



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: November 4, 2021, 7:30pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Claire Dorfman (Flower Hill), Dan Fucci (Nassau Co), Dianne Sheehan (Plandome Heights), Don Richardson (Plandome), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Nora Haagenson (Mayor, Baxter Estates), Rebecca Chu (Kensington), Tom Lang (Plandome Manor), Mariann Dalimonte (Councilmember, District 6), Mary Arnold (DEC), Erin Molyneux (Councilmember Dalimonte's office), Samantha Wilder (Intern), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

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

Note: Action items are in **yellow highlight**. *Motions are in italicized underline.*

Discussion & Motion points:

1. *Dianne Sheehan made a motion to approve the meeting transcription by MGR reporting at a cost of \$4.45 per page, not to exceed \$600.* Don Richardson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. *Nora Haagenson made a motion to adopt the minutes of September 23, 2021.* Jennifer Wilson-Pines seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. Deonarine went over the Committee's budget and spending up to November. Dan Fucci noted that the Nassau County Legislature approved the IMA and \$24,000 for 2021 dues and the paperwork is currently routing. Seeing as our budget is in good standing, Deonarine recommended keeping the 2022 dues the same as the 2021 dues. *Don Richardson made a motion to keep the 2022 dues at the same level as the previous year's dues level.* Dan Fucci seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. **The Committee will discuss a budget outline for 2022 at the January 20 meeting.**
4. The Committee then discussed the costs associated with completing the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for 2022 summer water monitoring. Deonarine went over three different costs the contractor, Dvirka & Bartilucci gave:

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- The cost for finalizing the QAPP, with one more round of comments/review from the DEC would be \$1,500
- If D&B will be reviewing the data and completing a DUAR for the 2022 data, the cost would be \$2,500-\$4,000
- Cost for D&B to complete a Water Quality report would be \$7,500 - \$10,000.

Don Richardson made a motion to amend the Town contract with Dvirka and Bartilucci to include an additional \$1500. Nora Haagenon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. The Committee went on to discuss branded clothing with the MBPC logo. Deonarine will look into Spectrum and Arena to see what they offer and also possibly send out a survey for Committee Member Representatives to complete.
6. Deonarine reminded everyone to send in the number of storm drain markers they require. Deonarine also went over the other types of markers; seeing as all of the alternatives are plastic and the Committee has used Almetek in the past, the Committee agreed to continue with the same aluminum marker discs that were purchased before.
7. Deonarine gave a quick beach clean-up report for the dual events held on September 25th. Deonarine requested that the Committee do more beach clean-ups and at different times of year. Deonarine will pick late March/early April dates and new patch and present at January 20th meeting.
8. The Committee discussed Google calendar invites instead of plain e-mails for ease of finding meeting information and reminders. Deonarine will send both Google and Outlook calendar invites for future meetings. Deonarine also stated that Governor Hochul signed legislation allowing public meetings to be held virtually.

Updates & Municipal Updates:

- One of the assignments out of the last meeting was for Deonarine to work with the other protection committees in an effort to get embayment monitoring on the annual Long Island Sound Study's (LISS) budget as a line-item as the LISS is slated to get a significant boost in its federal budget over the next 5 years. Deonarine reached out to Eric Swenson of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee and Carol DiPaolo of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor and both expressed that the effort had already gotten as far as it could.

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- 2021 Dues & IMA – covered above
- DEC Water quality monitoring – covered above
- Water Quality Improvement Plan (DOS¹): The Town Attorney’s Office is currently drafting a sub-contract with Nelson, Pope, and Vorhees (NPV). Deonarine had a phone call with Irene Holak, the grant contact at DOS and she recommended the formation of a sub-committee who would be more hands on with the products NPV develops. Bob Keane volunteered. Deonarine will reach out to the previous sub-committee members and see if they are still able to participate.
- LINAP – no updates
- Town of North Hempstead (Council Member Dalimonte): The Town is trying to work on a project with oysters in Manhasset Bay. The Planning Department is heading up the effort and has had two phone calls with DEC about oysters and doing a suspension oyster farm. Ultimately, the project will need outreach and community support. The Science Museum of Long Island would be interested in participating.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Next meeting: January 20

Dianne Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm.

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