



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 13, 2016, 7:30pm

Law Library, Town Hall

Attendees: Chuck Idol (Baxter Estates), Pasqua Dziadul (Sands Point), Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Ray Herbert (Plandome), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Dan Fucci (Nassau County), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), To-on Pang (Thomaston), Buddy Vetrone (citizen volunteer), Erin Reilly (Town of North Hempstead), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm

Three new representatives were welcomed: Jed Siegel (Plandome Manor), Chuck Idol (Baxter Estates), and Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven).

The Committee trust fund balance as of 9/30 is \$127,600. All 2016 dues payments have been received, except Nassau County. The County Legislature Rules Committee will vote in December, hopefully, approving the County signing on to the IMA (all other signatures have been received) and the 2016 dues payment.

Motion points:

Representative Pines made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 8, 2016 with corrections.

Dianne Sheehan seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

The Committee agreed to forgo a December meeting and plan to meet November 10th and January 12th (the second Thursdays of the month).

After a discussion of the options proposed by Fuss & O'Neill for our forthcoming water quality report, the Committee decided to hold off on selecting which options to pursue until further along in the process. There was no motion and the Committee will keep the \$10,000 cap on the project.

Director's Updates:

The educational signs are complete and installed and look awesome. The watershed sign is located at the entrance to Whitney Pond Park, at the edge of parking lot, in the hopes of catching more attention and for giving the perspective of being at the tip of the watershed. Also, as the waterways are degraded in the park, it did not seem appropriate to put a sign along them. The Committee will save a press release for spring/earth day when the parks will be more in use and will put pictures on MBPC website for now.

Send out copies of signs and locations.

The volunteer beach clean-up was held on Saturday, October 8th and it was a huge success. There were approximately 100 participants who collected over 700 lbs of trash from Manorhaven Beach. Then a small group went to Baxter Estates Beach where they collected over 300 lbs of trash and noted a lot of small bits of shredded blue tarp. **Deonarine and Braun are working on a press release.**

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Deonarine and a few others from the group attended the Governor's Sustainable development conference last month. It was not particularly worthwhile, so a large number of people left at the lunch break.

Deonarine was just notified that the Committee did not receive funding for their grant proposal to the Long Island Sound Futures Fund for the shellfish survey. Deonarine requested comments, but they will not be available for a while.

CESSPOOL educational project is nearing completion. The Town of Oyster Bay has sent educational materials to the printer and the website, GetPumpedLI.org, is live.

Over the summer, there were many reports of a very strong smell at the head of the Bay. It was likely just natural occurrences causing a shellfish die-off. ***Deonarine is following up with DEC to see if they collected shellfish samples.***

Bunker are present in the Bay and are experiencing the usual, small die-offs when trapped in the shallows by the falling tide.

Deonarine just received the 2016 water quality data from Nassau County, but has not yet reviewed it.

Save the Sound has taken over the production of the Long Island Sound report card and just released the second installment. Upon cursory review, it does not provide anything new: Sound waters to the west (off our coast) received an "F" and they propose the same steps forward that have been given for the past 20 years. It is important to note that the report card only covers open Sound waters, but there is a concern for future years when they move to include bays.

The draft of the County sewer feasibility study is almost complete.

Municipal Updates

Buddy Vetrone: the Manhasset HS Green Club is looking for more volunteer opportunities. Suggestions he received: a clean-up at Forgy estate, Mill Pond clean-ups, work with Science Museum. ***If you have any volunteer opportunities, please let Deonarine know.***

Town of North Hempstead (Kevin Braun): Not much to report. There may be FEMA money to dredge Leeds Pond (SuperStorm Sandy sand removal), but there are no plans or permits right now.

Manorhaven (Jennifer Wilson-Pines): The last of rain garden plantings were done in September, there are 11 separate planting strips. The Manorhaven Advisory Committee is pursuing an LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan which gives guidance for development along the waterfront and is supported by NYS Department of State; any municipality can do their own LWRP and then apply for grants to support implementation for any component of it).

Plandome (Ray Herbert): The Village Board adopted a moratorium on tree removal effective Wednesday in response to fears of developers clear-cutting and causing an environmental impact. It is a 6-month moratorium with the possibility of two 3-month extensions.

Dianne Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 9:02, Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded.

Upcoming meetings: November 10, January 12th

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