



**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting • June 22, 2006**  
**Law Library, Town Hall**

**M A N H A S S E T B A Y P R O T E C T I O N C O M M I T T E E**

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**Present:** Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Chairperson; Mike Prounis, Vice Chairperson; Members Fred Pollack (Town of North Hempstead), Tom Savino (Plandome Heights), Bob Keane (Port Washington North), Joe Evans (Munsey Park); Resident Tricia Moslin (Great Neck); Patrice Benneward, Director

*The minutes of May 4, 2006 were adopted.*

**New Business**

**2006 Test Results**—Results from the first few weeks of testing have been good; testing will continue throughout the summer with the assistance of the Little Neck Power Squadron and the TNH Bay Constable. Patrice attended a presentation that Joel Ziev gave to the Power Squadron in June.

**LIS Stewardship Bill/Funding**—One well funded individual in the sponsor's district in CT has apparently won a change in language that defines sites as mean high tide and above, which will drastically narrow the projects eligible for funding. Several groups are banding together to see if something can be done to reverse the situation. MBPC has already joined them in a letter writing campaign and will pursue other avenues that may be effective.

**Sign Contract & Planning (DOS)**—The contract has been signed and executed. Patrice Benneward, Jennifer Wilson-Pines, and Kevin Braun attended a mandatory workshop held by the Dept. of State. The next step will be to establish an advisory committee to meet with DOS. TNH has plans for a kiosk on dock that may be erected by September. Patrice has been attending HHPC's coastal signage meetings.

**Phase II Implementation (DEC)**—The contract has been signed and will soon be forwarded to the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

**Data Mining Project**—The RFP has been posted. We have been approached by three vendors.

**Baywalk**—Patrice Benneward walked the length of the trail last week with Joel. Patrice has attended recent planning sessions for the Manorhaven Preserve portion of the trail; the concept is attached, and a public meeting is projected for October.

**Kayak Event**—The second annual Kayak event is scheduled for July 22. MBPC is a cosponsor. Patrice will provide some flyers for posters and will bring a display to the town dock, weather permitting.

## **Old Business**

**Harborfest Wrap Up**—It was a beautiful day and staffing was adequate. Help is particularly important during set up and break down. Kevin pitched in for set up and Bob Keane helped with break down. Sherry Forgash, Nassau County Soil & Water, also was very helpful during the entire event. Shaesta Waheed and Mike Prounis stopped by to help during the day. We set up with four other organizations in a “U” configuration that gave people a place to stand and linger. The Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee borrowed our popup and we used our new tabletop display unit for a new exhibit. Patrice also redesigned the Native Garden pamphlet and also produced a goose pamphlet.

**Native Plant Garden**—Our student, Micah Birnbaum Hightower, is regularly spending a few hours each week or so in the garden. Conditions have improved as a result, and there have been no complaints from the Business Improvement District or the Chamber of Commerce. However, the literature boxes leak and the plant labels are unreadable. Fred Pollack suggested that perhaps Clark Gardens could help with signage.

**Stannards Brook Study**—The consultant has been paid, and the bill will be submitted to DOS for reimbursement.

**Stannards Brook Stream Bank Restoration Project**—We are discussing the possibility of redirecting this money to more testing or to look at uses within the Standards Brook watershed.

**Storm Drain Marking**—More markers were distributed to Great Neck; markers were also distributed to Joel Ziev for the Bayview neighborhood in Port Washington and to Plandome Manor.

**Bilge Sock Distribution**—A few were distributed at Harborfest and about 30 were delivered to the Bay Constable with handouts. We’ll have another 30 or so for next year and then will have to decide if we want to purchase more.

**LISS Display & Grant Wrap Up**—The final report for this grant will be filed the end of the month; we still do not have the graphics we anticipated.

## **MUNICIPAL REPORTS**

Jennifer reported that the Citizen’s Advisory Council met last Friday. The LI Sound Study intends to move from a nutrient model to a more biologically-based model that will be better suited for tracking the effects of global warming, hypoxia, temperature changes, and other conditions on fauna and flora.

Mike suggested meeting during the summer to plan a fundraising event at Leeds Pond to raise money to support a curriculum being developed by the museum. Fred Pollack, Jennifer

*The next meeting will be Thursday, September 21.*