



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2015 Meeting, 7:30 – 9pm

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

Attendees: Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, 4th district, Sabereh Samet (Legislative Aide to Councilwoman), Karen Reichenbach (Flower Hill), Jeff Bass (Great Neck), Bob Keane (Chair – Port Washington North), Erin Reilley (TNH), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Kevin Braun, Sarah Deonarine, Matt Temares (Village of Plandome)

Call to Order

Sarah Deonarine called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40pm.

Review and Approval of the Draft Minutes of February 19, 2015 -

Jeff Bass moved to approve the minutes of the February 19th meeting, as edited. Erin seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved them.

New Business

Curb medallion and glue distribution

Curb medallions were handed out in the following quantities:

Kensington (Sabereh Samet)	50
Baxter Estates (Sarah Deonarine)	30
Port Washington North (Bob Keane)	20
Town (Erin Reilley)	10
Great Neck (Jeff Bass)	50
Flower Hill (Karen Reichenbach)	40

Plenty of glue tubes remained after the distribution; let Sarah Deonarine know if you require more.

Festivals:

- 4/22 – Earth Day at Port Washington Library (first ever)
 - 4 – 6:30pm (or as late as 9pm), set-up at 3:30
 - Refreshments at 7:30pm
- 5/2 & 5/3 – EcoFest at Clark Botanic Gardens

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- Kevin Braun may be able to help
- 6/7 – Harbor Fest in Port Washington
 - Possible volunteers: Bass family, Kevin Braun, Bob Keane

June 10th Boat tour The boat tour is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 6-8pm. The invoice from Meyran Marine is for \$750. Jeff Bass moved that the Executive Director book and plan the boat tour not to exceed \$1000 and to include food (as appropriate) and drink (with possibility to amend at next meeting). Erin Reilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Post-meeting follow-up: the charter fee does not include any food or beverages, though they do have bottled water on board. The trip is limited to 30 passengers.

Joint meeting The Joint Protection Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 13 at Cedarmere (225 Bryant Ave, Roslyn Harbor). Meeting details are still being worked out, but it will likely begin at 7pm and will feature Drs. Sandra Garren and Bob Brinkman. The property is owned by Nassau County, but managed by the Hagedorn Foundation and they require liability coverage, which would run around \$40 per Protection Committee. Karen Reichenbach made a motion for the Committee to cover liability insurance not to exceed \$50. Jeff Bass seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee has always had an informal meeting before the joint meeting. **Therefore, the May 14th meeting will be canceled in lieu of meeting briefly before the Joint Meeting.**

Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) proposals LISFF proposals are due May 7th and a very good and thorough discussion ensued about potential projects. Eventually the group decided to pursue a boater hygiene education grant with the following components:

- Use the previous bilge sock LISFF grant and build upon it
- Boat pumpout education and locations (Bay constables can track the use of pump-out stations)
- Brochures about boat pumpouts
- Presentations at yacht clubs around the bay
- Ask Mal Nathan if he and his constables will be able to distribute information and/or products (i.e., bilge socks)
- Use figures (i.e., how many boats, how economical) about Manhasset Bay to get a boater grant

Erin Reilley made a motion to apply for a small or large grant (depending on budget) for boater education. Deonarine will keep up informal communication with the group as the proposal develops. Jeff Bass seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A final vote will be made retroactively for both the Committee and the Town Board.

Queens College Resiliency and Water Quality (WQ) Monitoring Proposal Erin Reilley spoke on the Queens College grant proposal: Peter Schmidt is applying to NOAA for a grant to do educational/instructional workshops on Coastal Resiliency and WQ monitoring and focused specifically on Long Island Sound. Once trained, individuals would have access to a global database. WQ monitoring on the north shore is fragmented, but this effort could bring it together. Schmidt needed letters of support by the 9th, Reilley sent him something brief.

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Deonarine had followed up with Schmidt and he indicated that he had all the support letters he needed, but, if they received the grant, he would be back in touch for participation.

Dues Kevin Braun gave background, stating that MBPC (looking back through files) hasn't had an increase in more than 10 years. This group has always been sensitive to market downturns, etc, and has not previously pursued a dues increase. The impetus for asking for an increase now is a few different factors. Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee just asked for and received a 10% increase in dues, making their current annual income (\$90,750) double ours (\$44,500) with fewer entities paying in. Second, this committee will need resources to move forward: with a reinigorated MBPC, the Committee will have more cash outlays (e.g., an Exec Dir who puts in more hours, more grants coming in would mean more match requirements, more projects the Committee takes on out-right, etc), but municipal finances are only going to get tighter, so, if we don't increase now, we may not be able to in the foreseeable future. A 10% increase equates to \$150 annually for each Village.

The subject was discussed, but Kevin Braun expressed that we do not need to vote on it tonight, this is something to **take back to your villages and discuss.** Karen Reichenbach of Flower Hill feels that a 10% increase is appropriate, since that is what HHPC received.

Erin Reilley asked if a budget (how expenditures are broken down) was available, but Kevin Braun indicated that there hasn't been a budget in the past. Additional complications are also presenting themselves as it doesn't appear that the Committee received dues from the County last year. **Sarah Deonarine agreed to work on a justification and budget and, at the same time, the community representatives will bring up a 10% increase with their municipalities.**

Retention Policy Is there a records retention policy that the MBPC Executive Director must follow? **Kevin Braun to get opinion from town attorney.**

Chair and Co-chair nominations Due to personal time constraints, Bob Keane would like to step-down from the chair position (which has no tenure limit), but he will continue as the Port Washington North representative. Jeff Bass is the vice chair. It was decided to take nominations at this meeting and vote at next meeting. Bob Keane and Matt Temares both nominated Jeff Bass as the chair. We will need a vice chair, as well. **Deonarine to reach out for additional nominations for Chair and Vice-chair.**

Old Business

CESSPOOL Deonarine gave a brief update. The Protection Committees are applying to LISFF for a "train the inspector" educational grant (4th phase), Sea Cliff will be the sponsor.

Interpretive signage The sign designs are in and need editing. Additionally, the fabrication costs have increased by \$50 due to a miscalculation (we need three proofs at \$25 each, not just one). **Jeff Bass moved for covering the increase of \$50, Dan Fucci seconded.** The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Reports

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Due to a full agenda, there was not time to cover municipal reports at this meeting, but Jeff Bass did inform the group that Avalon Bay is remediating their property.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Next Meeting Dates: May 13 – Joint Protection Committee meeting (brief meeting beforehand), June 10 – Boat Trip, September 17, October 15, December 10/17

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