



**Approved Minutes
Manhasset Bay Protection Committee
Thursday, January 27, 2005
Great Neck Village Hall • 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Representatives Dan Fucci, Nassau County; Kevin Braun, TNH; Richard Deem, Great Neck; Matt Tamares, Plandome; Mike Prounis, Plandome Manor; Bob Keane, Port Washington North; Gene Woo, Plandome Heights; Jake Eisenman, Baxter Estates; Affiliated members and guests David Lurie, Great Neck Water Pollution Control; Cecelia Ward, TNH Planning; Joel Ziev, TNH; Tricia Moslin, Great Neck

The minutes of December 4, 2004 were approved.

Patrice Benneward reported:

- Dues will remain unchanged for 2005 (\$1,500 for villages; \$5,000 for TNH). Letters will be sent requesting payment in March with payments expected on or about July 1.
- MBPC has \$9,000 to spend for rain event sampling in Stannards Brook and that she is working on finalizing the project plan and interviewing consultants. Paperwork to extend the grant also is being prepared for submission to the state.
- MBPC has \$20,000 to spend on data mining and are working on a project plan; an RFP will be necessary. We are exploring the possibility of working with a university. Paperwork to extend the term of the grant is being prepared for submission to the state.
- About half of member municipalities have submitted their MS4 Phase II letters of participation, which are required to execute the contract for the Phase II bond act grant. Please submit your letter as soon as possible.
- We will soon order several hundred metal storm drain markers. If your municipality hasn't returned its participation form, please do so as soon as possible.
- One of the projects we've been extensively exploring in connection with the Phase II bond act grant is a pesticide-free seminar for landscapers to be held in the winter of 06. There have been extensive conversations with Grassroots Environmental Education, the Port Washington-based group that did the Green Lawn Cards. If this project proceeds, we'll need to get the elected officials on board and a list of permitted landscapers from each municipality. It may be possible for the workshop to be certified by NYS DEC.
- Photos are needed for the traveling exhibit/pop up display made possible through the Long Island Sound Small Grants Program, which really needs to move forward if the display is to be

available for Harborfest. This money must be spent by late September and must address certain concepts specified in the grant.

Kevin Braun made a motion to approve rolling two contracts for member items into one contract, as recommended by the NYS DEC, providing \$3,000 to spend on the Native Plant Garden. Gene Woo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Deem invited MBPC to participate in the Great Neck Craft Fair, which will be held Sunday, May 1.

Gene Woo reported that Plandome Heights wishes to do a home survey. This project may be compatible with the Phase II grant and MBPC may already have some material that can be used for the project. Tom Anh and Patrice Benneward will discuss.

Bob Keane reported that the web site has not expired and all seems to be well.

Dan Fucci reported that the county has received \$500,000 for its Phase II grant. He needs letters of support and requests that they be sent to the county as soon as possible. Nassau County is sponsoring a stormwater workshop in Freeport on February 7.

The next meeting is tentatively set for March 24.