



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: January 21, 2021, 7:30pm

Zoom Video Conference

Attendance: Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Nora Haagenon (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Don Richardson (Plandome), Erin Molyneux (Councilmember Dalimonte’s office), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Claire Dorfman (Flower Hill), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Steve Klyce, Samantha Wilder (intern), Mike Malloy (Baxter Estates), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with a quorum in attendance.

Discussion & Motion points:

1. Mike Ertel made a motion to approve the meeting transcription by MGR reporting at a cost of \$4.45 per page, not to exceed \$600. Dianne Sheehan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Kevin Braun made a motion to adopt the minutes of November 12, 2020. Nora Haagenon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. The Committee then reviewed what was spent last year and what is expected to be spent and reimbursed this calendar year (2021). Deonarine noted the impacts of the Novel Coronavirus on projects and, thus, expenses.
4. Mike Ertel made a motion to finalize the 2021 dues at the same levels as 2020. Dan Fucci seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The dues are:

Total Dues	NC share (45%)	Town share (11%)	Village share (44%)	Per Village
\$53,400.00	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$23,400.00	\$1,800.00

5. Deonarine explained the need to have the YSI multiparameter probe, used for water quality measurements, sent to the manufacturer for service (annual maintenance). The cost for the service is \$460, plus any parts that may be needed. Mike Ertel made a motion to have the YSI multi-parameter probe used for water quality sampling to be professionally serviced for \$460 and repaired, as needed, but not to exceed an additional \$500. Don Richardson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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6. The Committee then had an extensive discussion about the new Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA), which has to be completed this year. The Committee made the decision that the dues structure will not change. If there are no or inconsequential changes, Kevin Braun noted that the IMA would move through the Town's review and approval process faster. Dan Fucci said he would follow-up with the County Attorneys to find out if the same is true for the County. The Committee agreed to the following simple changes:

- a. Lines 78 – 79, mentioning the new Water Quality Improvement Plan that is in progress
- b. Lines 81 – 82, mentioning the 2016 IMA

Deonarine will incorporate these changes into the draft IMA and write a cover letter to go with its distribution. These will be voted on at the next Committee meeting. Deonarine will also find the General Municipal Law that requires such Agreements be redone every five (5) years and reference it in the cover letter.

Updates:

- DEC Water Quality Monitoring: The sub-committee just reviewed and sent back edits/comments on the draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) from the Contractor, Dvirka & Bartilucci (DB). The sub-committee is still awaiting the draft Data Usability Assessment Report (DUAR). Once the document is ready to go to the State for review, the Committee has to vote to accept the document, but the Committee does not have to approve payment of invoices, that is up to the discretion of the Director.
- DOS Water Quality Improvement Plan: The Town Attorney's office has the Request for Proposals the Committee developed and approved in order to secure a contractor to take on the work.
- Reminder: MS4 reporting year ends March 9th; make sure your municipality goes back and makes sure you did everything you said you would.
- LIQWIDS is a data entry portal that was meant to keep all the water quality data from all across LI in a central registry. Last April, the Committee signed on to a joint letter with the other protection committees asking the State to put aside money to train us in entering our data into this system. According to the latest CAC meeting, LIQWIDS has been scrapped and the DEC is looking for a more user-friendly portal.
- LISS CAC: The quarterly Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held December 10, 2020 by video conference. MBPC is a member of the CAC. MBPC also currently serves on the CAC's Policy Sub-Committee and Watersheds and Embayments Work Group. The focus of the first half of the meeting was on Environmental Justice (EJ) issues. Important updates from that meeting included:
 - WRDA (Water Resources Development Act), which directs the Army Corps of Engineers was approved – and expanded the mandates of Army Corps to include equity requirements, prioritize green technologies before gray technologies, and include sea level rise, not just flooding. This will be important if the surge barrier project around NYC is picked back up.
 - Sustainable and Resilient Communities (SRC) work group has been formed
- A draft Winter 2021 Newsletter will be circulated for review in the next few weeks.
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Municipal Updates:

Village of Baxter Estates (Nora Haagenson, Mayor): Haagenson met with Nancy Comer (Baxter Pond Foundation), Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whiton, and the Town to look at Baxter Pond (a County pond), which, everyone agreed, needs to be dredged. It will probably be 3 years before anything happens, but they are looking to start that process. Dan Fucci from Nassau County is hoping to get the sediment basin that drains to the pond dredged out this winter. This sediment basin, which is supposed to collect sediment before it goes to the pond, is at capacity. Fucci is just awaiting paperwork to be finished up and hopes it will be completed late winter/early spring. The Shore Road/Baxter Beach Project is on hold due to State budget issues.

Town of North Hempstead (Kevin Braun): The dredging at Manorhaven Boat Ramp is completed. The sediment has been drying out and should be shipped out shortly to a landfill. Bob Keane stated that he is trying to get Posilico approved as a dredged processing facility, which would help Long Island with the expense of disposing of dredged materials.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Next meeting: February 25, topic: Seabin
- March 18, April 15, June 17
- May 20 – Virtual Joint Protection Committee Meeting

Nora Haagenson made motion to adjourn at 8:58pm