



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

March 8, 2018, 7:30pm
Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance: Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Nora Haagenson (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Chuck Idol (Baxter Estates alternate), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Jennifer Birnbaum (Sands Point alternate), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Chris Shannon (Councilwoman De Giorgio's office), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Anne Krzyzanowski (Assemblyman D'Urso's office), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Motions are underlined.

Meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by welcoming the new representatives from Sands Point

Monthly updates:

- Website update: The "links" page is the most visited page. We set-up a public area of pdfs for easy download. The goal is to grow the e-mail list, the first newsletter only had a handful of people, but now it is up to 35.
- 2018 dues payments have started coming in.
- The elevator at Town Hall will be down starting in mid-April, please let Sarah know if you or your alternate needs accommodations.
- MBPC is a member of the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC), which met on Monday night. Major discussion was about a new dock that will be going in just north of the Kennelworth Dock and the Town's Waterfront Moratorium in Port Washington. The moratorium is 6 months, but it can be extended if the Town is making progress. There will be several chances for public input and the Town will always accept calls, e-mails, etc. about the moratorium.
- Marcellino grant update: the DEC¹ requires QAPPs² in order to fund water quality monitoring. Deonarine has a phone call next week with DEC about this.
- 2018 EPF earmark for water quality monitoring: the Protection Committee directors have been meeting with senators and assembly people. There is a lot of local political support for this.
- 2018 Joint Protection Committee Meeting will likely cover "MS4 101." As the Peconic Estuary PC wants to participate, we may be meet somewhere further east.

Discussion & Motion points:

2017 final water quality report press release and newsletter #3: Kevin Braun made a motion to send out the third newsletter regarding the water quality report as amended. Nora Haagenson seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to approve the water quality report educational pamphlet with the same changes made to the press release and newsletter. Kevin Braun seconded. The motion passed.

¹ DEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

² QAPP = Quality Assurance Project Plan

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New educational materials: Deonarine distributed two new brochures for the Committee's consideration, one "Don't feed the birds" and the other "About us." **Please send comments to Sarah Deonarine in advance of the next meeting.**

Project updates:

DNA source-tracking: Deonarine was able to get a copy of a report from the Setauket Harbor Task Force that was done by Cornell Cooperative Extension in 2016. The results were not very specific. Deonarine will circulate the full report and look for **feedback before the next meeting**. Deonarine will also look for more information on cost.

20th anniversary: Jed Siegel offered the Shelter Bay Yacht Club, but we would have to bring everything in. Other yacht clubs around the Bay aren't open for the season yet, but we will reach out when open. Louie's has many options to choose from and they have two party rooms (have to guarantee either 40 or 60 people). After some discussion, the Committee agreed to pursue doing the anniversary celebration in conjunction with the annual boat tour, with a cocktail hour at the dock.

The Village of Manorhaven held a public meeting on March 3rd regarding changes to waterfront zoning. Public response was overwhelmingly against waterfront development.

Important Dates:

- Envirothon, April 25th
- Youth Climate Summit, April 28th
- June 1st – MS4 annual reports are due
- Harborfest June 3rd

Upcoming meetings and events:

- April 12, May 10, June 14, Joint Protection Committee meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm

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