



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Final Minutes: May 9, 2019, 7:30pm

Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance: Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Councilmember Dina De Giorgio (6th District), Chris Shannon (Councilmember De Giorgio's office), Nora Haagenon (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Brian Herrington (Flower Hill), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Mike Molloy (Baxter Estates), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Bruce Bent, Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

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

Discussion & Motion points:

Brian Herrington made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2019, Jed Siegel seconded. Motion passed with one abstention (Dianne Sheehan was not at the March meeting).

MS4 reports are due to DEC on June 1. The MBPC components of the annual report went out last month – **make sure your muni received it.**

Nora Haagenon made a motion to approve and send a public comment letter on the Army Corps sea gate feasibility study interim report (NY/NJ HATS), as edited, Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SEABIN UPDATE:

Deonarine updated the Committee on what has been happening: Bay Constable Mal Nathan at Town Dock has been contacted by the shipping company. We are planning on cataloging the trash collected by date. There are a lot of moving parts: Hofstra is going to do volunteer training on the data – once they have a training date, I will make up a google form for volunteers to sign-up. The plan is to collect data until it is removed in November.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to purchase supplies and equipment in support of quantifying the Seabin's removal of trash in the summer of 2019, not to exceed \$500. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- Small storage shed (locked)
- Sorting bins
- Gloves
- Pencils
- scale
- Clipboards, etc.

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Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to approve the job description for part-time summer intern and to hire Samantha Wilder. Jed Siegel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Next, the hiring has to go to the Town Board on June 18th.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to purchase calibration and electrode solutions and other supplies for the YSI handheld probe for the summer of 2019, not to exceed \$500. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Dianne Sheehan made a motion to plan the annual boat tour for June 11th, rain date of June 12th and to purchase boat time and food at a cost not to exceed \$1800. Nora Haagenson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

In an effort to get the process going, after discussion, Brian Herrington made a motion to purchase six (6) “don’t feed the waterfowl” signs at a cost not to exceed \$100 each for design, fabrication, and installation. Jed Siegel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilperson Dina De Giorgio will bring it to the Supervisor.

Harbor Fest is June 2nd and a sign-up sheet went around. Discussion was that the Committee wants to see a natural material bag, even if we make less of them, preferably with a fish on it to color. Jed Siegel made a motion not to exceed \$400 for printing of bags as giveaways, Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Spring newsletter topics: world oceans day, seabin (call for volunteers), North Hempstead classes, volunteer with LISS, LISFF announcement, army corps sea gates (hearing over summer). Deonarine will type up and send out for a week review.

Updates:

- Grant updates:
 - Water Quality Improvement Grant – heard from DOS, but then the contact left DOS.
 - DEC Water quality monitoring – contract is in place, will discuss more in June
- Joint PC meeting, May 16th, 6:30pm at Friends of the Bay offices, Oyster Bay – we will have sandwiches for dinner
- Shed the Meds event on June 2nd at the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District
- State CFA grant application has been announced
- Additional shellfish lab – no update
- Implementation of Nassau County Septic Replacement Program – no update
- Web & social media – Town attorney’s office working on a contract for the designer (BlueHost)

Municipal updates

Councilperson De Giorgio: The second and last public meeting on the Waterfront BW-Zone will be on **May 15th, at 7:30pm at Town Hall**. Commissioner of Planning, Michael Levine, will be presenting an overview of the proposed code, and available to answer any questions that participants submit either in advance or that evening.

The Town proposed code is available on the Town website, which you can access [here](#), or at <https://northhempsteadny.gov/news?FeedID=2509>. We are inviting residents to submit any questions in advance of the meeting to pwwaterfront@northhempsteadny.gov. We will have the Planning department respond to these questions at the beginning of the meeting.

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The Public Hearing and Town Board vote will be on June 18th. In the event that the Board does not adopt the code, there will be a parallel motion to extend the moratorium, which currently expires July 1st.

Councilperson De Giorgio: Town allocated \$5,000 for USGS (part of western aquifer protection committee works with USGS on monitoring wells on Port Washington peninsula). The State is not funding it anymore, so the Town is taking it on. Some wells have been shut down due to saltwater intrusion, but a lot of wells are still operating on the peninsula.

Manorhaven (Jennifer Wilson-Pines): It's the second year of the community garden and they have created native plant garden in roadway leading up to it. There are plans to create more garden area outside the community garden.

Plandome Heights (Dianne Sheehan): The Village has completed the annual MS4 report and it went out for public comment.

Baxter Estates (Mayor Nora Haagenson): The Village had its first Arbor Day celebration last week.

Plandome Manor and Sands Point – nothing new

Flower Hill (Deputy Mayor Brian Herrington): The Village had a Distributed Antennae Network public hearing with 100 people there. 4G network, can be converted to 5G. Xtonnet (owns system, Verizon is the cell phone provider, it can have up to 5 service providers in its network). FCC changed rules on what they can deny a permit for (environmental concerns, health, etc were ruled outside their purview). Size of a trash can, that goes up on the telephone poles. 18 proposed for the Manhasset part of Flower Hill. Company is working with the community.

Town of North Hempstead (Kevin Braun): Town and Nassau SWCD did a cleanup and refixing of goose exclusion netting at Mill Pond. Second year of last portion of the restoration and it is functioning well in terms of ecological value.

Councilperson De Giorgio: The Manhasset Bay Model Yacht Club (MYC) house has been restored. The pieces not original were removed. Town did the outside, the model yacht club is fixing up the inside. The Town will have a ribbon cutting, but coordinating with MBYC event on Mill Pond, probably not until July.

Village of Plandome (Bruce Bent): Village will have internet hearing on Monday night. There is a pair of bald eagles on Bruce's property. Fewer osprey now.

Nassau County (Dan Fucci): The County legislature approved signing the IMA; it is now at the Comptroller's office for final approvals. 2018 and 2019 dues have been budgeted.

Great Neck (Annie Mendelson): A cell phone tower was rejected last summer by an overwhelmingly large group of people who didn't want it near their houses. They had legislation to do rezoning on Middle Neck Road, but 200 people came and said they didn't want it, so it has been dropped.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- **Volunteers needed: Harbor Fest, Sunday, June 2nd**
- June 13th – last meeting of the season, please plan to attend
- **Joint Protection Committee meeting, May 16th, 6:30pm at Friends of the Bay, Oyster Bay**

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made motion to adjourn at 9:00pm

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