

History Flower Hill – April 2022

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Before our village was incorporated, Flower Hill had a trolley that served as transportation from Port Washington to Mineola. The trolley started in 1908 with construction originating in 1907. Workers were paid 15 cents an hour. A party was held when the project was completed. Over 100 people attended at the Cove Inn at the intersection of Shore Road and Main Street.

The tracks ran along Main Street, then down Middle Neck Road to Northern Boulevard where the fare started at 5 cents per zone and eventually rose to 8 cents. Every few stops started a new zone. The main purpose was to join the Port Washington route with the Oyster Bay Branch of the Long Island Rail Road in Roslyn and Mineola. The trolleys ran hourly. At Bonnie Heights Road there was a siding so that one trolley would pull off to let another one pass. There was a trolley barn near what is now Dunkin Donuts. This part of the trip took 25 minutes. The trolley continued to the Roslyn Clock Tower with more stops going into Mineola. The trolley existed for just 16 years by that time cars and buses became more available.

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