



# Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

**Minutes: November 13, 2025, 7:30pm**  
**Village Club of Sands Point**

## **Attendance:**

- Bob Keane (Chairman, Port Washington North),
- Mayor Forman, Mike Ertel (Sands Point), Louis Silfin, Correne Martinez
- Supervisor DeSena, Nancy Shahverdi (Town Commissioner of Planning), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), William Ross (Town Supervisor's Office)
- Mayor Kurkjian, Rich Dunphy (Plandome),
- Mayor Donno, Tom Lang (Plandome Manor),
- Jeff Stone (Manorhaven),
- Mayor Haagenson (Baxter Estates),
- Mayor Rosenbaum, Gary Lewandowski (Flower Hill),
- Mayor Riscica (Plandome Heights), Mary Brodski,
- Annie Mendelson (Great Neck),
- Joshua Mak (Kensington),
- Ebi Victory (Kings Point)
- Sarah Deonarine (Director)
- Bruce Bent,
- Janet Riger,
- Art Brickman

**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:**

After introductions, Mayor Forman welcomed everyone to Sands Point and thanked everyone for being there.

*Mike Ertel made a motion to adopt the minutes of September 11, 2025.* Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)<sup>1</sup>:

- Mike Ertel made a motion to form a subcommittee to review the WQIP Recommendations and make recommendations to the full Committee.* Tom Lang seconded. The motion carried with one abstention. The subcommittee members are Bob Keane, Tom Lang, Kevin Braun, Maria Branco, and Sarah Deonarine.
- Mike Ertel made a motion to publicize the draft Bay-wide recommendations for public feedback pending NYSDOS approval.* Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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- c. Mike Ertel made a motion to plan the second public meeting for the Water Quality Improvement Plan on or about Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7pm at the Port Washington Public Library to present the draft recommendations of the plan to the public and solicit input. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- d. Deonarine will send out the draft chapters and the draft code recommendations to the municipality mayors and supervisor.

Mike Ertel made a motion to purchase an Adobe Acrobat annual software subscription for the Committee at a cost of not more than \$240. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The proposed 2026 meeting dates are January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> (or 23<sup>rd</sup>), May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> (or 11<sup>th</sup>). These may be rescheduled if the need arises.

Mike Ertel made a motion to send the YSI probe for manufacturer maintenance at the end of the year at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion: in 2023/2024 winter maintenance cost \$460 and, with repairs, the total came to \$794.

### **Updates, Reminders, & Municipal Updates:**

- Deonarine reminded all the Committee members that the end of the calendar year is also the end of the MS4 Stormwater Permit reporting year and they should make sure they've accomplished everything necessary for this year.
- There will be a Roundtable with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) about the NYS Environmental Bond Act Funding for North Shore Municipalities and what projects we think should be funded on Dec. 4 at 10:30am at Cedarmere. Lunch will be served.
- On December 16 there is an MS4-required Four Hour Erosion & Sediment Control Training at Old Bethpage Village Restoration at 9:00 am for DPW staff or others (registration is required).
- NYSDEC has a grant opportunity to address Invasive Species. Proposals are due December 17. Deonarine will send out the email notification again.
- NYS Horseshoe Crab Protection Act and Long Island Sound Partnership Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC<sup>2</sup>) – no current updates
- Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP) – The Long Island Nitrogen Action Agenda has been released by NYSDEC. It's a 5-year blueprint to improve water quality but also goes beyond just nitrogen. The four goals are: clean water; healthy habitats; sustainable groundwater resources; and inspired and engaged public.
- Th Baxter Pond Foundation hired a consultant to remove invasives. And there will be a late-fall pond cleanup on Sunday, November 16.

### **Municipal Discussion:**

After the regular business meeting, the meeting was opened to questions and comments from those present:

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- The question was asked whether the Committee maintains an ArcGIS mapping of the sewer outfalls. The Committee does not, but **Deonarine will reach out to Nassau County to see what is available.**
- It was recommended that the annual joint meeting between the various protection committees be started again. **Deonarine will talk to the other protection committee's about planning a meeting.**
- Mayor Forman asked the group to consider: is the mission statement of the Committee too broad, too narrow, or just right?
- There was some discussion about the importance of the annual boat tour for elected officials and the value it added in showing those making decisions the issues on the water. It wasn't decided if the Committee should resume the annual event.
- Several mayors expressed their appreciation for the work of the Committee and the dedication of the volunteers, as well as the support received for the MS4 Stormwater Permit and the results of the Committee's efforts.

### **Upcoming meetings and events:**

- Next Meeting: January 15<sup>th</sup> – dues vote/discussion
- Upcoming meetings: February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Upcoming events: December 4 Roundtable; January 28 WQIP Public Meeting

*Mike Ertel made a motion to adjourn at 8:47pm.*