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## Deadline Nears For Dix Hills Dems

By George Wallace

July 13 is the deadline for filing of petitions in the disputed Democratic Party primary for County Legislator in Dix Hills. As it approaches, both candidates are claiming that things are going well.

"Wayne Prospect has people dedicated to him over the last ten years," said Floyd Sarisohn, campaign manager for challenger Susan LeBow. "But we have the strength of the Democratic organization."

LeBow, 51, of Dix Hills, was picked to challenge Wayne Prospect, the incumbent legislator, by the Suffolk County Democratic Committee's executive committee after Prospect had been denied the nod by his party. According to Dominic Baranello, the Democrat's county leader, two reasons for the denial were Prospect's support for Republican Gregory Blass as presiding officer of the legislature, and collaboration with the Jamesport Republican over tax issues.

"The rank and file has tolerated his positions on social issues and his opposition to (former presiding officer) Sondra Bachety because of his overall battle on Shoreham," said Sarisohn. "But that's pretty much over and done with."

"I have strong, community based support," said Prospect. "And LeBow is the handpicked creation of party bosses and the land



**SUSAN LEBOW** of Dix Hills is challenging incumbent County Legislator Wayne Prospect in a primary race for the Democratic Party's endorsement.

Photo by Anthony Buonfiglio

speculators. Those people have always opposed me and they'll vigorously support her."

"But my constituents are not going to let party bosses decide who their representative is going to be."

LeBow, a partner in the law firm of

Sarisohn, Sarisohn, Carner, Steindler, LeBow and Braun in Commack, is on the Board of Directors of the YM-YWHA of Suffolk and a co-founder of the Victim Information Bureau of Suffolk Inc. Among her numerous civic and professional activities, she was formerly counsel to the Huntington NOW.

The Commack law firm is reportedly the second largest in Suffolk County, and has been politically active for many years.

"Susan has been involved with us in political campaigns going back 15 years now," said Sarisohn. "In 1974, she ran the primary and election campaigns for Lt Gov Mary Ann Krupsak. While she wasn't looking specifically for this thing, she's been behind the scenes on many campaigns."

According to Sarisohn, Prospect fared poorly when he met with the Dix Hills Democratic Club several weeks ago. "He should have had strong support," said Sarisohn. "But instead, he had them up in arms. I think that the Dix Hills Club was sort of looking for somebody else."

While Sarisohn acknowledged that going against an incumbent could be difficult, he feels LeBow has a good shot at it. "Wayne Prospect is not there by divine law," he argued. "You have to stay in touch with the people. When you have your party officially deny-

ing you the nomination, and the local Democratic Club unanimously endorsing your opponent..."

"There may not be a speck of difference between the candidates over Shoreham or the environment," summarized Sarisohn. "But there are when it comes to attitude

about social services, child care, and Bork for the Supreme Court. LeBow has a lot of experience in the issue of domestic violence for example."

"And Susan LeBow never called NOW the 'National Organization of Wackos', like I heard Wayne Prospect did."