

## DA subpoenas records for former Smithtown hospital site

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The Suffolk district attorney has subpoenaed records for a former Smithtown hospital property owned by the same developer who recently partially took down buildings on a downtown lot that were later found to contain asbestos.

The subpoenas were issued Wednesday, according to town board members, and follow the DA's seizure last month of records for the downtown site on Main Street. Both parcels are owned by Salvatore DiCarlo of East Hampton.

Meanwhile, the state Department of Labor's Asbestos Control Bureau confirmed Friday it has issued violations having to do with asbestos on the downtown site, and that it recently took samples from the former hospital site. The bureau has not released any findings.

Tests done by an independent contractor in August found no asbestos on the downtown property.

DiCarlo's attorney, Vincent Trimarco Sr. of Smithtown, said he had not seen the Department of Labor report and had no comment.

The Main Street buildings owned by DiCarlo were partially demolished over the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1 despite a stop-work order issued on Feb. 27.

Because the buildings were unusable as of March 1, the date on which a property is valued, DiCarlo could save more than \$47,000 in taxes, according to Town Assessor Gregory Hild. DiCarlo was issued violations by the town for ignoring the stop-work order.

Smithtown board members and planning department officials said DiCarlo has been in talks with the town about renovating that block of West Main Street, from New York Avenue to Maple Avenue, in a project that would incorporate stores, offices and affordable housing atop the businesses.

Those officials said DiCarlo told them he planned to hook up the project to an existing sewer treatment plant on the nearby abandoned hospital grounds at routes 111 and 347, where he has proposed to build condominiums. Sewer capacity has stymied growth downtown.

DiCarlo's project is held up by an environmental study on proposed underground parking.

DiCarlo's actions have been criticized by four town council members - Democrat Patricia Biancaniello and Republicans Robert Creighton, Edward Wehrheim and Thomas McCarthy - who have objected to his apparent violation of town regulations.

Records show DiCarlo was convicted in 1998 for his role in overbilling the New York City school system for a construction project at a building he owned in Manhattan. DiCarlo, 66, and his wife, Marguerite, 55, served prison time for second-degree grand larceny and multiple counts of filing false instruments.