



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

April 12, 2018, 7:30pm

Town Hall

Attendees: Anne Krzyzanowski (Assemblyman D’Urso’s office), Bruce Bent, Raymond Behr (Kensington), Nora Haagenson (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Carol Frank (Town of North Hempstead), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead Planning Department), Ray Herbert (Plandome), Kate Hirsch (Flower Hill), Chris Shannon (Councilwoman De Giorgio’s office), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm with a quorum in attendance.

Note: **Motions are highlighted in blue.**

Discussion & Motion points:

Meeting minutes: Kevin Braun made a motion to accept the minutes of February 8, 2018; Dianne Sheehan seconded. There were no comments and all were in favor, so the motion carried. Kevin Braun made another motion to accept the minutes of March 8, 2018; Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. There were no comments and all were in favor, so the motion carried.

May 10 – Joint Protection Committee meeting at Old Bethpage Village Restoration¹, 7pm. There will be a presentation by Eileen Keenan on MS4 101. There will be no May MBPC meeting, this will take the place of it.

There was discussion about the new educational materials (“Don’t feed the birds” and “About us”) and moving forward with printing in time for Harbor Fest. It was confirmed that the Town is doing goose egg oiling this year. Kevin Braun made a motion to accept and reproduce (print) the new brochures and clean boating brochure (discussion below) with edits provided by members and a max budget of \$1,000 or Town’s procurement limit. Jed Siegel seconded. All were in favor.

Combining the annual boat tour and the 20th anniversary celebration: The Angler has two boats appropriate for the event: one will seat 30 people, the other will seat 60 comfortably. Normally they charge \$800, but Captain Ken will give it to us for \$600. The event will be three hours (6-9pm), but first hour the boat will remain docked so people can come and go. Comptroller DiNapoli started the Committee and is the guest of honor, his office is reviewing the proposed dates in June and will let us know when/if he can attend. June is currently open for the Angler. Kevin Braun made a motion to set a budget not to exceed \$2,500 for the annual boat tour and anniversary celebration. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor.

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BID goodie bags for transient visitors to Town Dock: Deonarine recommended reprinting 500 Clean Boating brochures which the Committee has already produced. They were originally printed “in house” and Deonarine still has the paper used. Deonarine will work with the Town to get these printed, as per the motion above.

DNA-source tracking: Reports done for Setauket Harbor and Bayville were not very specific in regards to the sources of DNA. Additionally, the work is expensive (approximately \$34,000 for the Setauket Harbor report). After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to not pursue this for now, but to revisit again later in the hopes that the technology will have advanced.

ArcGIS: Deonarine signed up for a 21-day free trial of ArcGIS on-line and had mixed reviews. Previously, the Committee had voted for a 6-month trial period not to exceed \$600; but ESRI only sells on-line licenses in year-long blocks (incidentally, the \$600 budget would cover a year of the service). Deonarine was tasked with seeking out more information and bringing an informed decision back to the Committee in June.

Summer 2018 water quality monitoring: Kevin Braun made a motion to set a budget of \$300 for calibration solutions for summer 2018 water quality monitoring. Nora Haagenson seconded. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

Lablite: Deonarine has finally gotten access to the data and has downloaded all the Manhasset Bay data into Excel spreadsheets. Deonarine will also download the other data that is in the database.

Updates:

Volunteers needed for Harbor Fest, June 3rd – several people signed up, but more are always needed.

MS4 annual reports are due June 1st. MBPC’s contribution to the members’ annual reports has gone out already. DEC has said that a new draft permit will not be released until late summer or fall and there will be another public comment period.

Marcellino/DEC grant² for water quality monitoring (2017-19) and new allocation: QAPP development has proven more onerous than previously anticipated, so the partners have approached DEC to include QAPP development as part of the scope in their contract. The partners worked again to get funding for annual water quality as a line item in the State’s EPF³ funding, but it did not happen. However, it is included in the Aide to Localities grant that DEC administers, so we will have more funding coming.

LINAP⁴ presentation on May 8th in Brookhaven – Deonarine will attend and provide a summary.

² A total of \$125,000 available for north shore embayment monitoring. Manhasset Bay will get \$40,000 to cover April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2019.

³ Environmental Protection Fund

⁴ Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan – a State-funded initiative headed up by DEC and Regional Development Corp

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Town waterfront development moratorium: The moratorium (which covers the waterfront area roughly from Sunset Park to Dolphin Green in Port Washington) was proposed by Councilwoman De Giorgio in an attempt to reexamine the zoning in order to be sure that the waterfront is maintained as there is a lot of pride in the waterfront. The Town is committed to many public meetings and Jennifer Wilson-Pines reported on the recent one specifically for local leaders. At the meeting, participants were given a copy of the existing law and there was discussion on how it was modified. The Town intends to extend the moratorium for another six months (currently expires in June). Legally it can't be extended in perpetuity. The current zoning is for mixed use, but changing zoning is what is being explored.

EPA Long Island Sound Study updates:

- LISFF RFP released – applications due May 10th
- LISS was just awarded \$12 million in federal funds – the most the program has ever received. The LISS Management Committee decided to first restore the cuts to programs from this year's planned budget (which was closer to \$5 million), then they'll look at what was cut in previous years. There may be some extra money for LISFF, but not a lot even though LISS is getting \$12 million. This was discussed at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting earlier in the week.
- The LISS Communications Team will be doing another social media campaign this summer. They will create posts on trash and debris and we get to repost it, driving up traffic to everyone's social media and web pages.

Municipal updates

Construction has started at Sunset Park. The Port Washington Water Pollution Control District, who owns Sunset Park, received FEMA money and hired a contractor to repair the Sunset Park rip-rap and seawall. Anticipated date of completion is June 16 and the replacement educational sign the Committee purchased will be installed by the Town after completion.

Nassau County (Dan Fucci): The County is looking to charge for plastic bags just like Suffolk County.

The County attorney is reviewing the MBPC Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- May 10, 7pm, Joint Protection Committee meeting
- **June 14 – last meeting of the season**
- Harbor Fest, June 3rd
- Boat trip/20th Anniversary June 11th

Topics for next meeting:

Set fall 2018 meeting dates

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