

4 million dollars unaccounted for, besides the town “WILL NOT ACCOUNT FOR ANY INVOICES OR BILLS , for animal shelter, WHY

Islip Town Board divided over bonding for capital projects

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Two Islip Town board members voted Tuesday to block nearly \$15.5 million in bonding for capital projects that some town officials say are needed infrastructure improvements that have been neglected for years.

After presentations from the town comptroller and various commissioners whose departments would receive funding to carry out the projects, the first vote — for \$2.577 million that would pay for vehicles, parking meters, tree replacements and other equipment — failed 3-2.

A supermajority, or four votes on the five-member board, is needed to pass bond resolutions.

Town Councilman Steven J. Flotteron, who with Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter and Councilman John C. Cochrane Jr. voted yes on the five resolutions, asked councilwomen Trish Bergin Weichbrodt and Mary Kate Mullen — who each voted no on all but one bond resolution — what could be changed in that particular bond in order to get it passed.

“I think we need to sharpen our pencils,” Bergin Weichbrodt said.

Mullen did not offer any comments during the contentious meeting.

Four other bond resolutions were rejected by Bergin Weichbrodt and Mullen, including one for \$2.3 million for radios, repaving parking lots, heavy equipment, an emergency generator, boats and sidewalk improvements; \$4.25 million for improvements to marinas and bulkheads; **\$5.5 million for a new animal shelter to replace the existing one in Bay Shore;** and \$800,000 for drainage improvements.

The sole bond resolution to pass was for \$14,937,000. Of that, \$8.5 million would be used for road improvements; \$3 million for pool improvements at Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood and

other town pools; and the rest toward various town facility improvements and the purchase of heavy vehicles and equipment.

Bergin Weichbrodt said after the meeting that some of the spending is “excessive,” including the animal shelter and vehicles.

After the meeting, Carpenter said the board members received the bond documents at least a month in advance and “had ample time to review everything and get all their questions answered.”

“No one got back to me as far as sharpening one’s pencil,” Carpenter said.

Flotteron, Carpenter and Bergin Weichbrodt said after the meeting that they were amenable to finding common ground on the bond resolutions. Carpenter she will reintroduce the failed resolutions at the next town board meeting on April 25.

Islip board to vote again on \$5.5M bond for animal shelter



The Islip Town board rejected a bond proposal last month to build a new animal shelter, even though animal advocates and some town officials say the current shelter in Bay Shore, seen here on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, is not adequate and requires constant repairs. Credit: Steve Pfof

By Sophia Chang sophia.chang@newsday.com @schangnewsday Updated May 18, 2017 6:00 AM

Islip Town board members are divided over funding a new multimillion-dollar home for the Islip Animal Shelter, with the possibility of a bond resolution returning for a second vote at Tuesday's town board meeting.

Town board members Trish Bergin Weichbrodt and Mary Kate Mullen voted against a \$5.5 million animal shelter bond at the April 25 board meeting, defeating the resolution, which needs a supermajority of the board for approval.

Supervisor Angie Carpenter and board members Steve Flotteron and John Cochrane voted for the resolution.

Carpenter plans to reintroduce another animal shelter bond resolution at Tuesday's board meeting at town hall. The cost of the new bond was not immediately available, according to town officials.

The current animal shelter on South Denver Avenue in Bay Shore, built in 1964, now lacks adequate food and linen storage and is in constant need of repairs to its mechanicals and infrastructure, said James Heil, town commissioner of the Department of Environmental Control.

“It’s built on a low area of high groundwater near a creek, so there’s been settlement,” Heil said in a phone interview. “Back in the day when the mechanicals were installed, they were not to the standards of today.”

He added, “We’ve been doing a lot of repairs just to keep it functioning. We’ve maintained the population so that we’re not overcrowded. But it’s just not a 21st century complex for the animals.”

If the new bond is approved, a 20,000-square-foot shelter would be built in Central Islip on town-owned land on Carleton Avenue, Heil said.

Bergin Weichbrodt said she voted against the animal shelter bond because of the cost.

“I would consider a bond resolution in the future that would call for a smaller and less expensive facility. **The current proposal is a 20,000-square-foot building with a price tag of nearly \$6 million.** That’s the size of town hall,” Bergin Weichbrodt said in a statement. “Supervisor Carpenter needs to stop taxing our seniors and our veterans out of their homes.”

Mullen did not respond to messages asking for comment on her vote.

Board divided over \$5.5M animal shelter bond

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Town of Islip OKs bonds for animal shelter, airport upgrades



A \$3.6 million bond approved last week by the Town of Islip will pay for terminal improvements at the town-owned Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma. Credit: James Carbone

By Sophia Chang sophia.chang@newsday.com [@schangnewsday](https://twitter.com/schangnewsday) Updated September 28, 2017 5:02 PM

The Town of Islip will build a new animal shelter after the town board passed a \$4.6 million bond to pay for the facility.

The board voted unanimously last week in favor of the bond, along with a \$1.4 million bond to pay for various improvements and equipment purchases, a \$110,000 bond to pay for radios for the Department of Public Safety and sidewalk repairs, a \$3.6 million bond for terminal improvements at the town-owned Long Island MacArthur Airport, and a \$1 million bond for a fire communication system at the airport.

In a news release, town Supervisor Angie Carpenter said the town's future was bolstered by the bond approvals. "I'm encouraged that the funding for these improvements to the Town's infrastructure was approved by the Town Board; however, more remains to be done to bring our infrastructure to a level that is needed," Carpenter said.

<https://angiecarpenter.com/Adopt a Pet at Islip's New Animal Shelter>

Islip residents know that the animal shelter provides hope for forgotten, abandoned pets but has long been in need of major improvements and unable to serve the residents in its existing structure. Supervisor Angie Carpenter and the **Islip Town Board** **approved a \$4.6 million bond** in late 2017 to build a new **19,000-square-foot shelter** that will replace the existing 54-year-old facility in Bay Shore. *Working with State Senator Phil Boyle, Islip Town also received nearly \$2,000,000 in grants through New York State sources.* Ground breaking is expected in the spring 2019 at a site adjacent to the town's Department of Public Works facility in Central Islip with the project projected to be complete by the end of 2019.

1. [New animal shelter coming - The Islip Bulletin](https://www.islipbulletin.net/5300/new-animal-shelter-coming)

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ISLIP TOWN—Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter and New York State Sen. Phil Boyle announced last week two significant grants to assist the town in the construction of a new animal shelter. The announcement was made on Friday, March 23 at the current Islip Town Animal Shelter on Denver Avenue in Bay Shore. The first grant was awarded to the town through New ...

ISLIP BREAKS GROUND ON NEW ANIMAL
SHELTER, EXPECTED TO OPEN IN FALL 2020



A brand-new, state-of-the-art animal shelter is in the works for the Town of Islip, this time in Central Islip.

The current, aging facility is [located on Denver Avenue](#) in Bay Shore.

Town officials broke ground on plans **for the 17,000-square-foot shelter project at 295 Carleton Avenue** “Our new animal shelter will offer animals modern comfort and care until they find their forever homes,” said Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter. “I commend our [department of environmental control] commissioner, Martin Bellew and his predecessor, James Heil, for their foresight, and for working diligently to make this vision a reality. “

The new shelter, once completed, will offer an on-site surgical room and double the number of viewing rooms over the current location.

It will house nearly 20 percent more kennels, a new HVAC system, separate entrances for staff and animals, and be ADA compliant.

There will also be ample visitor parking, energy efficient lighting, administrative office space and separate entrances and exits for animal control officers, town officials said.

The town is eyeing a fall 2020 completion date for the new shelter.

New Islip Town Animal Shelter Construction Moves Forward

July 14th, 2020 – Construction of the new Town of Islip Animal Shelter continues to move forward, despite the NY Pause executive order during the COVID-19 public health crisis. The construction of the **nearly 18,000sf state-of-the-art air conditioned facility** has been considered essential throughout the pandemic.

“The Town’s existing animal shelter is outdated, and was built more than 50 years ago. This new facility will provide the space and state-of-the-art technology needed to care for the health and safety of the animals until they are adopted out to their forever homes,” said Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter.

The new facility is centrally located on Carleton Ave. in Central Islip, and will offer four viewing rooms; 82 kennel spaces; improved heating, ventilation and air conditioning; a more spacious lobby area for visitors; a surgical room and a separate area for aggressive animals. The entire building is ADA compliant and will offer a total of 17,727 sf.

“It is exciting and comforting to know that the much-needed Town of Islip Animal Shelter continues to move toward completion,” said Town of Islip DEC Commissioner, Marty Bellew.

Barring any construction related delays, the facility is on track to open in early 2021. Funding assistance for the \$9m shelter was made available through SAM grants secured by Senators Phil Boyle, (\$500,000), Tom Croci (\$50,000) and \$498,200 through New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets.

New Town Of Islip Animal Shelter On Track To Open In 2021

Priscila Korb

July 16, 2020

CENTRAL ISLIP, NY — The new Town of Islip animal shelter in Central Islip is set to be completed next year. Despite the NY Pause executive order during the COVID-19 public health crisis. the construction of the nearly **18,000 square-foot facility on Carleton Avenue has been considered essential throughout the pandemic and **should be open by early 2021.****



Photo courtesy of the Town of Islip

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4.6 MILLION BOND

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HOW DID THEY GET OVER 9 MILLION? MUST HAVE BEEN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATH CLASS

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Construction of Islip's new \$9.1M animal shelter underway



Marty Bellew, commissioner of the Islip Department of Environmental Control, at the construction site of the new town animal shelter in Central Islip. Credit: Newsday/Thomas A. Ferrara

By Carl MacGowan carl.macgowan@newsday.com @CarlMacGowan Updated July 22, 2020 9:00 PM

Islip Town's dogs and cats are getting a new home to help them find new homes.

The town is building a new \$9.1 million animal shelter in Central Islip to replace the current facility in Bay Shore that officials and residents have said is antiquated, with insufficient space for canines, kitties and humans.

Slated for completion next year, the **new 14,500-square-foot shelter** near Carleton Avenue will be about 32% larger than the Bay Shore shelter and feature more kennels for animals and new viewing areas for visitors.

“It’s a lot more centrally located than our current shelter,” said Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter, noting the new facility will be near the Southern State Parkway and Route 111. “It’s really just so much easier to get to, and it’s really much more spacious than the current shelter.”

Islip officials had sought for years to replace the Bay Shore facility, which has what Carpenter called a "cramped" lobby and lacks basic amenities such as up-to-date heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The new shelter will have four rooms for viewing prospective pets, compared with two in Bay Shore.

The new shelter also will be accessible to disabled visitors, which the current one isn't.

Construction of the new facility is partly financed by almost \$1 million in state grants.

Carpenter said. The state funding includes \$500,000 in municipal facilities

construction aid and \$498,000 from a state Department of Agriculture and Markets program to encourage animal shelter improvements.

The steel skeleton of the new building has been mostly completed, and concrete soon will be poured, said Marty Bellew, who supervises the shelter as commissioner of Islip's Department of Environmental Control. Within weeks, the exterior will be completed and workers can start building the interior, he said.

Fur-ever home

Location

New: Central Islip

Current: Bay Shore

Size

New: 14,500 square feet

Current: 11,000 square feet

Viewing rooms

New: Four

Current: Two

Kennels

New: 82

Current: 68

Construction underway for Islip's new animal shelter

Anticipated unveiling set for this spring

Pit bull-mix Sadie was up for adoption at the Islip Animal Shelter last month.

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Posted Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:00 am

Kate Nalepinski

Construction on the new, nearly 18,000-square-foot Town of Islip Animal Shelter is well underway. By this spring, the new Central Islip site will be home to adoptable dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits and birds.

Animal shelter supervisor Teri Gicalone said last month that the new space, centrally located on Carleton Avenue, will house 82 kennels. The building will offer improved heating, ventilation and air conditioning, a spacious lobby, four visiting rooms, veterinary care spaces and more.

"This is something that we have waited for a very, very long time," town supervisor Angie Carpenter said Feb. 24 in interview. "The new state-of-the-art facility will offer so much that is missing now."

Funding for the \$9.1 million facility was made available through two \$500,000 grants secured by Sen. Phil Boyle (R-Bay Shore) and former Sen. Tom Croci, and \$498,200 through New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Martin Bellew, commissioner of the Islip Department of Environmental Controls, said up until recently, the town experienced minor delays in obtaining construction supplies due to COVID-19.

"This facility is considerably bigger than the old one," Bellew said. "It's a new addition to the Town of Islip that I think residents will welcome."

The current facility for staff and four and two-legged friends was constructed over 50 years ago. The Bay Shore site, an 11,000-square-foot space, is located at 210 South Denver Avenue.

The building will also be ADA-compliant, making it wheelchair accessible, unlike the current Bay Shore structure.

The town first broke ground on the new animal shelter in October 2019.

<https://animalrightschannel.com/2020/01/08/when-is-pet-rescue-really-theft/>

Long Island animal shelter stole man's dog, adopted it out ...

<https://nypost.com/2020/01/06/long-island-animal...> ▼

Jan 07, 2020 · The **dog** — which is the same breed as Conan, the military working **dog** that took down ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi — was swiftly brought to the Town of **Islip animal shelter** where Benjamin showed...

Author: Gabrielle Fonrouge

Lawsuit: Islip animal shelter adopted out man's dog ...

<https://longisland.news12.com/lawsuit-islip-animal-shelter-adopted-out-mans-dog...> ▼

Clifton Benjamin, a **dog** trainer and TSA K-9 handler, claims his **dog** Eto, a Belgian Malinois, was secretly adopted out of the Town of **Islip animal shelter** for a large sum of money after it went ...

- 1) **2017-Islip Town Board approved a \$4.6 million bond in late 2017 to build a new 19,000-square-foot shelter**
- 2) **October 28, 2019- Town officials broke ground on plans for the 17,000-square-foot shelter**
- 3) **July 14th, 2020-** construction of the **nearly 18,000sf state-of-the-art air conditioned facility**
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498,200 does not = 9.1 million!

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4) July 16, 2020 - the construction of the nearly **18,000 square-foot facility** on Carleton Avenue has been considered essential throughout the pandemic and should be open by early 2021.

5) July 22, 2020- **The town is building a new \$9.1 million animal shelter the new 14,500-square-foot shelter.**
3,451,800 MILLION UNANSWERED

Upon town foil, Islip Town will not account for ANY invoices.