



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

DRAFT Minutes: April 28, 2022, 7:30pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Carey Ye (Kensington), Claire Dorfman (Flower Hill), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Karen Lynne Siegel (Thomaston), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Kristina Lobosco (Plandome Heights), Maria Branco (Baxter Estates, alternate), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Tom Lang (Plandome Manor), Samantha Wilder (Intern), Stephen Klyce, John Ellsworth (NPV), Sarah Schaefer-Brown (NYSG), Mary Arnold (NYSDEC), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with a quorum in attendance.

Deonarine made everyone aware that the meeting would be recorded and posted to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/V330DFt8xKo>

Note: Action items are in **yellow highlight**. *Motions are in italicized underline.*

At the start of the meeting, Deonarine asked to add to the agenda a welcome to the new members representatives and a discussion of a water quality monitoring report.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION & MOTION:

WQIP: John Ellsworth, who was present on the call, is leading up the team at Nelson, Pope, and Voorhis (NPV) that will be our consultant for the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP). NPV will be looking for input from the Committee on every piece of the plan, since the Committee has the local knowledge. They have already begun work based on the 1999 plan – **watch for materials to comment on in the coming weeks.**

New Member Representatives:

1. Carey Ye, Kensington
2. Kristina Lobosco, Plandom Heights
3. Karen Siegel, Thomaston
4. And the new alternate representative is Maria Branco for Baxter Estates.

The new representatives were welcomed and they each gave a brief introduction of themselves.

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Minutes: *Mike Ertel made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 24, 2022.* Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

2022 Water Quality Report: *Maria Branco made motion to amend the contract with Dvirka and Bartilucci for up to \$10K to do a 2022 Water Quality Monitoring Report.* Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

2022 Boat Tour for Elected Officials: After some discussion it was decided that the Committee would hold the boat tour for elected officials on June 22nd with rain date on the 23rd. Both 6:30 – 8:30pm. Prices have increased, but Deonarine will work to find the lowest boat price possible. *Mike Ertel made a motion for up to \$3500 for the boat tour.* Karen Siegel made a second. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Spring 2022 Beach Clean-ups: *Maria Branco made a motion to increase the spending limit for the spring beach clean-ups to \$300 from \$150.* Tom Lang seconded. This increase is to purchase more gloves, trash bags, and snacks. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Purchase of Educational Retractable Banner for Events: Deonarine asked to table until June.

2022 Harbor Fest: The annual event is back in person at Town Dock on Sunday, June 5th and volunteers are needed to help at the Committee's table. **Volunteer Sign-up:**

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/rb2YLjJa>

Possible Boat Tour(s) for the General Public: Deonarine met with Jeff Zeh and Holly Burns from the Port Washington Public Library about their boat tours for the general public this summer. Their tours will have a historical perspective, not really an environmental one, but they did offer to carry our informational brochures with them. Since they're just getting started and they're starting small, Deonarine recommended putting this off for a year to see how they do and if they want to expand.

Discussion: What is Our Biggest Issue: This will be a topic at the upcoming Joint Protection Committee Meeting on May 12th and Deonarine wanted input from the Committee. Kevin Braun recommended presenting that water quality is the biggest issue and highlight the fact that we're

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re-energizing, reviewing, redoing the WQIP. Mike Ertel agrees, but adds that we have to prioritize messaging about “Manhasset Bay and what we can do to make it better.”

Discussion: Joining a Chamber(s) of Commerce: The Committee agreed that it’s not appropriate for a government committee to join a chamber of commerce.

UPDATES, REMINDERS, & MUNICIPAL UPDATES:

- The Seabin is going to Capris Marina very soon.
- Joint Protection Committee meeting May 12th
- Tabling events – need volunteers for Harbor Fest
- 2022 Dues are still coming in
- Water Quality Improvement Plan (DOS) Grant – update was above
- LINAP: Dan Fuci gave an update on the progress towards the Nassau County 9 Element Plan. It is a nitrogen reduction strategy that is being developed in conjunction with DEC, Stony Brook University, and various stakeholder groups. With new grant opportunities coming in the near future, the anticipation is that this plan will help in securing funding.
- Stormdrain Markers are in and will be distributed in the next week or two
- Feb/Mar monthly snapshot went out and serves as a way to update the Committee without taking too much time during meetings.
- Manorhaven Blvd (County road) reconstruction is proceeding and the contractors were able to lift and put back in place several rain gardens.
- Nassau County (Dan Fucci) has retained a consultant to prepare a grant application to do a review of Shore Rd in Baxter Estates as the erosion at Baxter Beach could affect Shore RD. It is a USDOT RAISE grant for permitting, design, engineering, and construction of a conceptual plan that Baxter Estates chose as well as additional Shore Rd improvements. Recently, Baxter Estates, through an IMA with the County, also retained a consultant to do a conceptual plan of a Bay Walk trail that would connect the current segment to Main St. Kevin Braun informed the group that the Town has design plans and permitting (2012) to extend Bay Walk trail both north to Manorhaven and south to Town Dock. The project also includes wetland restoration and bulkheading. Town has already received a

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DOS grant and closed it out before pandemic. Will resubmit it. **Town and County will coordinate.**

- Great Neck Village will plant drought resistant plants in median when road is done.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Upcoming meetings: June 9 – **Deonarine to check on whether we can still hold them virtually.** Could be at the discretion of the municipality. The recommendation was to stay on zoom until things change.
- Joint Protection Committee meeting: May 12 at 7pm on Zoom
- Beach Clean-up: Saturday, May 7 at Bay Walk Park, 9:30am
- Harbor Fest: Sunday, June 5th

The Manhasset Bay Protection Committee then went into Executive Session and passed *a motion to hire Samantha Wilder as the part-time intern at \$15 per hour, not to exceed \$3,000 through December 31, 2022.*

The meeting was then ended at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

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