

Final Minutes: May 13, 2010 TNH Law Library 8:00 - 9:30

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# Adoption of the Minutes of April 8, 2010 Attendees: Bob Keane, Don Parker, Pasqua Dziel, Jeff Zeh, Bill Clemency, Fred Pollack, Kevin Braun, Ray Herbert, Mike Keffer

Adoption of minutes of April 8, 2010 as amended: Moved: Fred Pollack Seconded: Jeff Zeh

### New Business:

Welcome, introductions:

2010 MS4 reports: There was a discussion of the current annual reporting form and what MBPC activities municipalities can claim.

Boat tour: A tour of Manhasset Bay is scheduled for June 14, at 6am, boat leaving at 6:30 sharp from Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. It is a joint tour with the Town's Water Front Advisory Commission. Elected officials and representatives of the committees will be invited to attend. A motion to approve the expending of up to \$600 for the boat rental was made by Jeff Zeh and seconded by Bill Clemency

# Old Business:

Long Island Futures Fund grants: MBPC submitted a grant for comprehensive boater education and pollution prevention. Grants should be announced late fall. Abstract description:

This project will address non-point pollutants from the boating community via education for best management practices and physical pollution prevention devices. Targeted pollutants are marine fuel and oil, black and gray waste discharge, fishing debris and boat maintenance activities.

Manhasset Bay is an embayment of western Long Island Sound in Nassau County. The Bay is one of the most active recreational harbors on the east coast. There are over 1000 resident boats at slips and on moorings. With its prime location adjacent to New York City and array of services to boaters, thousands of transients both regional and international call into the Bay each season. The Bay is home to six marinas, three yacht clubs, a sporting club with slips, a dozen home owners associations with private beaches and mooring fields, Town beach and public boat ramp, Town dock and mooring field, water taxi service, dinner tour boats, two fuel docks, sail maker, yacht broker, dock and bulkhead builders, and boat hauling, storage and repair facilities, a full service marine store, and amenities including many restaurants and a grocery store adjacent to the water. The Town operates a pump-out boat in addition to a dock side facility, and pump-out is available from several of the marinas.

Manhasset Bay is also an important resource for fish and wildlife. It is an Audubon NY Important Bird Area due to large numbers of over wintering waterfowl and shorebirds, a NY DEC winter

waterfowl survey site, a LIS Stewardship area, and a NY State DOS Coastal wildlife management zone. Protecting the existing habitat and resources that allow the wildlife to thrive is a top priority of the Committee, which includes halting degradation by pollutants. Until now the Committee has focused mainly on land based non-point source pollutants, but feel the direct impact from pollutants discharged from an active marine community needs to be addressed in a comprehensive fashion.

State EPF Funding: Still up in the air as the State has not gotten a budget agreement. Letter of support sent to Senator Craig Johnson and Assemblywoman Michele Schimel. Received personal response from Michele,

Dear Jennifer

I am most familiar with the goings on with the EPF from the get-go. Right now we have appropriated \$168M for the EPF. There is a repayment plan included. There is also set aside money of \$44M for land acquisition, focusing on land that would protect, in particular, watershed areas.

You know I have done everything from demonstrating, writing letters, speaking up at every opportunity. Environmental issues have been hit particularly hard this budget. And yes, it is scary for the long run.

Thank you for the letter, it does help me in the fight. Michelle

Inter-municipal Agreement: The Town has approved the inter-municipal.

Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor PC: Additional meetings have taken place. First grant for funding was not awarded, but have applied to the LI Futures Fund for this round.

Stannards Brook: The project is now fully funded for Phases 1 and 2 by the addition of monies from the Nassau County Capital Improvement Funding which covered the balance of funding not covered by the EPF grant.

Festivals: Earth Day: 200 children attended activities at Clark Botanic Garden, rotating between 12 stations on all aspects of the environment.

Envirothon: The event was held at the Usdan Center. 30 teams for high schools all over LI competed for prizes. The judged topic was a complex problem of bringing industrial development to a rural area and solutions for buffering impacts. JWP attended as a judge. Daly Goes Green: families and children from Port Washington attended this event at Daly Elementary school.

Festivals: Eco-Fest May 15-16, NEED VOLUNTEERS HarborFest June 6,

**Municipal Reports:** TNH Slade Garden at Mill Pond begins construction June 1, additional pond plantings are also slated.

#### Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10 is cancelled. Boat tour on June 14 will take its place.

**Meeting dates for 2010: Mark your Calendars!** Second Thursday unless noted; June 10, July 8, AUGUST NO MEETING, \*September 16 (Rosh Hashanah is Sept 9) October 14, \*November 18 (Veteran's Day is Nov 11), and December 9.

\* moved from second Thursday to accommodate holidays.