

## Mayor's Report May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

Because the NYS budget has not been finalized, the Village has no guidance on its request for seawall funding from Governor Hochul. The Village has also submitted funding requests to Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congressman Nick LaLota. I will update you with new information in the future.

I had several conversations with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding their evaluation of the sand placed on the beach by National Grid last fall. Unfortunately, they still have not completed their report. As soon as that becomes available, I will let you know.

I thank Police Officer Brian O'Connor for securing a JCAP grant to pay for the new blinds in Village Hall. These shades will eliminate the blinding of people attending meetings that take place in late afternoon as the sun sets.

This evening Carole Casamassima will be donating \$10,000 to support the fireworks and Linda Letica will be donating \$3000 to support the fireworks as well. Carole raised the money through raffles at the Save the Fireworks dinner dance. Carole was ably assisted by Kerry Kruckle, Christine Cagy and Meg Cleary. Linda raised her funds through the sale of Asharoken logoed merchandise. I thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to ensure that the traditional Village of Asharoken fireworks display continues.