



From the Desk of

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A reminder that the monthly pre-board meeting has been moved to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Pre-board meetings, as the name implies, are held the week before the monthly Town Board meeting so that board members can review the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Pre-board meetings can also feature presentations by technical experts who explain the rationale for agenda items and answer questions raised by board members.

These meetings were previously held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The change was made for the convenience of residents who were unable to attend meetings in the afternoon.

The first pre-board meeting of 2016 is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Several changes have been made in the format of the pre-board meeting. For the first time, residents will be allowed to ask questions of presenters and the meeting will end with a public comment period. This will allow residents to better prepare for the monthly Town Board meeting and understand the issues decided by their elected representatives. It also allows resident to be heard *before* board members complete their deliberations on Town issues.

The first Town Board meeting of 2016 is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

I urge the public to attend as many of these meetings as possible. At its best, government is a collaboration between informed residents and responsive elected officials. For the new Town Board this process begins tomorrow night.