



Adopted minutes for July 31, 2008

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Attending: Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Chair/Manorhaven), Charles Comer (Baxter Estates); Bob Keane (Port Washington North), Patrice Benneward (Director), Fred Pollack (Town of North Hempstead).

The minutes of April 24 were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Events: The committee exhibited at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery Spring Fair, Clark Garden Ecofest, and Harborfest.

Leadership of the Committee: On a motion by Jennifer Wilson Pines seconded by Bob Keane, Patrice Benneward's resignation from the directorship was accepted. On a motion by Fred Pollack seconded by Charles Comer, Jennifer Wilson-Pines was unanimously elected Executive Director. On a motion by Charles Comer seconded by Fred Pollack, Bob Keane was elected Chairperson. Jennifer's appointment will be placed on the Town of North Hempstead Town Council Agenda for September, thus enabling her to be paid.

OLD BUSINESS

Stannards Brook: The data from the second round of testing has been completed and incorporated into the previous report. This grant can now be closed.

Manhasset Bay Data Mining: The contractor (Lablite) is incorporating comments and will submit a second draft. A meeting should be set up between Lablite and TNH technical services regarding website needs; training arrangements also should be made. Once these items are accomplished, completed, and accepted, the bill can be paid and the grant can be closed.

Science Museum Curriculum: We are waiting for the museum to submit the Manhasset Bay curriculum and outreach information. Upon acceptance and approval of these materials, the museum can submit a bill for the remainder of payment.

Member Items: We are using funds from three \$1,500 member items obtained through Tom DiNapoli to maintain the Native Plant Garden and have received word that we will be receiving another 1,500 member item through Michelle Schimel. Enough money has been spent that the DiNapoli items can probably be closed out.

DEC Grant: This grant contains funds for education projects. The timeline has expired and needs to be reworked. A good approach would be to focus on educational projects made possible by this grant.

MBPC Agreement: Patrice Benneward reported that it is important for the committee to renew its membership agreement to move forward with applying for new grants. Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee has done this. The process was laborious and the new agreement, which is very similar to the old one, contains some language that eventually helped get the document signed by all of the member municipalities. HHPC's new agreement and MBPC's old agreement can be used as models. A good approach would be to draft the agreement and present it to TNH attorney Andy Hyman. Once the agreement has passed Andy's inspection, it can be submitted to municipalities.

Workspace: The Committee's workspace was taken by another department. Jennifer Wilson-Pines, and Councilman Fred Pollack will work on obtaining another space within TNH, as well as the necessary equipment.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1.