



DRAFT MINUTES
Manhasset Bay Protection Committee
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Attending: Chairperson Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Manorhaven; Councilman Fred Pollack, TNH; Peter Mikulik, TNH; Bob Keane, Port Washington North; Shaesta Waheed, Sands Point; AJoel Ziev, TNH; Patrice Benneward, director; Tricia Moslin, Great Neck resident

The minutes of September 8th were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

There is currently no Munsey Park representative. Fred will follow up. Thomaston and Kensington have not attended MBPC meetings for some time. All 2005 dues (except Nassau County) are paid.

A 2005 mailing to mayors is planned for early 2006 to include the year's minutes along with a cover letter summarizing the year's activities. It might be possible to include the 2006 bills with the mailing.

Several MBPC members attended the recent DOS Water Quality Communities conference at Bethpage State Park, which focused on linking waterfronts and historic landmarks.

A recent DEC mailing and conference outlined several changes to the Phase II reporting format that are likely to be burdensome. The committee will send a letter to that effect and will provide a copy to member municipalities in case they wish to use it as a prototype.

Jennifer and Joel will participate in the Residents for A More Beautiful Port Washington Annual Meeting at the Port Washington Library on Monday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. They'll bring a display that focuses on what member municipalities are doing to decrease stormwater runoff.

The committee received an invitation to join the "Vision for the Future of Long Island's Lands and Waters" coalition. While the committee finds the stated goals of the coalition laudable, it declined to join the coalition due to the committee's status as an intermunicipal government organization.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob continues to pursue straightening out passwords for the domain name and host of the website with a view toward renewal. He'll contact the Chamber of Commerce and Town of North Hempstead to see about links. Bob will send Patrice any Yahoo password information he gets and will circulate a link to the offline site for review.

All contest material has been mailed to middle schools and libraries, but no entries have been

received yet. The deadline has been extended to Jan 31. Patrice Benneward will also get materials to scouts, and Peter will make follow up phone calls to the schools. Contest forms will also be available at the Resident's meeting. These activities full requirements of the Long Island Sound Study Small Grant program.

Manhasset Bay Maps and literature have been distributed to middle schools. Additional literature with a contest reminder will be mailed next week. Peter will include a reminder about the maps and literature in his contest calls. This fulfills certain requirements of the MS4 Phase II NYS DEC grant.

We received \$4,500 as reimbursement from LISS and an extension to spring to accommodate the contest. We have purchased a pop up display unit that has been used twice; additional graphics are still in production. The remaining \$500 outstanding will be claimed in the spring.

EEA, our consultant for Stannards Brook testing, is hoping to accomplish a second round of testing at Stannards Brook by December 21 as outlined in the program plan for the NYS DOS grant. We paid EEA \$3,000 for the first round of testing and submitted a voucher to the state for reimbursement (still awaiting payment). The total cost of the project (two rounds of testing and a report) is \$9,000.

NYS DOS/Coastal Resources is working on the contract for the grant for signs around Manhasset Bay. Please submit any ideas, photos, and locations that you or your municipalities may have. Fred reports that the town photographer can probably help with photography needs. We would also like to draw on volunteer photographers.

The fall clean up for the Native Plant Garden is done and wood chips have been laid down. The sprinkler system still needs to be blown out, and the cloth cover on the south side of the garden still needs to be replaced. A meeting with Clark Gardens is in the works; the town can help with signage, which needs to be expanded and/or replaced.

It's not too early to think about themes or to gather materials for displays for spring events.

The work plan has been submitted for the DEC MS4 grant.

Great Neck has requested more storm drain markers. We need to hear from others who have participated in the program.

Concerns were expressed about Mill Pond overflow in heavy rain and drainage control at the Equinox site. There has been some buyer interest in the Commander Oil/Waldbaum's site.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 7:30p.m., location TBA