



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Final Minutes: June 13, 2019, 7:30pm

Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance: Samantha Wilder (intern), Jasmine, Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Nora Haagenson (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Kate Hirsch (Flower Hill), Rebecca Chu (Kensington), Bruce Bent, Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

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

Discussion & Motion points:

Seabin updates and costs:

- MBPC purchased items needed by Bay Constables for installation for \$326; Nassau Co. Soil and Water Conservation District purchased the shed. We still need small items (baskets for sorting, etc), but hopefully we can stay within \$500 cap.
- MBPC hired Samantha Wilder to assist with this project and with Water Quality Monitoring.

Kevin Braun made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 19, 2019 as amended. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Kevin Braun made a motion to approve fall 2019 meeting dates: September 19, October 17, and November 21 (all third Thursdays). Nora Haagenson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Kevin Braun made a motion to purchase supplies for the annual beach clean-up on: September 21st at a cost not exceed \$200. Nora Haagnson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Supplies include gloves, snacks, water, and a generic scouting "fun" patch.

The Committee discussed the three grants we have right now: DEC water quality monitoring monitoring, DOS WQIP, and NC SWCD Seabin.¹

- In order to receive reimbursement for anything under the DEC WQ Monitoring grant, we have to have a completed and accepted Data Usability Agreement and Quality Assurance Project Plan. ***Deonarine will reach out to three consulting firms for cost estimates and the Committee will have a brief meeting over the summer (TBD) to vote on one.***
- Dianne Sheehan made a motion to form a subcommittee Kevin Braun, Bob Keane, Jennifer Wilson-Pines for water quality-related tasks. Kate Hirsch seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The sub-Committee will, among other things, assist in finalizing 2016-18 water quality report and writing an RFP for the WQIP.

¹ DEC = NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. DOS = NYS Department of State. WQIP = Water Quality Improvement Project/Plan

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The Committee discussed the annual boat tour held on June 11th aboard the Angler IV at a total cost of \$1,370. Deonarine commented that, as costs go up and food ran out, the request for next year will likely be \$1800 again. In order to make the tour more educational, some suggestions were to hand attendants a map as they board and stop at specific locations highlighted on the map. Additionally, visuals such as big pictures and maps could be posted around the cabin for attendants to view. Though the Angler IV can hold more, it was suggested to keep attendance limited to 35 or 40 and to place family members on a waiting list.

In May, Deonarine was approached by the Town of North Hempstead to write a letter of support for a grant application for a feasibility study of a Manhasset Valley Park fish passage project. Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to retroactively support a grant application by the Town of North Hempstead for a feasibility study. Kate Hirsch seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

Updates:

- Recap of Joint PC meeting, May 16th – Deonarine will send around her notes.
- Harbor Fest recap – Several people came out to volunteer at the booth, including Mike Malloy who was invaluable. Though the crowds were smaller this year, the Committee did outreach, which is our mission. Due to storms, the bags the Committee purchased for such public events came in after Harbor Fest, but the bags look good and will be useful in the future, including the upcoming Estuary Day in Oyster Bay.
- ACE NYNJ HATS² – no updates, still waiting. ACE is holding a public meeting on the south shore (Freeport) in August. Nothing was mentioned about the north shore.
- Additional shellfish lab³ – waiting for funding from DEC
- Implementation of Nassau County Septic Replacement Program – partners are meeting at the end of June
- Web & social media
 - LISS⁴ is doing social media event again mid-August through mid-September
- “Don’t feed the geese” signs – no updates

Municipal updates

Town of North Hempstead (Kevin Braun): There is a public hearing on the 18th about the zoning changes for the waterfront zone. The new code removes mixed use and residential components.

Manorhaven – GIS mapping – Meagan said the consultant said they sent it out. LeReux took over.

CAC – LISS budget keeps increasing. Going for wishlist things, upped LISFF by \$1M, stewardship, river monitoring, etc. Banned purse-seine fishing of Menhaden, other updates from Albany. \$500 million in water quality infrastructure fund. \$4 million to EPF. Could use Kelp for organic farm fertilizer. Instructed to plan multiple budgets of various sizes.

Baxter Estates – County legislator approved grant for feasibility study at Baxter Beach. \$15,000.

Bob – Kayak run is July 20th at 10am (Community Chest of Port Washington). Put on Facebook. Starts at Town Dock.

Kate made motion to adjourn at 9:08

² US Army Corps of Engineers NY/NJ Harbor and Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study

³ The LI Protection Committees stressed the need for additional FDA-accredited shellfish laboratories as there is only one on Long Island. The Town of Hempstead is currently restoring their marine laboratory, which is a candidate for becoming a shellfish laboratory.

⁴ EPA Long Island Sound Study

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Upcoming meetings and events:

- Estuary Day on September 14th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Western Waterfront Center in Oyster Bay, the Committee will have a table

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