



# Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

**Minutes: June 13, 2024, 7:30pm**  
**Town Hall, Law Library**  
220 Plandome Rd, Manhasset

**Attendance:** Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North), Tom Lang (Plandome Manor), Charlie Interrante (Nassau Co), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Maria Branco (Baxter Estates), Karen Lynne Siegel (Thomaston), Jennifer Wilson-Pines (Manorhaven), Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Erin Molyneux (Councilmember Dalimonte’s office), Samantha Wilder (Water Quality Coordinator), Grace Punzalan (volunteer), Chris Eagler (DEC), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

Carrie O’Farrell and Brianna Sadoski from Nelson, Pope, and Voorhis were also in attendance to present on the current status and next steps of the Water Quality Improvement Plan.

Carey Ye, former representative from Kensington, came at the start of the meeting to say “goodbye” and explain that she had taken a new role in the Village.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.**

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

The meeting started with Carrie O’Farrell and Brianna Sadoski from Nelson, Pope, and Voorhis going over where we are in the WQIP<sup>1</sup> development and what information will be needed from each municipality to move forward. Specific notes from the presentation will be provided separately by NPV.

<<quorum in attendance>>

**Discussion & Motion points:**

1. *Mike Ertel made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 21, 2024.* Charlie Interrante seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. *Maria Branco made a motion to retroactively send three letters of support for the Town of North Hempstead’s grant proposals for the revitalization of Town Dock, reseeded*

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Manhasset Bay with oysters, and Manhasset Bay Coastal Hazard Mitigation. Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

3. Mike Ertel made a motion to retroactively send a letter of support for the Village of Flower Hill's grant proposal for a sanitary sewer study. Maria Branco seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Deonarine noted that the Committee's current account balance is \$200,000. The maximum amount allocated and potentially paid for with the following motions would be about \$3,025.76.

4. Website renewals (all of 2024): Mike Ertel made a motion to renew Weebly design software for one year and domain registrations and privacy and protection for all four of the Committee's websites for 3 year(s) at a cost of \$665.76. Karen Lynne Siegel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
5. Mike Ertel made a motion to purchase annual software subscriptions for the Committee at a cost of not more than \$240 for Adobe Acrobat and \$70 for Microsoft Office. Maria Branco seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Look into discounts for government rate
6. Maria Branco made a motion to set a contingency cost cap of \$750 for the summer 2024 water quality monitoring season. Mike Ertel seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Note: this is in case the YSI needs emergency maintenance.
7. Jennifer Wilson-Pines made a motion to purchase snacks, supplies, and equipment, as needed, for the Committee's summer and September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 beach clean-ups at a cost not to exceed \$400. Maria Branco seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
8. Advertising: Maria Branco made a motion to set a do-not-exceed budget of \$500 for advertising on social media. Kevin Braun seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Note: the last spending limit was set a year ago
9. Pop-up banner: Mike Ertel made a motion to purchase one pop-up banner at a cost not to exceed \$400 for Committee events. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion: The Committee wants a banner with the complete watershed map in it, so it was recommended that the designer try increasing the size of the watershed by decreasing the size of the other pictures.
10. Fall meeting dates: September 26, October 17, November 21
11. Tour of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District – **Deonarine will circulate a poll to representatives to select a date.** The sentiment was that it is worth the trip.

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## Updates, Reminders, & Municipal Updates:

- 6 month MS4 deadline is July 3<sup>rd</sup> for all municipal members
- Harbor Fest recap – The Committee got new newsletter sign-ups and high school volunteers who were very helpful. The watershed model pulled people over.
- 2024 Water Quality Monitoring season & IEC MOA<sup>2</sup> – Our regular monitoring program has started and is going well, but Kevin Braun has been unable to get the IEC MOA on the Town Board agenda. That sampling has not commenced.
- Shellfish Seeding Grant – This was to the north shore embayments and is moving forward. Seed will be planted at two sites in Manhasset Bay. The Town already put a million seed in the week before. The Town is also working on oyster gardening.
- LISS CAC<sup>3</sup> -- public engagement and comment period is ending on the CCMP revision. It was written in 2015 with some updates in 2020. Revising now 10 years later.
- Nassau S.E.P.T.I.C. program; Water quality report RFP<sup>4</sup> status; Seabin, Eagle Scout educational campaign; Meeting with the Supervisor about the Committee – no updates

## Upcoming meetings and events:

- Next Meeting: September 26
- Upcoming meetings: October 17, November 21
- Upcoming events:
  - Summer 2024 beach clean-up – August 3<sup>rd</sup> (tentative); Manorhaven Beach
  - Fall 2024 beach clean-up – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Bay Walk Park

## **2024 WEBSITE RENEWALS**

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Privacy &amp; Protection</b>	<b>Registration (3 years)</b>	<b>Privacy/ Protection (3 years)</b>
ManhassetBay.net	\$22.99	\$15	\$68.97	\$45
ManhassetBay.online	\$49.99	\$15	\$149.97	\$45
ManhassetBay.info	\$31.99	\$15	\$95.97	\$45
ManhassetBayProtectionCommittee.org	\$20.99	\$15	\$62.97	\$45
<b>Software</b>				
Weebly Website Design (1 year)	\$107.88		\$107.88	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$293.84</b>		<b>\$665.76</b>	

*Mike Ertel made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm.*

<sup>2</sup> Interstate Environmental Commission (IEC) has a Long Island Sound Study grant, part of which is to do pathogen trackdown to identify where pathogens (bacteria) are coming from in a particular area. At the last meeting, the Committee voted to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with IEC to do this work in Sheets Creek.

<sup>3</sup> Long Island Sound Study's Citizens Advisory Committee, MBPC is a member

<sup>4</sup> Request for Proposals

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