



**East Hampton Town Board**

159 Pantigo Road  
East Hampton, NY 11937

**Carole Brennan**  
Town Clerk

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Meeting: 08/07/14 06:30 PM  
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ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2014-1023**

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## **Cochran (Brooks-Park) Re-Hearing Authorizing Resolution**

### **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - Re-hearing Cochran (Brooks-Park)**

**Purported Owner:** Town of East Hampton  
**Location:** 124, 126 & 128 Neck Path, Springs  
**SCTM #:** 300-103-8-4, 5 & 6

**Whereas**, the Town Board passed a resolution to acquire the property reputedly owned by **Julie L. Cochran (Brooks-Park)**, located at **124, 126 & 128 Neck Path, Springs**, SCTM# **300-103-8-4, 5 & 6**, on **January 3, 2013 Resolution # 2013-79**; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the acquisition as stated in said resolution was for open space; and

**Whereas**, subsequent to acquisition, March 11, 2013, it was brought to the Town Board's attention that the prior owners were James Brooks and Charlotte Park, both leading members of the New York School of abstract painters who came to prominence in the 1940s and 50s and who lived and worked on this property;

**Whereas**, East Hampton Town Code §255-7-25 provides for the designation of an individual lot and any buildings or structures thereon as a landmark if the property:

- (a) Possesses special character or historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the Town;
- (b) Is identified with historic personages;
- (c) Embodies the distinguishing characteristic of an architectural style, building type, period or method of construction; and

**Whereas**, The Town Board believes that, as detailed in the document entitled "The James Brooks and Charlotte Park Home and Studios, Brooks-Park Heritage Project", the Brooks-Park property has the characteristics specified in § 255-7-25 A of the Town Code. The Brooks-Park property, containing the Main House, Brooks first studio (former Wainscott Post Office), the Mid-century Modern art studio, and the former Montauk guest cottage which became Park's studio, possesses special character, historic and aesthetic interest and value as part of the cultural, economic and social history of East Hampton and embodies the distinguishing characteristics of building types, periods and methods of construction. The Brooks-Park property and its structures therefore qualifies for designation as an historic landmark; and

**Whereas**, the Town held a public hearing on July 17, 2014 and passed a resolution #2014-945, to locally designated the structures and property as historic landmarks; and

**Whereas**, in view of the historic designation of this property, the Town Board would like to modify its original purpose of acquisition to add Historic Preservation as an additional stated purpose for acquisition;

**Whereas**, pursuant to § 247 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town Board held a further public hearing on August 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., to consider the modification of the stated purpose of the acquisition of the Cochran (Brooks-Park) property owned by The Town of East Hampton and consisting of approximately 11.06 acres of land, and the James Brooks and Charlotte Park Home and Studios, said property located on **124, 126 & 128 Neck Path, Springs**, being described on the Suffolk County Tax Map as SCTM #**300-103-8-4, 5 & 6**, from "open space" to open space and historic preservation; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the East Hampton Town Board hereby states the purpose of the acquisition of the Brooks-Park property is hereby modified from "open space" to Open Space and Historic Preservation.

DATED: **August 7, 2014**

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK  
CAROLE BRENNAN, TOWN CLERK

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No impact for re-hearing

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sylvia Overby, Councilwoman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fred Overton, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Burke-Gonzalez, Van Scoyoc, Overby, Overton, Cantwell