



Approved Minutes
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MANHASSET BAY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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Present: Bob Keane, Chair, Jeff Bass, Don Parker, Nora Haagenson, Bill Clemency, Fred Pollack, Pasqua Dziadul, Mal Nathan, Joel Ziev, Megan Loeb, Kevin Braun, JWP

Adoption of the Minutes of October 13, 2011 Moved Fred Pollack, Seconded Bill Clemency

New Business:

Welcome, introductions:

DEC Proposed modifications to MS4 permits: Manhasset Bay has been added to pathogen and nitrogen schedule 2 list. Pathogen date 1/8/2013, nitrogen 1/8/2015. Comments were sent to the effect that without the DEC supplied support in the form of modeling, there would not be enough time for MS4's to create a frame work for effective reductions.

Joint Committee Meeting: Under discussion with Eileen Keenan, HHPC, FOB and OBCSHPC for February. Potential subject; What you should be doing for your MS4 permit, but might not be. Looking for a library as a venue. Jeff Bass mentioned that the Nassau County Village Officials Association would also be a good venue. Perhaps do the Committee presentation geared for employees in charge of implementing plans and VOA meeting for what they need to plan for. Question DEC as to whether MBPC can collectively hire a consultant to develop a plan. Also a presentation to Great Neck Village official association by MBPC.

LISS CAC Meeting: presentation on growing problem of lawn chemicals impacting coastal water; new CCMP work beginning, first was created in 1994.

LISS Sign on letter: request for sign on to letter supporting LISS appropriations went out on very short time line, see attached. Fred Pollack moved, Nora Haagenson Seconded, all in favor unanimous.

Green Infrastructure Conference: On November 30, Nassau County Soil and Water district in conjunction with Suffolk County SWCD, assembled a steering committee to plan a green infrastructure conference. The target date is June. SUNY Old Westbury is a potential host site. Issues discussed were topics to cover, possible speakers, target audience, outreach and media. A second meeting will be held Dec 15 at SUNY OW to view the proposed site.

2012: Where do we go from here? Finish up Futures Fund grant, joint meeting, MS4 modeling, CESSPOOL Grant has been approved, now "Raising Awareness of On-site Waste Water treatment Systems." Boat Tour for elected officials and work with PW Library Nautical Committee on public tours. No decision has been made by the Town who shall be the new representative. Probably not a Commissioner or Council person. Should the Committee do more? Coordinating enforcement is a topic to look at. Are there point sources that should be identified and acted on with municipal support? Manhasset Valley and Whitney Pond probably worst sources ala Scudders Pond in Hempstead Harbor. Town is discussing remediation with ACE. Large capital projects are very difficult to commit to, per HHPC members. A lot of the shore line is controlled by the Villages, and amount of erosion and

bulkhead failure is significant, HH developed management plan, Town has a draft LWRP done in 1990's, need to be updated. Those efforts bring a lot of other tasks online. Need to get a greater Great Neck presence in the Committee. Outreach to three upland villages not on the Committee. Can look at Futures Fund round for possible funding of Harbor Management Plan.

Old Business:

Set meeting dates for 2012: (See bottom of agenda and please check your calendars)

MBPC Logo: Four variations were created by our designer, Paul Singer. Subcommittee prefers #3. Full Committee chooses number 3.

Interpretive Signs: with selection of logo, signs can be finalized and produced. Manufacture will take about a month. Fossil has met bid by other manufacturer. Will also be asking them to reproduce kiosk panel that has faded. Suggest we wait for installation until spring.

Grant updates: Converting contract to PO's for Futures Fund, discussing extension. If not possible, JWP will distribute bilge socks and fuel whistles to clubs and marinas.

Word was just received today that the joint Committee application (MBPC, HHPC, OBCSHPC, and FOB) for the CESSPOOL Grant has been awarded. This is a multi-year public education and outreach project.

Municipal Reports:

County Stannards Brook; construction finished, final planting going on now. Grant for eastern portion will be done in 2012.

Great Neck had Eileen Keenan come and give an assessment of their MS4 progress.

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Mill Pond in PW is performing well, attracting lots of shore bird life. This summer no large algae blooms, plants took up a lot of nutrients.

Leeds Pond: New estate fence has gone up, took nearly 8 years to get permit since it in a wetland area. Leeds pond County commitment to dredge has not been implemented and lots of sand is building up.

MB Blue Ways trail is moving forward. Comment came back from Committee, incorporated, draft plan should be available in next few weeks.

BayWalk trail: Consultant has been hired and committee will be appointed shortly. Paths, failing bulkheads, erosion, access will all be discussed.

Next Meeting: January 12

Proposed 2012 dates, 2nd Thursday: 1/12, 2/11, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, NO AUGUST, 9/13 (Rosh Hashanah is 9/17), 10/11, 11/15 (moved to avoid Town budget Hearing), 12/13