



## Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Draft Minutes February 19, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Bass, Dan Fucci, Nora Haagenson, Pasqua Dziadul, Erin Reilly, Bob Keane, Kevin Braun, Sarah Deonarine

Meeting called to order 7:40

### **New Business:**

Welcome, introductions:

#### **New Director**

The hiring subcommittee introduced Sarah Deonarine to the full committee. The subcommittee recommended Ms. Deonarine for hire. Ms. Deonarine gave a brief outline of her experience and background to the committee.

The Committee went into executive session and asked Ms. Deonarine to leave.

The Committee broke executive session and upon the return of Ms. Deonarine. Mr. Bass made a motion to hire Sarah Deonarine as Director of Manhasset Bay Protection Committee for \$35/hr. for an average of 20hrs/week (This is not a full time position). Mrs. Haagenson seconded the motion and all were in favor. None opposed.

The Committee is excited to work with her. It is anticipated that she will be voted on at the March 10th Town Board meeting. Mr. Braun will submit the resolution request.

#### **Storm drain Markers**

Mr. Braun has the storm drain markers in his office and will bring them and the glue to the next meeting.

#### **Joint Meeting**

Mr. Braun has contacted Eric Swenson of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee to determine if a date had been set or if any arrangements have been made. Nothing has been setup yet. Eric will keep Ms. Deonarine and the Committee informed as we move forward.

#### **June Boat trip:**

No plans have been made for the annual boat trip for elected officials. Ms. Deonarine will be introduced to Matt Meyran and plans will be made if the boat is available. The trip usually is planned for the end of June. Matt Meyran will be at the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting and hopefully introductions can be made then. Manhasset Bay Protection Committee has also had a seat on the WAC committee.

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### **Festivals: Earthday, Ecofest, Harborfest**

Ms. Deonarine was informed that the Committee is usually represented at certain events in order to reach out to the public. Committee members often help at these events and have offered suggestions as to how to improve outreach. The Harborfest is scheduled for Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, but that has not been confirmed. As these events are scheduled, Ms. Deonarine will make the necessary steps to attend.

### **Old Business:**

CESSPOOL: At this point, Ms. Deonarine will become familiar with the project/grants and will be introduced to the group. Eric Swenson will assist in this process. She will report back to the Committee when she has a better understanding of the group.

Interpretive signage: Mr. Braun has to determine from the former director where this project is and determine the proper course of action. The designer, Paul Singer wants to get paid for work he's done. Sarah, will determine what is needed to get this completed.

Website: The website is live again. Mr. Keane said that there was a problem but it has been taken care of. The website needs to be updated.

### **Municipal Reports:**

Baxter's Estate: Baxter estates had a fall clean-up of Baxter Pond. The project was hugely successful and another clean-up may be scheduled in the spring. Many officials showed up, including Jack Martins, Delia De-Riggs Whitton and Michelle Schimel. Mrs. Haggenson expressed concern for Baxter Beach and the eroding of the sand under East Shore Rd. She wanted to know if the Town's Baywalk project would be addressing the issue. Mr. Braun will bring in the plans and the committee can review.

Manorhaven: Currently there is no representative from Manorhaven. Mr. Bass has been seeking Mayor Giovanna Gionta to appoint one.

Village of Great Neck: 3 tanks have been taken down in the Village. The site is owned by Avalon Bay and it is projected that 191 rental apartment units will be built there. The County completed work on a flood mitigation project on Middle Neck road. Mr. Bass also informed us that the Village planted \$50,000 worth of trees last year.

Port Washington North: The Village has a new Village Hall on Beach Channel Drive.

Town of North Hempstead: The Baywalk trail design is in the final stages. Also there is a wetland planting being scheduled for Mill Pond in the spring. Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District is having a tree and shrub sale. The sale is for bare root stock plants which are approximately one foot tall. Mr. Braun will forward the information.

A motion for adoption of the meeting minutes of September 17, 2014, was made by Jeff Bass; Second by Dan Fucci. All in Favor

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

**2014 Meeting Dates:** April 9th, May 19<sup>th</sup>, June – Boat Trip TBA, September 17<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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