

Father and son cleared

Justice dismisses charges against two deer hunters

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Head of the Harbor's village justice dismissed charges against a father and son who had been accused of using bows to hunt deer in the fall, violating a rarely invoked local ordinance banning discharge of weapons in the village, the men's lawyer said.

"We were pleasantly surprised by this early dismissal," said the lawyer, Hauppauge-based John Armentano, representing Darrell Anderson and

Maxwell Anderson. According to records, Darrell Anderson is 55 and Maxwell Anderson is 21; both live in Lindenhurst.

The Andersons showed a reporter photographs of Jan. 10 court letters notifying them of the dismissal, and Armentano verified those documents.

Why the village charges were dismissed was not clear. Village Justice Ellen Fishkin could not be reached, and village prosecutor John Zollo did not respond to requests for comment. Village Mayor Douglas Dahlgard said he could not comment on a court matter.

DEC officials said the Andersons shot two deer. Maxwell Anderson paid a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation fine for failure to carry his hunting license and

Darrell Anderson paid a DEC fine for failure to tag deer as required, Armentano said.

Armentano, who is a member of the hunting advocacy group Hunters for Deer and worked pro bono on the Andersons' cases, said village ordinances in some instances could be preempted by New York State law that makes regulating hunting the responsibility of the DEC.

The agency asserted that authority in a letter last year to the Belle Terre village attorney and in a January amicus memorandum to an Ithaca judge, Armentano said.

A number of Long Island villages and towns, including Smithtown, have laws in place that restrict hunting. A Hunters for Deer lawyer, Christian Killoran, lost a suit

last year to overturn the town law and has filed an appeal.

"The village laws are susceptible to a pre-emption challenge," Armentano said. "I do feel there is some governmental overreach in municipalities on Long Island on a known deer problem."

Head of the Harbor officials have said that a large and growing deer population in and around the village is a nuisance and threat to safety, but officials say a significant portion of village residents oppose hunting, the DEC's preferred method of population control. Residents and officials hope that a fertility control research project now underway will slow population growth.

DEC representatives did not immediately comment.

Glen Cove gets 16-month extension for ferry

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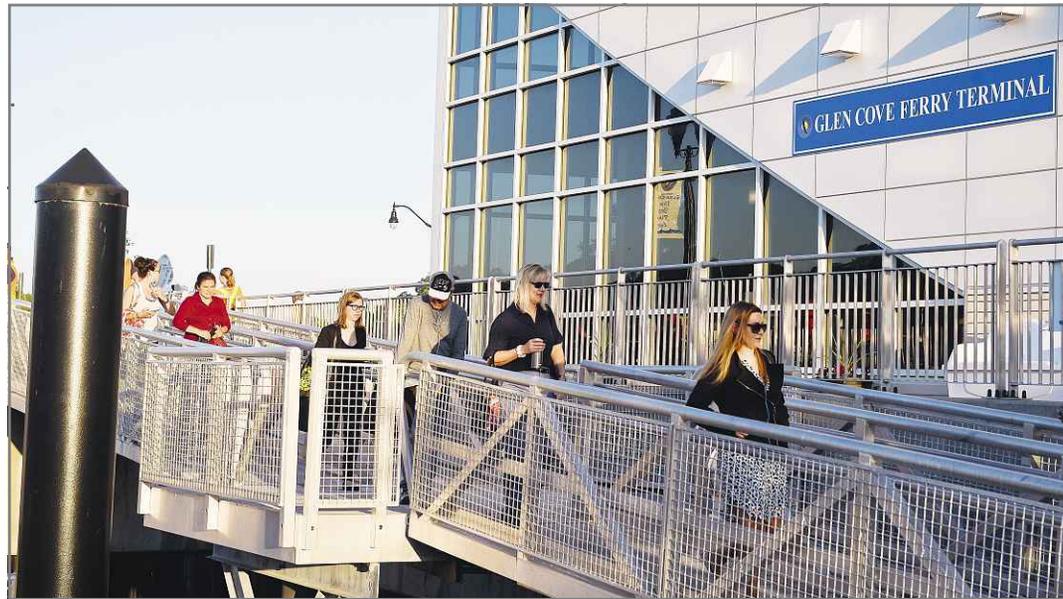
Glen Cove has received a 16-month extension to start operating ferries to Manhattan after the city missed a New Year's Day deadline to provide the service.

The city was required to start ferry service by Jan. 1 or risk an order to repay \$16.6 million in federal grants it received to build the ferry terminal and bulkhead, and perform other related work.

The city now has until May 22, 2020, to launch the project, Federal Highway Administration spokeswoman Nancy Singer said.

"The extension to implement the ferry service means that no repayment is required at this time," Singer said in a statement Wednesday. The agency reviewed the plan that Glen Cove submitted to the state Department of Transportation and agreed "that the City laid out an acceptable strategy to implement ferry service" by May 22 next year, she wrote.

Mayor Timothy Tenke asked for an extension during a May meeting with the highway administration. He told federal officials that starting service this year would pose safety hazards because barges using Glen Cove Creek for bulkhead installation, and construction on Garvies Point Road, which leads to the terminal, were continuing.



Manhattan-bound commuters go onboard at the Glen Cove ferry terminal in July 2017.

"This has given us a little bit of breathing room," Tenke said of the extension. "We're very pleased for our residents that this had not resulted in a call back of \$16 million to the federal government."

The city is seeking bids from ferry operators, and a provider should be secured by September, according to city spokeswoman Lisa Travatello.

Glen Cove was unsuccessful in its 2016 attempt to attract a ferry operator. Two companies bid last year, but they wanted substantial subsidies, Tenke said.

Uniondale-based RXR Realty has pledged a \$1 million subsidy over two years for the ferry. The real estate company is majority partner with the Garvies Point developer, RXR Glen Isle Partners, which is building more than 1,000 condos and apartments next to the ferry terminal.

RXR paid Port Chester-based consultant TMS Waterfront to create a ferry service plan, which was reviewed by the New York State Department of Transportation and submitted to the highway administration, Tenke said.

"DOT worked with the city of

Glen Cove to refine their request for an extension," DOT spokesman Joe Morrissey said in a statement. "We will continue to commence service to meet the agreed upon schedule."

Tenke said he's working to secure more funding for the ferry service, and planning to meet with state officials to discuss the possibility of receiving a state subsidy.

"It costs a lot of money to run the ferry," Tenke said. "There's a need for subsidies to make this a viable transportation mode into Manhattan."

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1863 During the Civil War, the First South Carolina Volunteers, an all-black Union regiment of former slaves, began federal service.

1865 The U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, sending it to the states for ratification.

1917 During World War I, Germany said it was beginning submarine warfare.

1929 Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

1945 Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion.

1950 President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

1958 The United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer 1.

1961 NASA launched Ham the Chimp from Cape Canaveral. Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16½-minute suborbital flight.

1990 McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.