



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee
APPROVED Minutes—Full Committee Meeting
TNH Law Library, Thursday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

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Attending: Chair Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Manorhaven; Kevin Braun, TNH Planing Dept.; Tricia Moslin, Great Neck; Matt Temares, Plandome; Bob Keane, Port Washington North; Jake Eisenman; Baxter Estates; Deena Lesser; Great Neck Water Pollution Control District; Joel Ziev, TNH; Patrice Benneward, Director

Minutes for Thursday, July 8, 2004 approved.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Manorhaven: Starting to move on wildlife preserve that will be part of the TNH Baywalk through an Environmental Legacy Fund grant.

Plandome: Heard from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation because its 2003 Annual Storm Water Report had not yet been filed; village will file shortly. Village will be contacting DEC Division of Tidal or Freshwater Wetlands to determine if certain waterfront parcels are protected due to their inclusion on the original DEC wetland list.

Baxter Estates: Has received an ELF grant for stabilizing beachfront in an area where trees and road are being undermined. Plan is to create two terraces to stabilize the area until a permanent solution can be found. The area was historically used as a beach; there has been some thought that it might be nice to restore this use over the long term.

In keeping with a move toward adopting uniform codes, the village is working on codes for sediment and erosion control. Model ordinances are part of the NC storm water plan (Tim Kelly is the contact) and of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committees phase II notice of intent.

Mill and Baxter ponds seemed to turn unusually brown this season and there was a notable muskrat die off in Baxter, especially after heavy rains. Perhaps something particularly harmful is getting into a slew. Perhaps NC stream testing data could shed light on the matter; maybe the committee should request the stream testing reports for the peninsular.

Town of North Hempstead: Has started a visioning process along with the county that has already included workshops for planning and zoning board members. Sustainable LI and the Planning Federation will be involved in a TNH visioning process in early 2005.

Nassau County: A \$50 million open space bond initiative will be on the November ballot. It would cost the average household about \$7 per year and includes a storm water component. *See attached.*

There will be an MS4 training seminar for village officials on November 9 led by Eileen Keenan. It will focus on enforcement and Best Management Practices for people who handle such tasks as road and storm drain maintenance and cleaning.

FUNDRAISING, COMMUNICATIONS, MS4, AND DREDGING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

See attached; in addition,

Fundraising: Jake adds that activities for children, like picnics, can also be highly effective, although they involve a significant amount of work.

Dredging: Kevin adds that the town will respond to the dredging needs survey that NYS Dept. of State has sent to municipalities. In response to DOS interest in dredging, MBPC will send the Secretary of State the executive summary of MBPC's dredging study.

Jake adds that seeking funding for an overall hydrographic look at the bay might be appropriate. Joel reports that this type of modeling, which he has been discussing with UCONN, is expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

Awarded Grants: Patrice Benneward

EPF #1: Storm water drain marking, testing in brook after rain, stream bank improvements (will be doing RFP); about \$20,000 plus match

EPF #2: Water quality testing and confidence intervals; about \$20,000 plus match

Bond Act: \$43,000 public education plus match

Grant Applications Pending: Patrice Benneward

EPF: Signage (expect to hear in the spring)

LISS Small Grants: Display (expect to hear the end of October)

Bay Tour with DEC Regional Director, Peter Scully: *See attached.*

Geese Peace: Jennifer Wilson-Pines / Jake Eisenman

Last season the county's pilot Geese Peace program, which is approved by such groups as the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society, focused on Valley Stream/Lynbrook, Massapequa, and the PW peninsula. The county will expand the program next season with Jennifer as the part-time paid coordinator. Volunteer egg oilers will be trained in February.

There are concerns that a competing program, known as Geese Off, is being promoted in the area. Because coordination is extremely important and Geese Peace utilizes techniques that are both humane and effective, municipalities are encouraged to join the county effort. Note that the geese population doubles every five years and that feeding geese as practiced by the general public frequently causes the geese to get sick. Local ordinances that prohibit feeding geese are encouraged.

Storm Water Drain Marking: Supplies will be available in the spring. MBPC will provide markers/stencils and supplies, directions, handouts to be distributed in areas where drains are marked, possible contacts with volunteer groups. Municipalities will provide the number of markers/stencils, handouts needed and labor – staff or volunteer. *See attached.*

NEW BUSINESS

North Shore Mayor's Meeting: Jennifer and Patrice attended and reported on MBPC activities. More communication with mayors and trustees is needed. Please help by letting the administration and staff in your village know what's going on. MBPC can also communicate directly with mayors, trustees by sending minutes, notices of meetings, etc.

Joint MBPC/HHPC/TNHWAC Meeting: Jennifer Wilson-Pines.
Results of water quality testing in Hempstead Harbor and MB were discussed. It was agreed that there would be an attempt to schedule at least one joint meeting per year. *See attached.*

Significant coastal fish & wildlife habitats: NYS DOS is revising the descriptions of these areas and is holding hearings. Jennifer has reviewed the MB section and is sending comments. Anyone who has anything to add should contact Jennifer. *See attached*

Lobster Die Off: Jennifer Wilson-Pines
The phenomenon represented a "perfect storm" of bad events happening all at the same time: hypoxia, west Nile pesticide spraying, etc. Just may be too warm here for them. *See attached*

Beach Clean Up: Jennifer Wilson-Pines.
The annual event gathered 600 pounds of debris.

Annual Save the Sound Conference: Topic for the November 13 event is Ocean Zoning. Jennifer and Patrice plan to attend.

Next meeting date: Thursday, December 2. Location probably TNH law library.