

Town of North Hempstead
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes

Date of Meeting: **3/3/14**

Location: **Supervisors Conference Room**

Members:

Richard Raskin – A	William Cornachio – P
Harry Nicolaides – P	Guy M. La Motta – A
Victor Sostar – P	John Thompson – A
Steven F. Wachter – P	Ken Weigand – A
Jennifer Wilson-Pines – P	Barbara Scheid – A
Matt Meyran- P	

Town Officials & Staff:

- Councilwoman Dina M. DeGiorgio - **P**
- Commissioner Andrew DeMartin - **P**
- Planning Commissioner Michael A. Levine (Kevin Braun)- **A**
- Mal Nathan Bay Constable **P**

Guests- Claudia Tholl, Bob Jacobson and Tom Rice

Start of Meeting: 7:36

Welcome: Bill Cornachio

- Introduced himself as the new chairman and the WAC introduced themselves to Harry Nicolaides**
- **Councilwoman De Giorgio reported that during the Board Meeting on February 25th, the Town Board passed a resolution appointing Bill Cornachio as the Chairman and re appointing the committee members whose terms expired.**

-Mal Nathan will be appointed as the TONH representative on the Long Island Sound Study and report to the WAC.

- Chairman Cornachio made a motion to accept last meeting's minutes. Victor Sostar 2nd the motion and committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Reports:

1. Removal of anode assemblies and other debris from Town Dock Area

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status –Regular maintenance is planned. This project is included in a package with funding coming from New York State.

2. Sandy Debris Removal Funding

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status – Discussion held about aquatic sand removal and other repairs due to damage caused by Sandy. The Town was given a 36 month extension to apply for funding. The project areas are: Town Dock, Fishing pier, Parking Lots, Mill Pond, Manhasset Bay and Hempstead Harbor; and the boardwalk and sea wall at N. Hempstead Beach Park. The sand removed from around the Town Dock will go upland and there will be a meeting at the end of the month with the DEC to further discuss the project.

3. Status of repairs to Manorhaven boat ramp

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status – The project is ready to begin but requires funding.

4. Condition of Harbor Patrol Boats

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status – **Three** boats are working. Public Safety would like to revamp the 1969 Bertram. The estimated cost is 80k-100k. A new boat would cost 250k and is not as fuel efficient.

5. Preparation for Opening of Boating Season

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status – The Town has assigned more laborers to work Town Dock, Bar Beach and clean bathroom and remove garbage. There was a suggestion to include information on the boating channel on the Town Dock Brochure. There was a discussion about the shrink wrap recycling program in ToNH. The brochure with the information will be posted on Portal2Port

New Business:

1. Promoting waterfront business and tourism in P.W. with BTDC

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status -- The Councilwoman is scheduled to have a meeting with Kim Kaiman on March 4th. In a preliminary discussion the BTDC has agreed to accept the project. The Councilwoman will report back with update. There was a discussion about integrating Active Captain and combining the brochure with the internet as a bigger project. A discussion was had about selling advertising in the brochure.

2. Discussion of Initiatives for 2014

Presented By: Chairman Cornachio

Current Status— There was a discussion about the WAC taking interest in different water related topics around ToNH and providing guidance, assistance or outreach.

There was a discussion about monitoring run-off from construction projects. There is a large impact on how it affects the sewer systems and the Bay. The committee agreed that educating the public is very important and a discussion about effective outreach took place.

There was a discussion about making regular aquatic sand removal part of regular maintenance of the Bay.

A discussion was had about regular maintenance of the catch basin system with DPW's with a focus around the waterfront.

A discussion was had about the position of Vice-chair. Interested parties should contact Bill Cornachio

3. Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Update

Presented By: Jennifer Wilson-Pines

Current Status— There was a discussion about project/initiatives and updates from The Manhasset Bay Protection Committee. The MBPC is focused on educating the public about proper maintenance of septic systems on the peninsula. There will be a municipal conference on this topic in the upcoming months. The MBPC is promoting a training and certification program for inspectors and installers of septic systems. The MBPC committee will be conducting a

survey to determine how much the public understands about septic systems and the importance of regular maintenance.

In June, there will be a Green Infrastructure Conference at the Yes We Can Center. The topic is storm preparedness.

Additional Points:

The next meeting will be April 7th

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm