



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

September 19, 2019, 7:30pm
Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Jill Monoson (Thomaston), Ray Herbert (Plandome), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Mike Malloy (Baxter Estates), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

Note: Action items are highlighted in yellow. Motions are highlighted in blue.

Updates:

- LI Estuary Day was held on Saturday, September 14th at the Theodore Roosevelt Waterfront Park in Oyster Bay. Attendance seemed light.
- There has been some movement on the DOS¹ Water Quality Improvement Grant: there was back-and-forth on the contract and it will likely be sent to the Town Attorney soon.
- Web & social media updates: there was some back and forth between our chosen web designer (BlueHost) and the Town Attorney's office. Kevin Braun stated that the attorney handling the matter has left the Town. Deonarine and Braun to follow up with attorney's office. There were two social media campaigns this summer: one about plastic pollution, the other about the affects of nitrogen. Deonarine has been reposting these to the Committee's Facebook page.
- There currently is no movement on the "Don't Feed the Geese" signs. On a separate, but related matter, an educational waterfowl sign in Baxter Estates was vandalized. This has to be replaced and will likely be a topic at the Committee's next meeting.
- The Army Corps public meeting about the NY/NJ HATS², specifically the surge barrier at the Throgs Neck Bridge will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 5pm in Great Neck. As this poses substantial risk to our communities and likely environmental degradation, it is important that as many people as possible attend this meeting.

Discussion & Motion points:

Kevin Braun made a motion to adopt the minutes of June 13, 2019 with corrections. Jill Monoson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to retroactively approve a letter of support for a Town of Oyster Bay grant application. Ray Herbert seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

¹ NYS Department of State

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

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Seabin: Kevin Braun made a motion to retroactively purchase replacement filter nets for the Seabin at a total cost of \$453.60. Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Seabin operated for a short while this summer before the filter nets were stolen. The Town Bay Constables have decided to pull the Seabin for the summer and try again next year. The various partners will meet over the winter to prepare a plan and are looking forward to a successful run in 2020.

2020 dues increase: There are a lot of great projects on the Committee’s slate over the next few years and these will impact the Committee’s budget. It has been 20 years (or more) since the annual dues amounts have increased. The Committee discussed and decided to ask for a 20% increase, which would come out to the totals below:

Percent increase	Total Dues	NC share (45%)	Town share (11%)	Village share (44%)	Per Village
Current:	\$44,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$19,500.00	\$1,500.00
20%	\$53,400.00	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$23,400.00	\$1,800.00
Annual increase	\$8,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,900.00	\$300.00

Member representatives will go back to their respective Boards/governments to ask for increase (bolded font in last row of above table). Deonarine will also write official letters, with copies to the clerk and representative. This letter will be shared electronically with the representatives in advance of sending it.

Water Quality Monitoring Grant: In order for the Committee to receive reimbursements from the grant for either past or future expenditures, the Committee must have a DEC⁴-approved QAPP⁵ and DUAR⁶. Deonarine reached out to five (5) different firms for informal price quotes for the work to be completed (responses in table to right).

Firm	QAPP	DUAR
F&O	\$10,000	\$4,500
H2M	\$5,000	\$5,000
LiRo ³	\$4,950	
D&B	\$3,995	\$2,995
NPV	doesn't want it	

Kevin Braun made motion to hire Dvirka & Bartilucci (D&B) to do both QAPP and DUAR, because they were the lowest responsible bidder. Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Beach Clean-up: The Annual International Coastal Clean-up is Saturday, September 21st at 9:30am at Manorhaven Beach Park. This year, the Committee is offering “fun patches” for scouts who participate and is also using reusable buckets to collect trash in so as to cut down on the number of plastic trash bags used. Kevin Braun made motion to amend the prior motion of June 13, 2019 to increase the do not exceed amount by \$50 to \$250 for supplies for beach cleanup. Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Municipal updates

Village of Baxter Estates (Mike Ertel): The waterfowl educational sign that the Committee bought for Baxter’s Pond has been vandalized and completely removed from its base.

³ Can do the QAPP, but have to outsource the DUAR.

⁴ NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

⁵ Quality Assurance Project Plan (for data collected moving forward)

⁶ Data Usability Assessment Report (for data collected in the past)

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Village of Plandome (Ray Herbert): A planned subdivision at 1029 Plandome Road is receiving opposition from neighboring residents (Deonarine received a position paper from such a resident). Ray Herbert attended the meeting and it appears that the issues are being addressed by the Village. One issue was a finding by the water district a few years ago that there wasn't sufficient water for additional homes in Plandome, but that was issued a few years ago. The current letter from the Manhasset-Lakeville Water District says there is sufficient water. The Village Planning Board has hired consultants to prepare the necessary reports.

Village of Great Neck (Annie Mendelson): The current moratorium on subdivisions is expiring in a couple months. There is a developer who wants to put in an apartment building where it is zoned, but the citizens are against it.

Village of Manorhaven (Jennifer Wilson-Pines): There was a contentious hearing about building in the marine zone (there's a proposal to put 32 apartments at Haven Marina). But the code says that no more residences may be built and there has to be a retail component. Separately, the County is about to do new landscaping of Manorhaven Blvd.

Other Municipal Updates:

- Plandome Road was closed off briefly during the summer to do the work around Leeds Pond.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- October 17, November 21
- Beach clean-up: September 21
- Army Corps meeting: October 24

Kevin Braun made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm.

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