



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: November 10, 2016 Meeting, 7:30pm
Supervisor’s Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendance: Chuck Idol (Baxter Estates), Pasqua Dziadul (Sands Point), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Chris Shannon (Councilwoman DiGeorgio’s office), Ray Herbert (Plandome), Brian Herrington (Flower Hill), To-on Pang (Thomaston), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Note: Action items are in ***bold highlighted, underlined italics.*** Motions are highlighted in blue.

Meeting was called to order and storm water medallions were distributed as follows:

- Flower Hill (50),
- Manorhaven (50),
- Port Washington North (20),
- Thomaston (20)

Motion points:

Ray Herbert moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016. Pasqua Dziadul seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Dianne Sheehan made a motion to keep the 2017 dues at previous levels (see below). Dan Fucci seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

COUNTY OF NASSAU	45% of total	\$20,000
TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD	11% of total	\$5,000
MUNICIPALITIES	44% of total	\$1,500 each

Discussion on MS4 draft permit: NYSDEC has released the draft general permit for stormwater discharges (MS4 program). On a phone call hosted by DEC last week, they said formal requests for a comment period extension would be helpful as the comment period is short and ends right when the new semi-annual reports are due. Deonarine drafted a formal request for an extension to the public comment period. Chuck Idol made a motion for Deonarine to send out the letter after adding language about who MBPC is. Dianne Sheehan seconded and all were in favor, none opposed. Chuck Idol requested a checklist of best practices that each municipality has to do to comply with the permit (e.g., each municipality should have one central folder of information, an updated Policy and Procedures document, a consultant’s review and implementation plan, etc). ***Deonarine to find more information and to send out information about the Phase II listserv.***

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Kevin Braun made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 meeting dates, Brian Herrington seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The dates are: January 12, February 2, March 9, April 6, May 4, June 8, September 14, October 12, November 9.

Director's Updates (10 minutes):

Summer smell & shellfish die-off: DEC could not find live shellfish to sample, but a Long Island Sound monitoring station nearby had very low dissolved oxygen. DEC is attributing the die-off to hypoxia (low dissolved oxygen) and heat stress. Deonarine to look into whether this summer was hotter than usual.

CESSPOOL: The website is live and a limited number of materials have been printed that will be offered to the municipalities for Village Hall kiosks and to go out in any "welcome to the neighborhood" or other type mailings. People in unsewered areas likely already received a postcard in the mail directing them to the website (GetPumpedLI.org). The core group is working on news articles, letters to the editor, etc to get the word out and will also offer articles for Village newsletters and the like.

DMMP: NY Governor Cuomo has formally objected to the Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan, saying that it is inconsistent with NYS coastal policies. Despite this, the EPA issued a final rule on November 4th designating an Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site just west of the existing New London dump site (which is closing on December 23rd) and entirely in Connecticut State waters.

Bacteria TMDL: Currently Manhasset Bay is not subject to any Total Maximum Daily Loads, but Deonarine was on a call that DEC hosted last week to talk about what is happening with their three bacteria TMDLs for Long Island. DEC has contacted EPA expressing their intent to withdraw these three TMDLs, pending revision, as DEC has found new information that indicates these TMDLs incorrectly identified the sources of impairment and/or the relative contribution from certain sources of impairment and, in turn, incorrectly allocated reductions. This was just a fact-sharing telephone call, but DEC expects the process to take three years and currently has \$300,000 allocated.

Municipal Updates (30 minutes)

Flower Hill (Brian Herrington): Mayor Elaine Phillips was just elected state legislator and she is knowledgeable in water quality.

LIS Citizens Advisory Committee (Jennifer Wilson-Pines): The CAC proposed a letter to DEC to make its MS4 permit more stringent, but the NY members pushed back.

Jennifer Wilson-Pines: The cormorants are feasting in Mill Pond, the fish must be thriving. This year saw thousands of menhaden and a successful colony of breeding terns as well as whale sightings near the bay.

6th Council District, Councilwoman De Giorgio's office (Chris Shannon): The Town has federal funding (FEMA – Sandy) to dredge around Town Dock, but it's not for the main channel. The Town has RFP out for engineering, but DPW makes the selection; Chris reached out to the Commissioner, but hasn't heard anything. De Giorgio has reached out to state representatives to look for funding for the main channel, but nothing yet.

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Plandome Manor (Jed Siegel): Leeds Pond culvert under Plandome Road – it has been sinking and Mayor Donno has been meeting with people and it will be addressed soon. Town will redo the pipe, but not sure when and what the impacts to traffic will be. Town has state funding for it.

Nassau County (Dan Fucci): Tim Kelly is retiring. The County will be federally audited (EPA) for compliance with the MS4 permit. Nassau Co is being audited by EPA.

Thomaston (To-on Pang): The Village is going to renovate traffic island and he is pushing for a rain garden. Unfortunately, all the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District rain garden seminars are on weekends and his building department hasn't gone. It was recommended that he talk to Patricia or David at NCSWCD for information on upcoming seminars.

Baxter Estates (Chuck Idol): There was an unfortunate article in the Port Washington Times about the LIS report card and he told the reporter that he was displeased with the "F." This would be a good opportunity for us to get an article into the paper about what the Committee is doing.

Plandome Heights (Dianne Sheehan): The Village is doing road construction (repaving).

Port Washington North, Baywalk Park (Bob Keane): The plantings are in, the rain garden will be finished tomorrow, and the pavings are done. They expect to be complete in mid-December with a ribbon cutting in May 2017.

Kevin Braun made a motion to adjourn. Brian Herrington seconded.

Upcoming meetings: January 12, February 2, March 9

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