



Manhasset Bay Protection Committee

Minutes: April 10, 2025, 7:30pm

Town Hall, Law Library

220 Plandome Rd, Manhasset

Attendance: Jeff Stone (Manorhaven), Kevin Braun (Town of North Hempstead), Charlie Interrante (Nassau Co), Marijo Lantier (Plandome Heights), Maria Branco (Baxter Estates), Tom Lang (Plandome Manor), Don Richardson (Deputy Mayor, Plandome), Gary Lewandowski (Flower Hill), Annie Mendelson (Great Neck), Samantha Wilder (Water Quality Coordinator), Sarah Deonarine (Director)

The 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:

Maria Branco made a motion to adopt the minutes of February 13 and March 20, 2025. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Maria Branco made a motion to finalize the 2025 Committee dues at \$53,400.00, broken down as \$24,000 from Nassau County, \$6,000 from the Town of North Hempstead, and \$1,800 from each Village. Don Richardson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Maria Branco made a motion to purchase supplies for the 2025 summer water quality sampling season at a cost not to exceed \$750. Gary Lewandowski seconded. Discussion: this is for calibration standards and storage solutions. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Maria Branco made a motion to set a contingency cost cap of \$1,000 for the summer 2025 water quality monitoring season. Charlie Interrante seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Maria Branco made a motion to set a do-not-exceed budget of \$500 for advertising on social media. Annie Mendelson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion: **Deonarine will report how much activity the advertisements bring in at next meeting.**

Maria Branco made a motion to renew Weebly design software for one year at a cost not to exceed \$125. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion: this is the only web-related renewal this calendar year.

Maria Branco made a motion to purchase annual Microsoft Office software subscriptions for the Committee at a cost of not more than \$100. Annie Mendelson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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Maria Branco made a motion to retroactively sign-on to the National Estuary Program support letter. Tom Lang seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The letter, hosted by the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program, received 2,332 signatories.

Don Richardson made a motion to send a letter in support of the National Estuary Program to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, Representative Suozzi, and EPA Administrator Zeldin. Maria Branco seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Maria Branco made a motion to send a letter in support of fully funding the Sea Grant Program to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, Representative Suozzi, and EPA Administrator Zeldin. Annie Mendelson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion: Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant applications:

- a. The Committee supported applying for funding for a Hydrodynamic Modeling Study, since the Committee has already approved pursuing such a study and because the application to the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) Sustainable and Resilient Communities' Resilience Planning Support Program was not successful.
- b. The Committee would possibly also support an application for a grant to assist with the educational requirements of the new stormwater permit with the other North Shore Protection Committees, but they need more details before making any decisions.
Deonarine will work on both of these points.

The Committee has several upcoming meetings and events:

- May 8th at 5:30pm (Thursday) – Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Tour
- May 15th at 7:30pm (Thursday) – next Committee meeting
- June 4th, evening, exact time TBD (Wednesday) – First public meeting for the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)¹ – Manhasset Library
- June 12th at 7:30pm (Thursday) – Committee meeting
- It is likely that the Committee will cancel one of the upcoming meetings in lieu of everything else going on.

If anyone can volunteer to help at Harbor Fest on June 1st (Sunday) at Town Dock, please let Deonarine know.

Updates, Reminders, & Municipal Updates:

- The Committee's March Mill Pond Cleanup was a huge success with over 60 volunteers collecting over 1000 pieces and 250 pounds of trash.
- The Long Island Protection Committees sent a questionnaire to all the member municipalities to determine how we can best assist them with compliance with the 2024 stormwater general permit. Please send those back by Friday.
- The Long Island Sound Study Stewardship Strategy is out for public comment until May.
- The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District will host "Shed the Meds" on April 27th from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

¹ This project was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

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- All this month the Town of North Hempstead is hosting a shrink wrap recycling event at Manorhaven Beach Town Park.
- The Science Museum of Long Island (Tom Lang) is coordinating a beach cleanup at Leeds Pond on May 4th from 9 to 11am.
- The Science Museum of Long Island (Tom Lang) will also host ScienceStock again this year in May, mid-summer, and early Fall.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Next Meeting: May 15
- Upcoming meetings: June 12
- Upcoming events:
 - Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Tour – May 8th at 5:30pm
 - Harbor Fest, June 1st at Town Dock (all day event)
 - Manhasset Bay WQIP Public Meeting on June 4th (evening) at Manhasset Library
 - Great Neck Water Pollution Control District “Shed the Meds” event on April 27th 10:30am to 1:30pm

Gary Lewandowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm

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