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RIVERHEAD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMPLETES NEW SIDEWALKS IN JAMESPORT

RIVERHEAD, NY-- Supervisor Sean M. Walter announced the completion of new sidewalks in the Jamesport Business District this week. The second phase of the Jamesport Business District revitalization will result in the installation of lighting fixtures early next year.

The project was completed by Ridge-based contractor Laser Industries under the auspices of the Riverhead Highway Department. The project involved the installation of new sidewalks installed along the north side of Main Road (NYS Route 25) in Jamesport at a cost of \$52,770.



A portion of the new sidewalks installed this week in Jamesport.

The Riverhead Highway Department funds were used as the town's match to secure a Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Round 15 Grant in the amount of \$27,416, which will be used for the purchase and installation of LED lights and fixtures.

Superintendent of Highway George "Gio" Woodson said that because budgetary limitations required that tripping hazards and other safety concerns be prioritized, it took nearly three years to save enough money to do the

Jamesport sidewalks after receiving numerous requests from residents. "Finally, the project is now complete and I am pleased with the results," said Mr. Woodson. Noting that the Highway Department completed a similar sidewalk replacement project in South Jamesport earlier this year, he said that the Riverhead Highway Department will continue improving roadways and sidewalks throughout the 250 miles of town roadways under its jurisdiction.

Supervisor Walter said he was appreciative of the cooperation between the Highway Department and the Community Development Department that allowed for the Highway funds to be used for the town's matching contribution for the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization grant. In



expressing appreciation for the Suffolk County grant award, the Supervisor said, "The Project will enhance lighting of pedestrian facilities along Main Road in the Jamesport Business District for residents and tourists alike."

Community Development Director Dawn Thomas, who prepared the application with her staff, in cooperation with the Jamesport Civic Association, said that the Town of Riverhead has agreed to remove and replace existing conduit and install new decorative light poles with LED fixtures. "The existing lighting fixtures along the downtown sidewalks and pedestrian paths are approximately 20 years old, inefficient and in need of repair," she said. Thomas said that the new LED lighting will significantly increase the efficiency of the lights by at least 50%, while replacing aging infrastructure and providing a safer walking environment.

"Enhanced pedestrian lighting will benefit Jamesport businesses by connecting recreational opportunities and existing successful businesses, thus facilitating increased pedestrian activity by locals and visitors from all over Long Island," Supervisor Walter concluded.

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