



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Final Minutes: March 14, 2019, 7:30pm

Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Nora Haagenson (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Melanie Cassins (PWWPCD), Kate Hirsch (Flower Hill), Chris Shannon (Councilwoman De Giorgio's office), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Bruce Bent, Rebecca Chu (Kensington), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Mike Malloy (Baxter Estates), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Happy pi day!

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm with a quorum in attendance.

Note: Action items are in highlighted, underlined font. Motions are highlighted in blue.

Discussion & Motion points:

Kevin Braun made a motion to accept the minutes as amended of January 10, 2019. Dan Fucci seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

MBPC 101 Discussion: TMDL – Deonarine gave a brief overview of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). Deonarine also noted that it is the annual MS4 reporting season, of which all the member municipalities have to comply. Reports are due to DEC by June 1st and we can use last year's forms. Deonarine will prepare the MBPC portion within the next two weeks.

A motion to print educational brochures was passed on April 12, 2018 with a maximum budget of \$1,000. The total cost of the printings was only \$366. More brochures need to be reprinted, the Committee is on board with using the remaining balance from the previous motion for printings (these will be the same brochures printed last year).

The “don't feed the waterfowl” sub-committee has selected a general sign design and installation locations:

- Behind dolphin bookstore
- Mill pond. Baxter pond. Town Dock
- Manhasset Valley and Whitney Pond parks

Deonarine will find out the cost for additional signs and what the Town sign shop is capable of producing.

This past Monday, March 11, 2019, the Nassau Co Rules Committee approved the MBPC IMA and 2019 dues. Next, it goes to the full Legislature on March 25th.

Kevin Braun made a motion for a maximum of \$3,000 (however it works out) to hire a summer intern. Nora Haagenson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Deonarine and Braun will work out all the specifics of how to hire and where the intern will be housed.

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The Committee decided to move forward with a comment letter to the Army Corps of Engineers on their feasibility study interim report (NY/NJ HATS). Deonarine will prepare a letter within two weeks of the next meeting.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to accept the 2019 dues as finalized. Kate Hirsch seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Deonarine will get the dues notices out within the next few weeks. Dues are due by the end of the calendar year.

Harbor Fest will be on Sunday, June 2nd and Deonarine cannot attend due to a family commitment. The Committee is still committed to this event. Mike Ertel is looking into the cost of canvas bags as a “hook” for the table.

Updates:

- Grant updates:
 - Water Quality Improvement Grant – no update
 - Seabin – electric is installed at Town Dock and the Seabin has been ordered.
 - DEC Water quality monitoring: The DEC-approved contract has been signed and sent to the State Comptroller and Attorney General for their sign-offs. They are aiming to complete the sign-offs before the end of the month which is the end of the state’s fiscal year.
- The Joint Protection Committee meeting is May 16th, 6:30pm at Friends of the Bay offices, Oyster Bay – the Committee will likely switch the May meeting to the joint meeting.
- Deonarine and Eric Swenson participated in a water quality presentation at Manhasset Library on February 27th. This was for a Girl Scout Gold Award project for a junior at Manhasset High School. The event was fairly well attended and there was good discussion.
- Reach Out America is having an event on Sunday, March 31, 10am, Unitarian Universalist Congregation – we will have a table. \$25 to attend.
- Additional shellfish lab – Senator Gaughran submitted the request as part of the budget amendments (without a price tag). It may end up aggregated into an appropriation to DEC and then DEC would have to decide to spend it on the lab. Eric Swenson has been reaching out to everyone in an effort to make sure this is what actually happens and it doesn’t get lost.
- Implementation of Nassau County Septic Replacement Program – no updates
- Web & social media – Deonarine has selected BlueHost as the vendor. We are going to move through the Town to hire the designer. Additionally, Deonarine is trying to post weekly to Facebook.
- March 21st recycling symposium at Stony Brook – “The Changing Paradigm of Recycling.”

Municipal updates

Baxter Estates (Nora Haagenson): The Village is still working on the beach. Nassau County has money for a feasibility study, but the Village is still waiting for the County to sign.

Port Washington North (Bob Keane): The Village put up a gazebo on BayWalk park.

Town of North Hempstead (Chris Shannon): The Town is working up on setting up a meeting in April or May on the waterfront moratorium, but they are still accepting comments.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Volunteers needed: Harbor Fest, Sunday, June 2nd
- April 11, May 9, June 13
- Joint Protection Committee meeting, May 16th, 6:30pm at Friends of the Bay offices, Oyster Bay

Kevin Braun made motion to adjourn at 9:09.

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