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Jewish Organization Reaches Settlement With NY Village In Property Dispute

Agreement adopted by Village of Atlantic Beach ensures Chabad of the Beaches will keep property intended for use as center for Jewish life

Atlantic Beach, NY—Chabad of the Beaches, the Incorporated Village of Atlantic Beach, and the Village's Board of Trustees today announced that they have reached an amicable settlement of a federal lawsuit challenging the Village's 2022 decision to take by eminent domain a property purchased by Chabad.

The settlement clears the way for Chabad to keep and use the property as a center that will provide educational and outreach activities for the entire Jewish community. Among the terms of the settlement, Atlantic Beach will forego use of its eminent domain powers to acquire the property from Chabad, pay Chabad \$950,000, and ensure that Chabad receives specified permits and variances from the Atlantic Beach Zoning Board of Appeals.

"This marks the beginning of a happy new chapter in the Chabad-Atlantic Beach relationship," said Rabbi Eli Goodman of Chabad of the Beaches. "We look forward to being a part of this community, and serving our friends and neighbors for years to come."

In announcing the settlement, the Village administration said of the deal: "By settling this matter we warmly welcome Chabad and look forward to its exciting use of this facility and to having Chabad as a community member, neighbor, and civic partner."