



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Approved Minutes October 11, 2012 Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Bass, Charles Comer, Nora Haagenson, John Walters, Joel Ziev, Kevin Braun, JWP

Adoption of the Minutes of July 12, 2012, September 13, 2012. July Moved: Jeff Bass, Second: Nora Haagenson, September Moved: Joel Ziev Second: Charles Comer

New Business:

Welcome, introductions:

Invite to Nassau County Soil and Water District advisory board: Initial meeting postponed due to bad weather.

Long Island Water Quality Coordinating Committee: The first meeting of the larger steering committee was held on Oct 9, the Nassau and Suffolk SWCD's, Cornell Cooperative Suffolk, Seagrant and the 3 Committees. The group will invite a larger steering committee and discussed ideas of how to proceed. This will help MS4 municipalities outside of Protection Committees to interact. Jeff Bass pointed out that NCVOA might be a good way to organize south shore municipalities.

Interpretive signage: The first 3 signs are installed. Paul Singer has made a proposal for 3 additional signs and a kiosk. Baxter Pond needs some clearing of vegetation to view down pond, Village will ask landscaper. Over 10 K Town bidding limit, Get another bid to compare, who did the Sand Miners monument.

Water Quality Monitoring: Closed out the year on September 12. Reading for most sites were good the entire season. Baxter Beach readings had the most issues with 3 incidences where a beach closing would have resulted. Manorhaven beach had 2 instances of high readings, on the same dates as Baxter so it was a wide spread issue. There may be an issue with having Nassau County test samples next year if our contact, John Jacobs, retires.

NCVOA Meeting: NCVOA formed an MS4 Committee last spring with Mike Keffer as technical advisor. October 9, Mike Keffer of H2M gave a presentation to the VOA on how to prepare for a DEC or EPA audit of your MS4 plan. He sent out a survey to all the villages, had a 20% response and incorporated into his survey. Information will be going out in the VOA newsletter to encourage all the Mayors to learn about this issue. He mentioned that under the new audits they will visit all municipal facilities and may cite violations outside of the MS4 program.

Review and update bylaws, mission statement: Table to November, and then appoint a subcommittee to make recommendations to the Committee.

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Set Committee dues for 2013: Advise to remain at same level, \$1500 per Village, \$5000 for Town. Get statement from Controller office to members. Dues have not increased since 1998.

Meeting Calendar for 2013: Second Thursday: 1/10, 2/14 (Valentine's Day) or 2/7? 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13or Boat Trip?, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12 (Day before eve of Yom Kippur) 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

Old Business:

Invite special districts to attend meetings: Thanks to Great Neck WPCD and PWPL Nautical Council for responding to our invitation. Great Neck Parks has their board meeting on the same schedule, so will not be able to attend. PWPLNC has been an especially beneficial because of the cooperation and help in public education.

CESSPOOL: JWP wrote up a set of parameters for an informational survey. Will be looking to write up and release an RFP for the survey before 2013. The Group also received the Phase 2 grant, which was announced last month. This will be for education of municipal official, building Dept. personnel and commercial providers.

Green infrastructure Conference: The steering committee met on October 9. BNL was selected as the site again, due to ease of use and costs. Save the Date: June 12. This year will include both energy and stormwater as conference topics. A new website will be going up soon. Will look Nassau site for 2014, possibly Farmingdale.

Beach Clean Up: The beach clean up was held on Sept 22 and 23. There were 36 Girl Scout volunteers and parents at the Manorhaven Beach clean up with 318 pounds removed from the beach and creek, including a bike frame. On Sunday the Youth Group from St Stephen's Church cleaned Baxter's Beach and removed 150 pounds of debris.

Grant updates: Will file final request for Futures Fund on Monday.

Municipal Reports:

Great Neck: Jeff Bass: GNWPCD is on schedule to complete their new plant October 2013 should be complete, with a shakedown of about 8 months, should be fully online by June 2014 after which point the Village plant will be abandoned and demolished.

Baxter Estates: Nora Haagenson; Issues with homeless in the park. Major forceline from sewage plant blew up adjacent to Bay (Shore Rd Town parking lot) and has been weeks of repair- how much went into Bay? County came and cleaned catch basin at Central and Tiandera, but it's still collapsing. Owner/operator (County) will be fined for violations.

Adjourn: Jeff Bass, Seconded: Nora H

2012 dates, 2nd Thursday: 11/15 (moved to avoid Town budget Hearing), 12/13

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