



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes, 7:30pm

Supervisor's Conference Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Sarah Deonarine (Executive Director), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio, Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Pasqua Dziadul (Sands Point), To-on Pang (Thomaston), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Erin Reilly (TNH), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Bob Keane (Port Washington North, Chairman), Nora Haagenon (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Jeff Greener (Kensington), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (representative from Legislator Delia DeRiggi Whitton's office), Buddy Vetrone (citizen), Michael Vetrone (citizen), Sabereh Samet (Aide to Councilwoman Kaplan), Megan McCarty (Aide to Councilwoman De Giorgio), Lynne Aloia (Plandome Heights).

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with welcome and introductions. The Executive Director distributed copies of the Long Island Sound Study's new Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan public summary document. ***Let Deonarine know if you need more.***

Municipal Updates

Town of North Hempstead Planning Department (Kevin Braun): Town did a treatment at Mill Pond for *Phragmites* at the end of October and there will be a final cut next spring. Less than 50% of the *Phragmites* is left and the plantings have exceeded expectations. Hopefully the next treatment will be the last.

Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) and District 6 (Councilwoman De Giorgio): The WAC is looking for a project and hoping for a collaboration. The WAC is made up mostly of yacht clubs, civic associations, and businesses that border Manhasset Bay. Town dock is a big issue – looking for FEMA reimbursement for damage done during Sandy. Deonarine was approved to replace JWP on the WAC at the October 20th Town Board meeting.

Sands Point (Pasqua Dziadul): The Village is doing regular street sweeping, which is part of their good housekeeping plan for their Stormwater Phase II permit.

Nassau County (Dan Fucci): The Attorney's office has had the IMA since right after the Committee's last meeting, but Fucci was unable to get an update as the Attorney has been out sick. The other major project: erosion control at 88 Shore Road on Sheets Creek (behind apartments and near Chabad). Nassau County has permits and met with contractor to go through pre-construction. Gabion baskets will be installed.

Thomaston (To-on Pang): Village bought a new street sweeper for over \$200,000.

Kensington (Jeff Greener): No updates, but they are in for the IMA.

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Town of North Hempstead Sustainability Office (Erin Reilley): Monofilament fishing line receptacles are done and a press release will be coming out. There was an exploratory meeting on 11/12 about shared services for MS4 stormwater program management, i.e., one contractor doing all GIS work and reporting. It is a way to have economy of scale and achieve efficiencies while achieving compliance. 14 villages out of 30 attended (there were 22 Villages on the WQIP grant application to DEC).

Great Neck (Anne Mendelson): Nothing new to report. They are also doing street sweeping.

District 4: no updates

Port Washington North (Bob Keane): The Village is finalizing bid documents for Bay Walk Phase II, which will be done on the old Lewis Oil Property – across from Stop & Shop. The number of people using it have increased dramatically. When the whole project is done, it will be 1.8 miles from Town Dock to Town Park – Braun is working on securing funding.

Baxter Estates (Nora Haagenson): Thanks to Dan Fucci for getting the pond cleaned up. The Village also hosted resident clean-up and bulb planting at the pond at end of October, which was very successful. Dina De Giorgio and Jennifer Wilson-Pines attended. The big on-going issue for the Village is Shore Road which floods (right by the beach is lowest point on Shore Road) and is the major evacuation route for points north. The Village is hoping to come up with a plan to stabilize the beach and become a part of the Bay Walk. The sidewalk undermined during Sandy and it is likely to become a major problem in a few years. Additionally, there are a lot of utilities, etc that pass under the road. The Village sent another letter to the Nassau County Department of Public Works Commissioner.

Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton's office (District 11, Jennifer Wilson-Pines): The Legislator submitted microbead legislation today to ban them in products sold in Nassau County in order to phase out their use. Microbeads are tiny plastic beads put into personal care products as an abrasive; they aren't caught by WWTPs, so they end up in the waterways absorbing toxins from the water and being ingested by wildlife. This issue first came to light in the Great Lakes. An estimated 1.3 tons of microbeads have been injected into south shore waterways. State legislation for a similar ban passed the assembly, but failed in senate. Despite that, producers have taken notice and are meeting with Assemblywoman Schimel. Two NYS counties have adopted this legislation and six have it pending, which puts pressure on the State. Several states have adopted it. Department of Public Works and Weights and Measures would enforce it.

There was a massive menhaden die-off a couple weeks ago. They crammed into outfall at Baxter Beach, some had bite marks, not big kill relative to size of the school that was in the Bay. Others swam almost to Northern Blvd in Manhasset Valley Park. There were too many for birds to eat. A few Town staff and the ED responded to concerns from the public: a lot of people have the wrong idea about what's happening, so it is good to educate them.

Plandome Heights: no updates.

Public comments: Buddy Vetrone has volunteered to help the Committee however possible, especially in coordinating volunteers as he can reach out to his Manhasset Crew Team and the Plandome Sunfish. Other possibilities: helping Sands Point install curb medallions and asking the Plandome Village Board to install dog waste baskets (side note: you can call 311 to report someone throwing dog waste bags into storm drains). A group of young people have gotten really into fishing – so the Bay is of interest to them.

Old Business:

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Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) status:

- The IMA is at the County Attorney’s office.
- There was very brief discussion about the Town suggested change to 7. ~~The COMMITTEE shall provide each member municipality with reasonable notice of the dues and they~~ Dues shall be paid within ~~reasonable time~~ thirty (30) days following the start of the municipality’s fiscal year.
- **Nora Haagenon made a motion to accept. Jeff Greener seconded. Passed unanimously.**

New Business:

Meeting minutes: **Erin Reilley motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 29, 2015 as amended, Pasqua Dziadul seconded. Nora Haagenon abstained, but the motion carried.** The amendments were specifically to the TNC presentation summary and are:

- Under “Manhasset Bay specific information,” specify that these are based on the TNC model. The sentence now reads: “According to TNC’s model, our largest Nitrogen sources are WWTP (49%) and cesspools/septics (35%).”
- Add that sources are to the watershed, not directly to bay and are strictly residential, does not include businesses.
 - Added the word “watershed” to the second bullet under that same section. So, this bullet now reads, “Size of pie charts relates to the size of the watershed load and MB has the largest load of the three.”
 - Added a fourth bullet to this section that states, “It is important to note that TNC modeled land-based sources in the watershed and does not include what is coming in and out through the mouth of the Bay, particularly the CSOs from New York City. Additionally, these sources strictly account for residential inputs and do not account for businesses.”

2016 dues: Some discussion over the dues structure transpired. **Jeff Greener made motion to maintain the dues at their previous levels. Erin Reilley seconded. All were in favor.** Note: after a 60 day review period, the dues will be considered final and set for 2016.

Municipal Level	Current Dues	%
County (1)	\$20,000	45
Town (1)	\$5,000	11
Villages (13)*	\$19,500	44
Totals:	\$44,500	100

*\$1,500 per village

Recognition award: Former Executive Director and long-time Committee representative, Jennifer Wilson-Pines was given a recognition award by the Committee for her years of service (and continuing service) at last summer’s boat tour. **Jeff Greener made a motion to pay for Wilson-Pine’s recognition award, not to exceed \$250. Erin Reilley seconded and all were in favor.**

Website costs: The Manhasset Bay Protection Committee maintains an educational website (<http://www.manhassetbayprotectioncommittee.org>) which has proven a valuable asset for the MS4 work of the Villages. **Jeff Greener made a motion to continue the MBPC website at a maximum cost of \$150 for three (3) years (total; covering 2015 – 2018). Pasqua Dziadul seconded. All were in favor.**

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Signage update and vote: Last Spring, the Committee finished editing and the Town approved three educational signs (two vertical and one horizontal) for fabrication and installation. The signs are ready for fabrication, but a decision has to be made about remaining leg posts: through a mix-up several years ago, MBPC ended up with extra sign posts (for horizontal signs) that the Town has been holding for five years (and won't hold them much longer). There are three options: 1) ignore these leg posts and purchase all new; 2) purchase new leg posts for the two vertical signs and use one set of the leg posts in storage for the one horizontal sign; 3) have the two vertical signs redesigned to be horizontal, so that we can use up all remaining leg posts. Some discussion was had: Starting a new redesign will take a long time and may not be worth it. **Nora Haagenson made a motion for the second option, utilizing one set of leg posts; Dan Fucci seconded. All in favor.**

Finalizing winter/spring 2016 meeting dates proved difficult: March 17 – St Pat's day; February 18 – President's day/ winter vacation; and April 25th starts school vacation. **Jeff Greener made a motion to hold the next meeting on January 21st as scheduled, Erin Reilley seconded; all were in favor. *Deonarine will propose new meeting dates in advance of this meeting.***

Erin Reilley made a motion to adjourn at 8:56pm

Next Meeting: January 21

Other Meetings/Events: May TBD – joint Protection Committee meeting; May/June TBD – boat tour

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