

EXPANSION AND GROWTH - 1934 to 1966

The Village boundaries as laid out at the time of incorporation in 1913 persisted until 1934, a span of twenty-one years, and underwent their first change when the west buffer strip was added in the latter year. This expansion

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was followed in 1937 by the annexation of the old bed of Woodville Road north of the Oval. In that year, the Town relinquished whatever vestiges of right it still might have asserted to its long-abandoned right-of-way over those lands.

A major item of growth came in 1951 with the annexation of Shoreham Estates the lands east of Woodville Road, which had been part of the old James Warden property anticipating Tesla. In simplest terms, the acquisition (annexation) which nearly trebled the Village's acreage, embraced the tract bounded westerly by the old east line of the Village and Woodville Road, northerly by the Sound, easterly by Briarcliff Road, and southerly by an irregular line conveniently characterized as the north line of Suffolk Downs lands designated as "Shoreham Beach Section L".

In 1959 the "Shoreham Slopes", between Woodville Road and North Shore Beach, and between Overhill Road and the LILCO power line, were added. The final step was the admission of the lands between the Slopes and North Country Road (25A) where the LILCO lines, the new Episcopal Church and the Telephone building are now located.

During those years of growth, not only was the Village expanding its limits but it was also acquiring property within its limits for various municipal purposes. As late as 1920, when the Village was seven years old, it possessed no real estate and had no Village Hall or other public buildings. Meetings and elections were being held (by sufferance) in the old Log Cabin which, at that stage, belonged to the Club. The Village's acquisition of the Club lands and the erection of the "Pavilion" to serve as a Village Hall have been reviewed elsewhere.

When the western buffer strip was deeded to the Village in 1934, it was designated for park purposes. A similar treatment was accorded the north end of Woodville Road when

released from highway easements in 1937. In 1946 a small triangle of land on the south side of Overhill Road near Oliver Road was deeded to the Village for "park or cemetary purposes". in an intricate series of unrelated transactions extending over many years, the boundaries of the Village Hal I (Club) property were adjusted. In 1950 the bluff parking lot became Village property. Early in 1954 Julie Sackett, in memory of her father, gave the Village the lands which now bear his name, Major Hopkins Park, on Woodville Road opposite the Store. Later that year, the Village added the ballpark lot on Woodville Road. Thereafter the lands of the tennis courts, basketball court and paddle tennis courts were acquired. Late in 1961 the house west of the oval was donated to the Village by the Mullers. When the lands comprisling the "Slopes" were annexed, various strips along its margins were acquired, some being appropriated for park purposes and others as recharge basins to accommodate surface water runoff along Woodville Road.