**Village Announces Special Board Meeting to Consider Permitting Outdoor Dining at Restaurants**

(Flower Hill, NY-June 15, 2020) Board of Trustees to hold Special Board Meeting Thursday June 18th at 6:00 p.m. to consider temporary waiver of local code requirements to allow outdoor dining at restaurants located within the Village. A recent Executive Order from NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo allowed outdoor dining under certain conditions, including compliance with local laws. Currently, Flower Hill’s Village Code requires a site plan review and public hearing process that could take several weeks to receive approval delaying the start of outdoor dining.

Mayor Brian Herrington issued a declaration of emergency last week to temporarily allow restaurants that submit a plan and operate under certain conditions to operate outdoor dining for five days until the Board can meet to get resident input and resolve the issue.

“I was able to take a temporary action so our residents and local business could benefit from the Executive Order allowing outdoor dining but the original drafters to the code probably never considered a situation like we are in today. By holding this meeting we can put the Village in a better position to manage this situation moving forward. We can identify any community concerns and work with our local restaurant owners to provide this benefit to the surrounding community and get the economy rolling again. It is a win-win for everyone” said Mayor Herrington.

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*About the Village of Flower Hill: The Village of Flower Hill is located on the North Shore of Nassau County in the Town of North Hempstead and has a population of approximately 5,000. The Village is composed of the communities of Manhasset, Port Washington, and Roslyn. Established in 1931 the Village provides its residents with essential services including public works, parks and recreation, and waste management.*