



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: April 23, 2020, 7:30pm

Videoconference

Attendance: Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Erin Molyneux (Councilmember Dalimonte's office), Ray Herbert (Plandome), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Jill Monoson (Thomaston), Steve Klyce, Mike Malloy (Baxter Estates), Rebecca Chu (Kensington), Samantha Wilder (intern), Mariann Dalimonte (Councilmember, District 6), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Meeting officially began at 7:55pm with a quorum in attendance.

Welcome & Introductions

In the light of novel coronavirus, we are meeting virtually as allowed by EO 202. To stay in compliance with EO 202, we have to provide to the public a transcript of this call, so, as a reminder we are being recorded. For introductions, please say and spell your name and mention if you are the designated representative.

Discussion & Motion points:

1. Dianne Sheehan made a motion to approve the meeting transcription by MGR reporting at a cost of \$4.45 per page, not to exceed \$250. Jill Monoson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Ray Herbert made a motion to accept the minutes of February 13, 2020. Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. Dianne Sheehan made a motion to formally adopt the annual dues for 2020 at 20% above the previous year's dues, making the total amount to be collected \$53,400. Jill Monoson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion followed and consensus was that it is OK to send invoices now despite work-from-home orders.
4. Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to accept the Committee's Manhasset Sewer Feasibility Study comments and to forward them along to the Manhasset Chamber of Commerce for consideration. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
5. Annual beach clean-up: Discussion centered on choice of dates in late September/early October to host the annual beach clean-up. October 3rd and September 19th have similar tides, but roadwork and possibly dredging are to begin in Manorhaven in October, so September 19th was the preferred date until it was pointed out that the 19th coincides with Rosh Hashanah. September 26th is also not a possibility is that is the date of the annual Pride in Port. Deonarine also requested \$110 for the 2020 beach cleanup to purchase: more scales, 50 new patches (these will only be given to those who participated last year; last year's leftover patches will go to new participants); and drinks & snacks.

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Updated: 10/13/2020

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to approve a cost of \$110 for the annual beach cleanup tentatively set for October 3rd, but date subject to change. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

6. Ray Herbert made a motion to set the fall 2020 meeting dates as 9/17, 10/15, 11/12. Jill Monoson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
7. Rebecca Chu made a motion to sign-on to the joint letter to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation asking for state financial assistance for embayment monitoring groups for nitrogen monitoring and for covering the costs to be trained in data input into EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and LIQWIDS. Mike Malloy seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Updates:

- WQIP updates and time tracking: Deonarine has been working on the RFP to hire a contractor to take-on the work, but it is slow-moving with the Town of North Hempstead under a State of Emergency. In the coming weeks to months, Committee member representatives should be prepared to review and vote on the RFP and to track their time spent on the project.
- Samantha Wilder's contract is being extended to the end of the year.
- Update on Seabin: The Town is working on contract with Meyran Marine, which will include installation of the Seabin. This will be voted on at the next Town Board meeting.
- 2020 Joint Protection Committee meeting has been postponed until the fall
- The annual MS4 reporting year ended March 9th and you should have received the Committee's contribution to the annual report electronically.

Municipal updates

Due to the novel-Coronavirus and to protect public health, the Town dock is closed, Bay Walk Park is about to be closed, and Manorhaven Beach Town Park is closed.

Tentative upcoming meetings and events:¹

- Next meeting: May 21
- June 18, September 17, October 15, November 12

Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to adjourn 8:29pm

¹ Subject to change due to changing circumstances surrounding the novel-Coronavirus.

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