



APPROVED MINUTES

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 Town of North Hempstead Law Library
 7:30 P.M.

MANHASSET BAY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Nassau County: The county has received the state contract for its \$500,000 MS4 implementation grant and will contact municipalities for a letter of commitment for an in-kind service match (75 hours each year over two years). Starting date for the in-kind services is already ticking. Anything that municipalities do to fulfill their storm water program qualifies, including MBPC programs. The grant will include funding of a rotating county display.

The county has an RFP out for preparation of a model drainage ordinance and for a model ordinances pertinent to municipal operations that will be available to municipalities. Every village will get CD copies and hard copies of the final reports. (Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee is working on several model codes, including steep slope recommendations).

Plandome: The village is checking drains once a week.

Town of North Hempstead: TNH is apply for Bar Beach restoration funds and has initiated a visioning process. The public component of the visioning process will kick off in January. Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington also is involved in visioning process for Port Washington. There will be a presentation on the future of Hempstead Harbor and Bar Beach parks at the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington annual meeting at the Port Washington Library at 7:30 p.m. on December 9.

Baxter Estates: Codification, which may help encourage a movement toward uniform codes, is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues: The county has authorized payment of the \$25,000 owed to the committee. The next step is to file claim forms for appropriate expenses. There has been no word from Thomaston in some time, although its MS4 says it is part of MBPC. Mayor Deem of Great Neck will contact Mayor Stern of Thomaston.

Representative Status: There was a misunderstanding about the official status of the Great Neck representative to the committee. This underscores the importance of good communication with everyone's respective administrations. Please be sure to let me know what your status is.

Member Item: MBPC received \$1,500 through Assemblymen DiNapoli (handout).

LISS Grant: MBPC has received \$5,000 from the Long Island Sound Study Small Grant Program for creation of a portable display. Please submit photos you have of committee member water quality improvement activities and information you may have about display manufacturers.

Geese Peace: Plans call for workshops to be held in February or early March. Egg oiling will start in late March and end in May, followed by a short gap in control activities and then a 6-week-long dog aversion program that ends when the birds start to molt in June. The goal is to have active aversion programs in nine clusters, which should cover most of the county. Notices to villages, parks departments, and school districts (Massapequa participated in last year's pilot program) will be mailed early in 2005. MBPC will support these activities with educational activities, including press releases and by including Geese Peace activities in the display the is being designed.

Liquid Natural Gas Terminal: See handout for information.

Letter of support: MBPC did a letter of support for the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's application for funding to expand its water quality testing program in Hempstead Harbor (handout).

Alternate meeting locations: There is a great demand for space at town hall. Meeting at the other villages is a good way of acquainting the committee with member villages and making the villages feel more involved. Mayor Deem suggests Great Neck for the next meeting, provided village hall is available.

OLD BUSINESS

Sound Garden: The garden is in desperate need of a fall cleanup, winter clean up, and ongoing maintenance.

Resolution: To designate the above mentioned member item for Sound Garden needs.

The above resolution was proposed by Michael Prounis, seconded by Mayor Deem, and passed unanimously by those present.

When this use is approved by the state, MBPC will do a press release and another thank you to Assemblyman DiNapoli.

Stannards Brook: MBPC has received the county's dry flow study, which will be used to prepare an RFP for post-rain event testing this spring. The county will be installing a trash rack and improving the stream bank and drainage device at the outflow. MBPC's stream bank restoration funds may be best used a little further up the stream.

Storm Drain Marking: A letter explaining the program and application form have been sent to the municipalities. Metal markers are preferred over stenciling and vinyl because they are more durable (although more expensive).

Column for Weeklies: Story on summer 04 Manhasset Bay test results was submitted and used by Manhasset Press (handout). Next topic will probably be the storm drain marking, perhaps followed by Geese Peace. We'll probably do another MB story when testing resumes in the spring or summer. We'll try to include a "report card" graphic showing the improvement in water quality over time, as it wasn't possible to do it this time. The data that John Jacobs, Nassau County Department of Health, is providing may be useful toward this end. Please submit story ideas and notes. If you have any pictures of storm drain marking or Geese Peace activities, please send them to Patrice. If you know of anybody at the weeklies, please talk the column up. We could use a little help with the Great Neck and Port Washington publications.

Water Quality Testing: The county will provide results from last 10 years of county testing in the bay. The next step is to contact graduate programs with an outline of proposal to analyze the data for confidence intervals that can be used to guide future testing. It appears that in 05 the county could handle up to four additional open water sites. This data would be incorporated into the confidence interval study. The costs and logistics of installing a stationary probe are being investigated. There is about one day a week of labor involved for both maintenance and data collection. Maintenance and labor needs run in the thousands for the year.

Resolution: To expand the summer program to include sampling from up to four new open water locations dependent on county's ability to process and staffing.

The above resolution was proposed by Ken Arnold, seconded by Mike Prounis, and unanimously passed by those present.

Ocean Zoning: See LIS Summit Conference handout for information.

MS4 Support: About 45 of 65 possible participants attended the county and NEMO "good housekeeping" workshop. See the NEMO handout, which provides a list of sources of practical information. A second conference is planned for mid February targeted to building inspectors, contractors, and consulting engineers.

Fundraising: Mike Prounis is exploring the possibility of an event tied to a boat tour of the bay, possibly with an auction that includes one of Shaesta Waheed's paintings. He also is thinking about how to target a variety of audiences.

Dredging: MBPC dredge study has been sent to NYS Dept. of State (handout).

Website: Bob Keane is coordinating domain name renewal and transition to a new host server.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Great Neck Village Hall, 61 Baker Hill Road (482-0019).