



Final Draft Minutes: March 11, 2010
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Attendees: Bob Keane, Chair, Bill Clemency, Charles Comer, Dan Fucci, Don Parker, Vahan Tanel, Jeff Zeh, Fred Pollack, Joel Ziev, Jeff Ziev, Jennifer Wilson-Pines

Adoption of the Minutes of January 14, 2010

New Business: moved Charles Comer, second Bill Clemency Approved

Welcome, introductions:

2010 MS4 reports: DEC has not supplied a new form as of yet, though they did say that they were making modifications. JWP has filled in the 2009 form and preparing an addendum list of MBPC activities. As soon as the form is finalized, JWP will supply to members. IF YOU USE A CONSULTANT FOR THE REPORT SEND ME THEIR E-MAIL. The reporting period ended March 9, 2010. Reports can be posted on the internet in lieu of public meetings, but it also does have to be publicized.

Blueways trail grant: First steering committee meeting was held last week. Nelson, Pope and Voorhis are the consultants. Steering committee members identified about 50 sites of interest in the 3 embayments. The consultants will be gathering public input over the next few months, including a presence at HarborFest. Big issue is connecting, it's nearly 10 miles via water from the Town Dock to N. Hempstead Beach, and about the same to Stepping Stones in Little Neck. Manhasset Bay Kayak Run is August 7, 9am. 5.5 miles around the Bay.

LISS CAC Meeting March 11: Joint meeting with the NY NJ HEP CAC. The groups made short presentations and then shared ideas for strengthening relationship of CACs and joint promotion and learning. Dredging, funding, public outreach were topics that were mentioned. After lunch the Sound Vision process was discussed. They are trying to ID investments in LI Sound over the last 15 years in infrastructure, monitoring, land acquisition, and restoration. An easy to fill electronic form has been made available, but help is needed in getting the information, especially in NY. The link will be sent out to all members. On the NPS conference call, the group agreed that funding a NY CT land use inventory was a priority. The inventory in CT includes 15 years of land use changes are part of the database.

State EPF Funding: Gov. budget proposes a major slash to EPF funding, a large source of grant funding for MBPC and municipalities. Serious efforts by NGOs to restore funding and stop park closures (only state park in Nassau to be impacted is Jones Beach) Propose the Committee write a joint letter with HHPC to state reps in favor of restoring funding.

Festivals: Several events are coming up; HarborFest June 6, Eco-Fest May 15 & 16, Port Goes Green (JWP), Earth Day April 22 (JWP) LI Envirothon: Need volunteers to help at the booth for HarborFest and Eco-Fest. JWP will set up and be there a portion of all days but needs support. This is a major component of public outreach required by the MS4 permit. JWP will also be a judge at the upcoming LI Envirothon.

Old Business:

Inter-municipal Agreement: Signature pages have been received from four Villages; Baxter Estates, Port Washington North, Plandome Heights and Manorhaven. New pages with date changes were e-mailed to all members. NC sent it to County Exec Mangano and got approval to initiate and encumber the funds. Also sent to the County Atty. office.

TV Show: Three segments were finished and are being shown on N. Hempstead TV. We are looking at re-editing into one presentation and some PSAs.

Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor PC: A meeting for public officials in the municipalities that would be included in the new PC was well attended. It's more complex than the existing PC's as it involves 2 Counties, with 18 potential members. Supervisor Venditto attended and welcomed the group. Presentations were made by NF&W, DEC, NEMO/Sea Grant, Nassau County, Friends of the Bay, HHPC and MBPC. Reception was over all positive. A grant that would fund the start up is being written by TOB.

Stannards Brook Meeting: A public meeting to display the design for renovation of Stannards Brook park in Port Washington was held at the Port Washington Library to a full house. Reception was positive. The RFP for the construction has been put out and returns are expected by the end of the month.

Status of grants: NY State has wired the final payments for the Lablite and Water Quality grants. The DEC MS4 grant will be wrapping up in July, all that is left is creating a power point presentation and tweaking the website. Long Island Sound Futures Fund grants are due May 7, with a webinar next week. JWP is enrolled

Municipal Reports:

Manorhaven Park Boat Ramp. Ramp was "swept" in January. Ramp was 200 feet long, previously there was 130 feet accessible. Sand and debris was removed by the Town Highway Dept. Pot holes are being filled for this season. New plans will make a 12-15 degree ramp (is now at 10 degrees, not enough to back in without submerging the back of the car.) Part of plan to remediate and stabilize the shore line of North Sheets Creek, which is now bonded (\$668,000.)

Sheets Creek East. Debris removal still proceeding. 40 additional tons were removed by hand over the winter by Gus Paul. The Town provided containers, total cost under \$5000. The tug boat is finally gone. Large pipe at the back has serious erosion. County is doing remediation to control erosion. Clean fill, 10' wall, gabian baskets. Pipe comes out of Soundview. Water is coming over land from Ressa property.

Manorhaven Pool renovation. Town is redoing plans. Putting out in new bids April. May enclose part of the pool if the numbers come in.

Port North BayWalk: Art work should be going in this summer.

Baxter: Baxter Pond sedimentation basin was cleaned out by Nassau County. Village will lease and then purchase the "Bird House", as new Village Hall. It is currently owned by Sewer District. Needs to be subdivided as part of transfer of Sunset Park from Sewer Dist. to Town. The house was built for Commander Bird by Mrs. Baxter in about 1912.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8

Meeting dates for 2010: Mark your Calendars! Second Thursday unless noted; March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, AUGUST NO MEETING, *September 16 (Rosh Hashanah is Sept 9) October 14, *November 18 (Veteran's Day is Nov 11), and December 9.

* moved from second Thursday to accommodate holidays.