

MARGOT JEANNE GARANT

Leadership Executive
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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Bold, forward-thinking community and business leader with a proven track record of success, productivity and positive impact. Effective decision maker, who implements sound business principles and strategies, to optimize efficiency and profitability. Well-grounded communicator and listener who empowers and engages community stake holders to leverage and deliver optimal services and outcomes. Resourceful problem-solver with extensive experience securing multiple forms of government funding for innovative projects by building relationships and partnerships. A passionate, constant-learner with developed analytic skills to work productively in a vibrant, multi-dimensional environment or setting.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Margot J Garant, Attorney at Law | 220 E Main Street Port Jefferson NY 11777 | 631-928-5500
2020 – Present

Real Property and land use law as well as Trust & Estate planning, Corporate and Ecommerce law

- Write and review contracts of sale, leases, land use and transfer documents, abstract reports, liens, judgments, mortgages, closing disclosures and related legal documents.
- Coordinate, oversee, and perform mortgage closings, including Small Business Association Loans, bank closings for significant lenders such as Wells Fargo Home Loans, Bank of America, and Associated Mortgage Bankers.
- Manage million-dollar loans, multiple escrow accounts while advising a wide range of clientele on estate matters and planning and business formation, creation and dissolution.

Mayor, Village of Port Jefferson | 121 W Broadway Port Jefferson NY 11777 | 631-473-4724
2009 – Present

Chief Executive and Financial Officer of the Village of Port Jefferson overseeing all day to day operations and finances of \$15 million annual budget, all village parks and facilities and 72 full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees.

- Presiding Officer of all board meetings and public hearings, prepare and manage agendas, revise and write new legislation, enforce and prosecute all violations of the law, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- Experienced Leader, effective at navigating the complexities of local, county, state, and federal regulations to secure agency cooperation and approval for municipal grants, inter-municipal agreements, infrastructure projects and programs on all levels.
- Effective negotiator, securing a license agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to use Congressional Funding to build a water filtration system within the Village to aid the cleanup of the Lawrence Aviation Toxic Waste Plume. Chaired the negotiation team to proactively settle the multimillion dollar tax certiorari case with the Long Island Power Authority becoming the first municipality to create a glide path to sustain community stability.

- Visionary who spearheaded the completion of Port Jefferson’s “Comprehensive Master Plan” and “Uptown Funk Revitalization Plan” initiating the urban renewal and redevelopment of blighted buildings throughout Port Jefferson.
- Lead Planner who partnered with New York State Department of Transportation, Mass Transit Authority and the Long Island Rail Road to rezone and create a new transportation overlay district in “Upper Port” securing Restore New York Grants, Suffolk County Jump Start funds and partnerships in the private sector to build new mix-use buildings with both market rate and affordable housing apartments.
- Promoter and designer, creating a new functional website, www.PortJeff.com, to increase flow and expediency of information, transparency of government and customer service. Rebranded Port Jeff with a monthly, digital mayor's message update, logo and tagline “Port Jefferson; A destination for a day or a lifetime”, to promote economic development year-round.
- Environmental advocate who implemented Green Energy initiatives by successfully partnering with the New York State Energy Regulatory Authority in upgrading all street and municipal lighting to LED and installing electric car charging stations throughout the municipal parking lots and solar powered, smart trash receptacles, to reduce cost of refuse removal, carbon footprint.
- Disaster recovery experience using Federal Emergency Management funds post Hurricane Sandy to build a state-of-the-art, fully engineered Sea wall to protect upland shorelines and physical assets.
- Emergency Readiness Commander and officer with authority to declare state of emergency and implement all Code Red safety initiatives during natural disasters, storms and village wide emergencies. Completion of a new, state of the art, emergency command center with village wide camera, license plate reader and global position systems technology.
- Leading edge innovator who has procured and implemented new, smart technologies throughout the Village including internet based managed parking payment systems, GIS building and planning tools, web based point of sale software and data management programs. Perform risk management and implement evaluations, securing assets, minimizing loss or exposure to loss.
- Historian, responsible for preservation of the Drowned Meadow Cottage, a prerevolutionary war dwelling of Philips Roe, a member of George Washington’s Spy Ring, and creation and preservation of the Port Jefferson Archive, a digital collection of over 20,000 historical images of historic records and photographs.
- Founder of Long Island’s #1 Farmers Market, Harvest and Maritime Festivals, Movies in the Park, Not For Profit Coalition, Port Jeff Portal – an augmented reality historic walking tour of the Village, Village Regatta, Heritage Weekend, and the 15-26th annual Dickens Festivals – all to promote tourism and economic development throughout Port Jefferson.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate in Law
 B.S. Finance & Economics, Minor Urban Planning

Touro College of Law | Huntington NY | 1996-1999
 Lehigh University | Bethlehem PA | 1986-1990

SKILLS

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| ● Problem solving | ● Implementation | ● Strategic planning |
| ● Project management | ● Dispute resolution | ● Critical thinking |
| ● Team building | ● Communication | ● Closure |

