

## Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. PO Box 600, Manhasset, New York 11030-0600 (Greater Council)

Next Meeting: April 10, 2013 TNH Board Room 7:30 PM

## Plandome Road Parking Committee Meeting Summary 3/11/13

A regular meeting of the Plandome Road Parking Committee was held at 7:30pm at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall Law Library in Manhasset, New York with Richard Bentley serving as Interim Convenor (chair) and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. Mr. Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:40pm with a round table introduction of the following members present:

<u>Name</u>	Representing	<u>Name</u>	Representing
Rich Bentley	Greater Council	Anna Kaplan	TNH
Marion Endrizzi	Greater Council	SaberahSamet	TNH
Andrew Schwenk	Greater Council	Diane O'Donnell	TNH
Marc Sauvigne	MPD	Bruce Bent	Self
John Regan	MPD	Katie Miller	CSM/Chamber
David Paterson	MPD	Sue Auriemma	Greater Council
Ed Wassmer	Chamber	Barbara Donno	Village Mayors
Lois Silva	Chamber	Andrew DeMartin	TNH
John Minogue	Bayview Civic	Teresa Tranfuglia	Bayview Civic

- 1. **Prior Meeting Summary:** The prior committee <u>meeting summary of Feb 11, 2013 (link)</u> had been distributed and was unanimously approved as presented.
- 2. **Presentation: Vision Long Island**: Invited guest speaker Keith Samaroo, board member of *Vision Long Island (link)* presented to the group. He spoke about strategies other municipalities have used to address parking shortage issues. Much of the advice was similar to issues/strategies already identified by the Plandome Road Visioning Committee and this committee. Quantifying the needs and identifying areas where parking can be gained are of course central. Tiered parking, often designed so that it doesn't even look like a parking structure, is a solution that many municipalities turn to when parking shortage is a key issue. Mr. Samaroo's cautioned that available funding through entities like MTA often are tied to increased public access requirements (increases out of area commuter parking). His core message was to bring all the stakeholders to the table to begin the process. It is wise to continue to explore more effective parking management systems at parking lots that show current underutilization. Manhasset efforts continue through its past public meetings relating to the Visioning process, and through stakeholder planning groups such as this committee.
- 3. On Street Parking Ordinance Options: Another discussion took place regarding a possible combined parking restriction on streets near town zoned for business. Ninety-minute parking for shoppers would coexist with 8-hour parking for employees with a sticker/ medallion was the proposed format. TNH Public Safety Commissioner DeMartin maintains that TNH roadways do not allow this type of restriction on its public roadways. Sue Auriemma questioned how some towns can restrict parking on public streets to residents only. Mr. DeMartin suggested that such examples may be within incorporated village roads that may have more local control flexibility.
- 4. **USPS Manhasset Facility; Impact on parking**: USPS Truck parking was discussed. Most current information from the facility landlord does not indicate any USPS imminent any plans that have a significant reduction of staff at the Manhasset Post Office. Thus, the efforts already to resolve USPS truck

and employee parking need to be continued/ advanced. When questioned why USPS workers' personal vehicles appear to be given the same exemption as official USPS trucks from on street parking restrictions, Commissioner DeMartin explained that their experience has been that when government employees are ticketed, the tickets are dismissed by the Parking Violations agency. Thus, TNH code enforcement no longer wastes their time ticketing USPS employees at these locations.

- 5. Committee Chairperson: A discussion took place regarding electing a permanent chair for the committee. It had been proposed at the prior meeting that Ed Wassmer and Lois Silva co-chair the committee. Concern was raised that if utilizing co-chairs instead of a single chair was necessary, that the Co-Chairs not be from the same committee constituency, so that whatever final committee recommendations are made are not wrongly criticized as having been unduly influenced by any one constituency. The argument was made that a single chair could produce the same criticism. Lois Silva had left the meeting prior to this discussion as had Anna Kaplan, former chair of the committee. The convener asked for other volunteers to co-chair and Bruce Bent volunteered. With no additional nominees or volunteers, a vote was taken unanimously electing Ed Wassmer and Bruce Bent as Co-Chairs.
- 6. **New Business:** David Paterson introduced a <u>Traffic Report 11-11-13 (link)</u> at the conclusion of the meeting. The report included several current issues with parking and proposed solutions. The <u>CSM Commercial Loading/unloading report July 2008 (link)</u> was also shared. Both reports have parking related factors and will be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Auriemma

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Town Hall in the Law Library. Remaining 2013 dates:

- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

Subsequent meetings for summer/fall to be determined at June meeting