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The Rocky Point Historical Society took out a no-interest mortgage from developer Mark Baisch in order to purchase the historic Noah Hallock Homestead on Hallock Landing Road.

Site division granted at Hallock property

Building on and selling part of land will enable historical society to pay off mortgage

BY ERIKA KARP

The Rocky Point Historical Society will soon be able to pay off its mortgage on the Noah Hallock Homestead now that the Brookhaven Board of Zoning Appeals has approved its request for a site division.

The BZA decided Feb. 26 to grant a division of the 1-acre site, located off Hallock Landing Road, into two parcels. On one of the plots, a single-family home will be constructed.

Last week, society member and developer Mark Baisch of Landmark Properties said the society agreed to let him build a home at cost on the property, which it would then sell to pay off the mortgage.

"This has been the plan since the start," Baisch said

Rocky Point, for \$282,000. The previous owners donated \$82,000 back to the society, while Baisch offered the society a \$200,000 interest-free personal mortgage for the purchase.

At the BZA meeting Wednesday, Assistant Town Attorney Todd Lewis said the town's Historic District Advisory Committee and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation found no reason to oppose the division. The state park's office also found no archeological concerns.

Baisch said the new 2,000-square-foot, four-bedroom home will be accessible from Hallock Lane. The natural buffer and the slope behind the historic house wouldn't be disturbed, which had been a concern of the town's historic advisory