy aspects can be observed from the overall twelve page questionnaire and the additional comments.

First, the eleven percent response from the residents was far more than necessary for statistical reliability of the survey.

Second, the responses indicated a critical and objective knowledge of the community, particularly in terms of the needs, problems and shortfalls that cry out for remediation.

Third, despite the frustrations, annoyances and criticisms, there was a strong current of expressed pride and love for the community.

Comments ranged from the very general to very specific observations and recommendations. They are grouped on the following pages under the broad categories of Transportation and Traffic, Land Use Issues, Quality of Life, Maintenance, and Community Attractiveness, Taxes, Recreation and Environment, Community Facilities, Enforcement and Town Government, and School District. There was some repetition which helps to identify the more common interests. It must be kept in mind though that even where only one respondent raised an issue, it deserves attention.

I. Transportation and Traffic - The concerns expressed herein cover services, signs, signalization, and road geometrics (width, curves, etc.) and traffic.

a. Service

1. Buses should be environmentally responsible - electric buses such as Electric Fuel Cell Corporation
2. Trolleys are a dumb idea; electric trolley - get a trip
Electric trolley-what planet are you on?
3. Provide bus service every half hour to shopping and malls
4. Improve bus service
5. Provide cutout spaces at bus stops so that traffic will not be impeded
6. Restrict large commercial and school buses to main roads. Use jitneys for the narrow streets.
7. School bus pickup locations need to be located closer to homes, instead of on busy dangerous roads.
8. Improve bus service to Port Jefferson, Smith Haven Mall, etc.
9. Bus stops at Kohls and Pier 1 should have shelters and benches
10. Trolleys may be a good idea, but electric lines may cause cancer
11. Expand bus service on North Shore Beach. Accessibility is important for seniors and health impaired.

12. Stop worrying about pedestrian traffic
13. Stop speeding noisy buses
14. Unregistered cars parked on people's lawns are an eyesore
15. Brookhaven Drive needs curbs to tie into rest of development
16. Pedestrian overpass at 25A/Hallock to Rocky Point Yaphank Road
17. Sidewalks needed on Hallock Landing Road from 25A north; speedbumps needed same road
18. Traffic study for Hallock Landing Road
19. Open 2nd and 3rd Avenues
20. Sidewalk needed Broadway residential area
21. No commercial vehicles with advertising in residential area
22. Soundview Drive needs repairs
23. Trolleys - get serious! my house is on right-of-way - I would move
24. Fix exit to MI Yaphank Road;
25. Slow traffic on 25A
26. :Live on steep hill - ice and snow removal big problem

Ib. Signs, Signalization and Lighting

1. Install four-way stop signs at Freya and Teepee
2. Eliminate the traffic light at McGarricks and synchronize all lights on 25A
3. Install 3-way stop signs at Prince Road and Condor Road
4. Streets signs are missing on Soundview after Queens until Xyla
5. Install stop signs on Magnolia Drive
6. Remove all "For Sale" signs from utility poles
7. Improve timing of lights on Hallock Landing Road and Rocky Point Landing Road
8. Correct and make consistent spelling on street signs; e.g., Bracken Road, Caddy Place (or Caddy Road)
9. Install street signs for King Street at corner of King and Apricot
10. Install more street lights on the older narrow roads
11. Roads and signalization should be professionally determined by the engineers, not the public
12. There is a need for a traffic light at the Waldbaum's exit onto 25A
13. Rocky Point Junior High School should have its own light-controlled exit onto 25A
14. All stop sign locations should have lines and painted stop on roadway
15. The traffic light at 25A and Rocky Point/Yaphank Road should have a turning arrow on 25A for eastbound traffic
16. Paint a yellow line divider on Friendship Drive to the water
17. Dead end streets should be better posted
18. Install 4-way stop signs at Peacock and Prince
19. Install stop signs at Hallock Landing at 4th Avenue
20. Eliminate louvers on the traffic lights for clearer vision
21. Paint double yellow road divider on Harding
22. Make sure flashing lights at schools operate at proper hours
23. Lengthen time for crossing on the cross walk lights
24. Paint road lines more often

25. Right turns on red lights should be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
26. Pedestrian crosswalks are needed at McDonalds, Old Friendly's, Little League field, and Old Thyme Deli
27. Right turns on red should be allowed on 25A
28. No left turn should be allowed at 7-11 onto Yaphank Road
29. Traffic light needed at Hallock Landing and Aspen Road
30. The street light petition submitted on September 2001 was ignored
31. Traffic lights are needed on Aspen Road, Ridge, and Tamaras
32. White side-of-road line marking needs to be visible at night
33. 3way light/stop sign at Soundway Drive/Rocky Point Landing
34. Unfair that 2nd and 3rd Avenues dead end
35. Everyone cuts through Prince & Peacock to avoid light at Broadway
36. Traffic light at McCarricks too long - blinking light instead
37. Light at Waldbaums/25A
38. Traffic light/stop sign at Marconi Blvd (Rocky Pt. Yaphank Road) by old King Kullen parking lot; exit lane should be changed back
39. Longer light needed at 25A/Hallock Landing Road
40. Time traffic light at North Country Road/25A

1c. Traffic

1. Enforce a speed limit in business area along 25A from Hallock Landing Road to CR 83
2. Control the speeding, especially on Rocky Point Landing Road
3. Need safe bicycle right-of-ways
4. Fix the egress at Kohls
5. Limit parking near intersections to improve the sight distance for cross traffic
6. Re-align and straighten Hallock Landing Road
7. Franks needs designated parking since Kohls has taken the spaces
8. Enforce all speed limits
9. Improve all the local roads – need repaving, pot hole repair, etc.
10. Need sidewalks in residential areas for safety, such as Hallock Landing Road to the south of Rocky Point Road
11. Improve the roadway at Rocky Point Jewelers and the 7-11
12. There are too many accidents
13. Need for handicapped parking spaces, e.g., Kohls, Waldbaums, CVS - enforce against illegal use of handicapped stickers by healthy drivers
14. Parking should be restricted at beaches for residents. Stop giving out tickets.
15. Prohibit people under 30 from driving pickups, 4x4, and SUVs
16. Open 2nd and 3rd Avenues to traffic
17. Keep 2nd and 3rd Avenues closed to thru traffic
18. Right turn movement at Hallock and 25A should be more strictly enforced
19. Eliminate street parking on Garland Road
20. Make speed limit throughout Rocky Point uniform at 20 mph
21. Dead end Prince Road at Tyler Street in order to create more parking at Polk and Tyler
22. Hallock Landing Park needs safe walkways and crossings for the children; have crossing guards at the schools

23. Parking should be allowed at Hallock Beach
24. Build sidewalks on lower Rocky Point Road for safe access to Tides and Pickwick beaches
25. Open beaches to 4-wheel drive vehicles
26. Build an island on 25A in front of Blockbuster to prevent left turns into the parking lot
27. Build an island on 25A between 7-11 and CVS to prevent illegal crossovers
28. The exit at the old King Kullen parking lot is too narrow. An exit to Rocky Point/Yaphank Road should be reopened
29. Soundview Drive should become a public road
30. The roads in Rocky Point should have curbs installed
31. Repair the pothole on Patchogue Drive
32. The “no right turn” on Broadway and Prince should be strictly enforced
33. The utility poles along Hallock Landing Road should be moved back (north of Rocky Point Road)
34. Marconi Boulevard should be widened from 25A and Rocky Point schools
35. Install a sidewalk on Lower Rocky Point Landing Road near the Joseph Edgar school
36. Build overpass on 25A to the new Waldbaums, Pier 1 and Hollywood Video
37. Enforce against the illegal crossing of the striped median to get into Blockbusters
38. Westchester Drive needs repaving
39. Prohibit all right turns on red
40. Stop speeders between Short Lane/Tides beach; eliminate heavy trucks same road; need
41. Open 2nd and 3rd Avenues

II. Land Use Issues

1. Limit further residential and commercial development
2. Stop residential development on undersized (less than 1/4 acre) lots
3. Need for affordable housing
4. Keep out all “box” stores
5. Support more business development, e.g., Lowes, movie theater at King Kullen site
6. Build Lowes - good for taxes
7. Use the 33 acres behind McDonalds for housing on 3/4 acre lots; use a portion for the Rocky Point School and use the rest for businesses
8. Don't allow Lowes at Gold driving range
9. Prohibit further rentals
10. Support Lowes - we need tax revenue
11. No more 7-11s, Waldbaums, etc.
12. No more strip commercial
13. Don't build “country club” firehouse. Taxes too high already
14. No more fast food stores
15. Need a better drugstore
16. Replace all rental apartments on Polk and Tyler and convert land for restaurants and parking
17. Prohibit and stop businesses from creating storage yards. It makes the business area resemble a seedy looking industrial area

18. Do not allow a group home for disabled on the Fairfield property
19. Need legal rental housing - get rid of illegal rentals
20. Encourage the establishment of a well landscaped "restaurant row" on Broadway
21. Rocky Point needs the creation of a common aesthetic theme throughout the business area
22. Remove group homes on Zenith Road
23. Eliminate motel housing between Prince and 25A
24. Anthony Grigalfi proposal for the Sokol property is great
25. Keep open Space - too many new homes
26. Stop overdevelopment
27. Increase open space preservatin
28. Create individul hamlet identity
29. YMCA or park for driving range
30. Reject Lowes
31. Keep 25A rural
32. Keep more open space
33. Why was there no question regarding Lowes on survey
34. No more strip malls - prefer open space, even coops, condos or houses

III. Quality of Life, Maintenance, and Community Attractiveness

1. Medians on 25A should be better maintained
2. Modernize the stores and get a face-lift for Kohls
3. Limit the number of dogs per property owner
4. Improve the maintenance of the playgrounds
5. Provide new benches at Hallock Landing playground
6. Too many signs - get rid of "visual pollution"
7. Street sweeping on curbless streets is a waste
8. Improve the landscaping on 2nd and 3rd Avenues near the crash rails
9. Better landscape maintenance is needed on 25A median
- 10 Control night time glare in the wintertime from lights
11. Increase town pickups of scrapped home utilities, e.g., washers, etc.
12. Downtown business area is shabby and littered. Clean it up!
13. Business owners should improve their landscaping and litter cleanup
14. Tear down the old motel on Tyler Avenue
15. Remove the homeless people from the playground behind Tildens
16. More accessible pay telephones are needed
17. Make homeowners trip their trees that block sight distance
18. Control barking dogs and noisy radios
19. Stop trying to make Rocky Point elitist
20. Landscape the asphalt parking lots
21. Clean up the litter and garbage
22. Clean up King Kullen site
23. Too many commercial vehicles and buses are parking on residential streets
24. School accomplishments should receive better P.R. and media coverage for the generation of increased community pride

25. Remove derelict cars at the entrance to Friendship Beach
26. Preserve the environment and promote a healthier community
27. Protect the open space in the community
28. Improve garbage collection
29. We need more community pride
30. Homeowners should clean up. Vehicles should only be in driveways not parked all over the lawn areas
31. Too many absentee landlords
32. The Beach Association doesn't do its job in maintaining roads, security, etc.
33. Shops and parking areas are ugly
34. Rocketship Park needs more cleaning and upkeep
35. Clean up Broadway
36. The Terraces do not receive Town services for snow, leaf and brush removal or road repair - can we get help?
37. Prohibit the use of sirens on 25A from midnight to 6:00 a.m.
38. Rocky Point needs an active resident neighborhood watch
39. Rental housing needs upgrading in maintenance
40. The "Welcome to Rocky Point" sign needs upkeep and neat landscaping
41. The Blue Lounge at 25A and Broadway is an eyesore
42. Establish a curfew on teenagers
43. Bring back the Arts/Craft Fair
44. Outlaw portable signs
45. Prohibit the breeding of pit bulls in Rocky Point
46. Bulldoze the "Blue"
47. The clothing bin near the Busy B Cleaner should be properly maintained
48. Need a pooper scooper law
49. Outlaw nosy leaf blowers
50. Remove the monstrous sign poles just west of the by-pass at McDonalds
51. The cat population in Rocky Point is out of control
52. Demolish the abandoned Friendly's store
53. Roadsides and median dividers are poorly maintained - colorful perennials and/or non-deciduous shrubbery should be installed, especially along 25A
54. The new "Kentucky Fried Chicken" building is a box with no aesthetic or architectural beauty. There is a slanted roof metal "shed" attached to the building and a separate "tool shed" like structure at the front of the property in full view of the main road - this type building, with its paint over cement block" facade and tool sheds should not be allowed.
55. Create historic downtown with recreation opportunities
56. Renovate business district
57. CVS unkempt
58. Library at King Kullen/bowling alley site
59. Business district looks unkempt
60. Need lovely coffee shop, quaint theater, interesting and useful shops
61. Create a downtown we can be proud of
62. Prohibit loose dogs from running around - very frightening
63. Get better stores in downtown - never shop there

64. Remove old Friendly's building
65. Need supermarket
66. Clean entrance to woods behind old bowling alley
67. Clean sups & sewers
68. Sweep residential streets
69. Need dog walk
70. Renovate business district
71. Create community watch program
72. Waldbaums needs more handicapped parking
73. Return garbage cans to curbside
74. Median at 25A by JAE is a disgrace - 4' high weeds create driving hazard

IV. Taxes

1. Concern over taxation, particularly for seniors on fixed income, and moderate income wage earners
2. Lower taxes
3. Increase tax base

V. Recreation and Environment

1. Need a YMCA
2. Need an activity center for the youth
3. The 33 acre parcel should become a winter-park for sledding, ice skating, etc., and a summer park for nature discovery
4. Need more recreational activities, e.g., bowling alley, movie theater, and waterfront
 5. Use the LIPA/Keyspan right-of-way for a biking/jogging trail into the pine barrens
 6. Reopen the ramps to the beaches at Hallock and Broadway
 7. Restore the historic High Cliff Beach cable car
 8. Provide handicap accessibility at the beaches
 9. Open all the beaches to the public
 10. The vacant lot on the west side of Broadway should become a park for roller and ice skating
 11. Build an Olympic pool in cooperation with the Shoreham/Wading River School District
 12. Convert the motel area across from Truber Lumber for a teenager friendly park
 13. Control and restrict fishing from the jetty at the public beach next to Tides Beach
 14. Clean up Pickwick Beach and build a safe stairway to the beach
 15. The Rocky Point driving range should be kept for commercial recreation
 16. Need more recreation facilities

VI. Community Facilities

1. Need a bookstore and library
2. Build a library and post office annex in the business district
3. YMCA or park for driving range
4. Library at King Kullen site
5. Supermarket
6. Need Lowes

7. Need coffee shop, interesting shops
8. Need multi-use park
9. Need more recreation facilities
10. Need quicker police response
11. Movie house for young people
12. Need theater
13. Charge for garbage collection by bag
14. Need more police
15. Put movie theater in King Kullen site
16. Close golf course behind Majestic Gardens

VII. Enforcement and Town Government

1. Improve the storm drainage on Hallock Landing Road
2. Improve the performance of the Town highway workers
3. Increase police patrols at night
4. Prohibit and enforce no more than three unrelated persons from occupying housing
5. Prohibit fleet rental cars from parking on the streets
6. Simplify zoning variance procedures
7. We need more and better governmental services - cleanup of litter, landscape waste, protection, road maintenance, youth activities, etc.
8. Town should create an architectural review board (promote “quaint colonial feeling”)
9. Residents should have a vote on zoning changes
10. Enforce all cell phone laws
11. We need a Town ordinance that sets a time limit to either rebuild a burned out home, or have it demolished - not just boarded up
12. The Republican Town government is controlled by the builders and real estate interests
13. The Town should control runoff into Long Island Sound from the dock to improve the marine environment
14. The Town should prohibit the moving company near the Knights of Columbus from parking their trucks on the sidewalk
15. The Town should eliminate the flooding in the business district
16. The Town government ignores Rocky Point
17. Control quads and bikes at Hagerman Landing Wildlife Area
18. Hunting should be limited in the Rocky Point Pine Barrens
19. Rocky Point should incorporate
20. Don't allow trespass and usage on the LIPA right-of-way
21. Control overcrowded apartments and illegal workers
22. Control unleashed dogs
23. Control cat problems
24. Cat problem severe -
25. No bars without restaurant
24. Too many rentals downtown
25. Limit leaf blowers
26. Do something about boarded p HUD houses on North Shore Beach
27. Water drainage problem on North Shore Beach area

28. Place more “children at play” signs
29. Request underground telephone wires
30. Rezone Hallock Landing area
31. Prohibit keeping large trash on curb for months
32. Enforce leash laws

VIII. School District

1. The school district should use the yellow house next to the North Fork Bank instead of renting space
2. The school facilities need expanding to handle the overcrowding
3. The new addition to the “Joseph A. Edgar” school is a perfect cube attached to the existing building - the roof styles and facades do not match or even compliment each other. Buildings that are attached or close to each other should have the same architectural styles
4. School taxes out of control
5. Reduce school budget - it’s too high
6. Lower school taxes
7. Provide after school programs - especially in middle school gym
8. More affordable recreation programs for children

Good job civics!

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Very comprehensive survey

Can’t wait to see results of survey