



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: October 15, 2020, 7:30pm

Zoom Video Conference

Attendance: Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Nora Haagenon (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Don Richardson (Plandome), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Claire Dorfman (Flower Hill), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Mike Malloy (Baxter Estates), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Steve Klyce, Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

Deonarine reminded everyone that they are being recorded in conformance with the Governor's Executive Order 202. Deonarine then introduced two new Committee member representatives: Claire Dorfman (Flower Hill) and Don Richardson (Plandome).

Discussion & Motion points:

1. Mike Ertel made a motion to approve the meeting transcription by MGR reporting at a cost of \$4.45 per page, not to exceed \$800. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All members approved and the motion carried.
2. Mike Ertel made a motion to adopt the minutes of September 17, 2020. Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention.
3. Kevin Braun made a motion to finalize the RFP (Request for Proposals) to hire a contractor to complete a Water Quality Improvement Plan for Manhasset Bay¹ and submit to the Town Board for approval to advertise. Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. All members approved and the motion carried.
4. Mike Ertel made a motion to accept the meeting dates for winter and spring 2021 as follows: January 21, February 25 (4th Thursday), March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All members approved and the motion carried.

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Deonarine then went over the Committee's current financial standing and recommended that the Committee keep the annual dues as they are (to be voted on at the November meeting). Deonarine stated that all the dues payments have been received, except for the County, but Dan Fucci informed the Committee that the money has been approved for 2020 for \$24,000 and the claim submitted. The Nassau County dues should be electronically deposited into the account by the end of the month.

Deonarine informed the Committee that she purchased another domain (manhassetbay.info). Discussion briefly followed about the fact that some web expenses are recurring (such as domain names and certain web designs); the Committee saw no problem in incurring those expenses. Deonarine also informed the Committee that web expenses are currently still under the \$2,000 cap set by the Committee at the June 2018 meeting. Deonarine read the motion from that meeting: *"Kevin Braun made a motion for all web expenses up to \$2,000, Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded."*

Updates:

- Marsh conservation: the Long Island Sound Study hired a consultant to develop a web-based modeling tool to show how marshes will change until 2100. The model was designed to be user friendly as its intent is to be used by municipalities to develop marsh conservation plans.
- Nitrogen BMP tracking tool: Eric Swenson (Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee) was contacted about a nitrogen Best Management Practices (BMP) tracking and accounting tool for Long Island Sound. The consultant is looking for communities who have done BMPs to share their data so that it can be plugged into the tool. Let Deonarine know if you think you can help.
- Deonarine stated that she did complete the community-based social marketing training in September, but said it is quite involved.
- There are no updates on the DEC Water quality monitoring grant, but it will be extended.
- Deonarine met with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) last week regarding Nassau County's Septic Replacement Grant Program. TNC has hired a new person (Katherine Coughlin), through North Shore Land Alliance, to act as expeditor for individuals interested in the grant program and discussion was about possible locations to roll out the program.

Municipal updates

Nora Haagenson (Baxter Estates): Haagenson was on Western Aquifer conference calls this week; they are concerned about nitrogen and salt water seeping into the aquifer. This is an on-going USGS project.

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Updated: 11/16/2020

Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven): The Village of Manorhaven has a new clerk, named Joanie Corbo Hanna, Esq.

Town of North Hempstead: Bob Keane pointed out that the Town was having a STOP (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program that following weekend at Bar Beach. Deonarine also informed that the dredging of the Manorhaven boat ramp was slated to begin that very day (October 15th).

Nora Haagenson (Baxter Estates): The Baxter Beach project is on hold for a year. Assemblyman Tony D'Urso had gotten the project into the \$3B Environmental Bond Act that was intended to go to the voters this year for approval, but it is being pushed back because of economic issues due to Covid. The Village does already have 3D renderings from Cameron.

Mike Ertel (Sands Point): The Village is putting together a Sands Point Beach Consortium that would bring together 15-20 different beach organizations who don't currently work together. Ertel is leading the charge and is trying to emulate the MBPC.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Next meeting: November 12
- On-going: beach clean-up on your own until the end of the year

Mike Ertel made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm