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Attending: Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Chair; Mike Prunis, Vice-Chair; Patrice Benneward, Director; Charles Comer, Baxter Estates; Tricia Moslin, Great Neck resident; Joseph Evans, Munsey Park; Matt Temares, Plandome; Bob Keane, Port Washington North; Dan Fucci, Nassau County

The minutes of November 17 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MBPC has submitted comments regarding format and reporting changes that have been proposed by the state.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2005 annual report will be mailed to municipalities within the next week.

Dan Fucci requested that the committee resubmit the voucher for reimbursement under the current county contract.

Hempstead Harbor has been added to the LIS Stewardship List, as had been requested by MBPC in a letter of support.

The NYS Open Space Plan is being revised. Several Manhasset Bay area projects that were in the previous plan have been omitted from the draft. Patrice Benneward and Kevin Braun made comments at a hearing in Stony Brook and submitted written comments requesting that these items remain in the plan.

MBPC submitted a support letter for a TNH LIS Futures fund grant for outfall improvements in Hempstead Harbor Cove.

The Nassau County Open Space Advisory Committee recommendations will soon be presented and submitted to the NC Planning Commission and the Legislature.

MBPC received a request to join Long Island's Last Stand, a Nature Conservancy initiative. There was general agreement that, while the committee supported the goals of the initiative, it would not formally join.

The minutes are being posted on the website thanks to Bob Keane.

Fred Pollack, Kevin Braun, and Patrice Benneward met to discuss native plant garden issues and the possibility of Clark Garden involvement in the garden; John Darcy, director of Clark Garden was unable to attend. The town may be able to help with signage needs.

Fred Pollack will send Patrice Benneward a description of how the public can contribute to the town fund for designated purposes for posting on the website. The priority project for money collected is likely to be water quality monitoring.

Mike Prounis and Matt Temares expressed an interest in meeting with Carol DiPaolo and Joel Ziev about remote water quality monitoring and getting more information about equipment from the manufacturer.

Still awaiting graphics for the LISS small grant display, as well as return of the elements. Peter Mikulik made follow up calls to schools about the contest. We have not received any contest entries but have received many positive comments about the accompanying materials.

Ideas and photos for displays for spring events would be welcome.

Municipalities can order more storm drain markers. Information about what you do or have done and pictures would be appreciated. Munsey Park will be participating for the first time this season.

The draft RFP for the data entry and analysis grant has been prepared and is awaiting state approval.

The signage contract is being prepared; general locations and topics will be needed.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 25. However, we may reschedule to accommodate a joint HHPC/MBPC stormwater workshop with presentation by NEMO's Eileen Keenan and the county's Ken Arnold.