



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: April 15, 2021, 7:30pm

Zoom Video Conference

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

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

After roll call, Deonarine asked to add discussion (and possible vote) of the QAPP and the infrastructure bill to the agenda.

Discussion & Motion points:

1. Jill Monoson made a motion to approve the meeting transcription by MGR reporting at a cost of \$4.45 per page, not to exceed \$600. Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Nora Haagenon made a motion to adopt the minutes of February 25, 2021. Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. The Committee discussed an inquiry about the dues structure, which is set in the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA). The formation of a "Dues Structure" subcommittee was discussed, but the Committee determined it was not necessary.
4. Deonarine was approached by North Shore Land Alliance about having the Committee co-sponsor a Long Island Clean-Water Vendor Day. Deonarine read a brief snippet on the event from Kat Coughlin, "The objective of Vendor Day is to provide technical professionals with the opportunity to gain expertise in IA technology. Interested parties including design professionals, building inspectors, local government officials, environmental groups, homeowners, and small business owners will have an opportunity to learn about IA technology from IA septic distributors on Long Island." Kevin Braun stated that the Committee would not be investing money and that the event is within our scope having to do with water quality. Bob Keane agreed. Mike Ertel that by sponsoring, we are not approving the vendors, just the idea of cleaner water through IA systems. Kevin Braun made a motion to co-sponsor the Long Island Clean-Water Vendor Day and attend if we can. Nora Haagenon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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5. That conversation segued directly into Nassau's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program. Dan Fucci explained that the County is looking to roll out the program, which would help homeowner's install new Innovative and Advanced On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems, and start taking applications very soon. The County is looking to use the same approved vendors list that Suffolk County developed. So far there are 40 homeowners interested. The Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District will collect the applications and assist in approving them and walking the residents through the process. More information is definitely to follow. Nassau County is endorsing the Vendor Day discussed above.

6. Dan Fucci then went on to discuss the Nassau County 9 Element Watershed Plan. SUNY Stony Brook developed a nitrogen load model and now the County is looking to run different scenarios to see the impact on nitrogen loads. Dan Fucci sent an e-mail out to stakeholders to see what they were most interested in. The major choices were bioextraction, fertilizer reductions for residential landscapes, discussion of looking at certain parts of the County on septic/cesspools and what if we collected them to local WWTPs (Deonarine specifically suggested the Port Washington WPCD; Bay Park is being looked at on the south shore, and a small section of Bayville), and alternative systems. The County is fine-tuning the list and then send it out to the stakeholders. Then SUNY Stony Brook will start running the scenarios through the model.

7. Marcellino/DEC Water Quality Monitoring Funding: The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is a standard technical document that our consultant prepared. The DEC (NYS Department of Environmental Conservation) reviews it for its technical merits. The sub-committee reviewed the prepared QAPP and is recommending that the Committee approve it to be submitted to the regulatory agency (DEC). The QAPP is meant to describe our sampling so that someone can pick it up and start sampling in the same way and so that the data is defensible. *Kevin Braun made a motion to approve the QAPP or processing to go to DEC. Jennnifer Wilson-Pines seconded.* All were in favor and the motion carried.

8. Deonarine gave a brief overview of what the Protection Committees are also working on: There is an Infrastructure Bill going through Congress and the Protection Committees, etc are putting together a prioritized list of Infrastructure Projects that Support Surface and Drinking Water Quality. These efforts are supported by and in coordination with Representative Suozzi's office. Deonarine requested that any ideas for projects be sent to her in priority order.

Updates & Municipal Updates:

- Deonarine went over the first quarter 2021 budget summary and said that dues are steadily coming in
- Signature pages for the 2021 Inter-Municipal Agreement are also coming in.
- As a reminder: the MS4 reporting year ended March 9th
- Seabin: Harbor Patrol felt that making the Seabin "self-floating" wouldn't work, however: the installation of the Seabin is included in the Town's contract with Meyran Marine. The contract is on the April 22nd Town Board meeting. Once it is approved and the contract is signed, the Town

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will move forward with the installation of the Seabin. Deonarine will be in contact with our partners to get the volunteer trash monitoring program off the ground.

- DEC Water quality monitoring – covered above
- Water Quality Improvement Plan (DOS) –no updates

Municipal Updates:

Village of Baxter Estates (Nora Haagenon): Baxter Estates is doing an Arbor Day celebration at 1pm on Friday, April 30th at Village Hall. The Village will be handing out seed packets and Deonarine will also be in attendance for the Committee handing out educational information.

Town of North Hempstead (Kevin Braun): no updates

Nassau County (Dan Fucci): The Baxter Pond sedimentation basin will be dredged soon, the County is just waiting on a bladder dam that's needed to dam off the stream and then bypass directly into the pond in order to empty out sediment basin. Jennifer Wilson-Pines asked about what is being done to control the invasive plant kudzu. Kevin Braun suggested the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District that gives small grants that may fit the project. Nora Haagenon will pass the information on to the Baxter Pond Foundation.

Village of Great Neck (Annie Mendelson): The Village is having an Earth Day e-waste day and a shredder truck (so long as it's not raining).

Jennifer Wilson-Pines noted that the Port Washington Public Library is doing an Earth Day Event at the Band Shell and they are collecting No. 5 plastics on the 25th, 2 to 4:30pm.. They will have the Town there with rain barrels and composters. Bob Keane also noted that the Town is limiting e-waste collection days, but the last one was very successful.

Village of Plandome (Don Richardson): There is a portion of land in the Plandomes called "the wetlands." It is marsh area that eventually leads into Leeds Pond and it is unknown if there is anything that could be corrected in "the wetlands" to improve the quality of water downstream. Kevin Braun doesn't know of any study projects in the Leeds Pond watershed and recommended that Don send suggestions for that or other projects to the Town through 311. Jennifer Wilson-Pines also suggested recommending a subwatershed assessment be added to the infrastructure list being developed.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Next meeting: Joint Protection Committee May 20
- June 17
- June 1st – annual MS4 reports due to DEC

Mike Ertel made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.

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