



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

Executive Board Officers 2011-12

President- Richard Bentley
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Civic Associations

Bayview Civic Association
Manhasset Park Civic Assoc.
Norgate Civic Association
North Strathmore Civic Assoc.
Plandome Civic Association
Plandome Heights Civic Assoc.
Shorehaven Civic Association
South Strathmore Civic Assoc.
Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Assoc.
Strathmore Village Civic Assoc.
Terrace Manor Civic Association

Liaisons to Inc. Villages:

Flower Hill
Munsey Park
North Hills (dormant)
Plandome Heights
Plandome Manor

Other Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset (CSM)
Chamber of Commerce
Manhasset Preservation Society

Next Meeting April 18, 2012
TNH Law Library 8 PM

Meeting Minutes March 14, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations Inc. was held at 8 PM at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall Law Library in Manhasset, New York at 8 PM with Richard Bentley serving as chair and Joanne Spencer as Recording Secretary. The following persons were representing their civic associations, organizations or communities:

Officers Present:

President: Rich Bentley, Bayview
1st VP:Liz Miller, Shorehaven
Treas:Bill D'Antonio, Munsey Pk
Sec'y:Joanne Spencer, Terr Manor

Members Present:

Margaret Schwarz, Terrace Manor
Chuck Jettmar, North Strathmore
Annie Vetrone, Plandome Association
Paula Abate, Plandome Heights
Andrew Schwenk-South Strathmore
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor
Katie Miller-Chamber of Commerce
James Pelzer-Norgate
Sue Auriemma-Munsey Park
James Brooks, Manhasset Park
Ann Marie Fruhauf-Past President

Guests Present:

Pat Grace, Manhasset Press
Anna Kaplan-TNH Councilwoman
Saberet Semet-TNH Legislative Aide
John Larre, Strathmore Village

I. **Prior Minutes Approved.** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to approve the [2/8/12 minutes \(link\)](#) as presented.

II. **Councilwoman Anna Kaplan-** reviewed current status of TNH Open Items ([link to updated document on GC website as of 4-11-12](#)).

a. **Bellini-Furniture Store.** Storefront signage was reported and inspected by TNH Code Enforcement on the same day; Illegal signs were removed within 24 hours.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. D'Antonio reported a balance of \$3,380.97.

IV. **President's Report-**Rich Bentley

a.**Greater Council Web Site-**www.manhassetcivic.org It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to fund \$120 year to *1 on 1.com* for cost of hosting website.

b.**Manhasset's Voting Record-**It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to fund purchase of NC Board of Election results for \$25

c.**311 Statistics:** Feb data and analysis were disseminated and reviewed. Overall reduction in volume from previous year primarily due to mild winter (no snow).

d.**Manhasset Park District:** Mr Schwenk attended MPD mtg noting a new flagpole was placed at Patriot Park. The retaining wall on Old Shelter Rock Rd. was repaired. 12 metered parking spaces will be created at the Verizon Building. May 12-Paving & Parking Issues

e.**Beautification Efforts:** USPS Mailbox at LIRR station was painted. Message Board Cabinet to be painted this summer; Will meet with LIRR station Mgr next week on additional related matters.

f. **Helicopter Noise Update-** Ms Auriemma noted Sen Gillibrand's office working on it. Ray LaHood agreed to regulate the noise. Noted only 34 Calls to 311 concerning helicopters this month.

g. **Mangano Police Plan-** Precinct consolidation @ 6th Pct is planned to begin July 1.

h. **Future Meeting Presentations:** A separate weekday daytime meeting will be set up for review and discussion on Manhasset Valley Park Project.

April GC meeting will focus (1) Plandome Rd Vision Project Update and planning for Community wide meeting planned fro May 1, 2012 @ MHS, and (2) Supt. Charles Cardillo to present and discuss 2012-13 School District Budget in preparation for community Vote May 15th.

V. Village Bath Property Presentation: Kris Torkan-owner 1900 Northern Blvd.

Mr. Torkin thanked the Council for the opportunity to present. He has been meeting with adjacent civics and homeowners on changes to the Village Bath Property plan that had been withdrawn last summer due to community objections. He reported that he was successful in obtaining an extension of his Purchase Option contract from the Village Bath property owner, Belanich. This has afforded the opportunity to work more closely with civics and residents on plan improvements to address prior concerns. The conversion will still require a TNH Zoning change from Residential to Parking. He has agreed to legally document permanent deed restrictions that nothing can be built on Bath property and space can not be combined with adjacent property for purposes of increased sq footage of current 1900 Northern Blvd bldg beyond its current as-of-right. Significantly increased buffer distance and landscaping, buffer all to improve traffic flow issues on The Gate. Growing support for the parking plan among Strathmore Village Civic Association and South Strathmore Civic Association who believe working through the parking lot proposal details with an amenable purchaser is in the long term more beneficial than leaving the vacant property or purchase by other parties with potentially far less desirable development plans for this property. Civics will continue with more meetings with adjacent neighbors and residents to work through plan details that make it more conducive to neighboring homeowners. Mr. Torkin will continue to work with Strathmore Village and South Strathmore Civics and residents to achieve agreement before proceeding with new TNH application.

VI. Civic Roundtable: With Limited time, only those members with new updates given

a. Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber's annual **Adopt-A-Pole-** project is underway. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt a Pole for Greater Council at \$100. Live planting on lamp poles are watered by TNH along the Plandome Road downtown. All civic areas and local organizations are welcomed and encouraged to participate. ([Link to more info](#))

b. Shorehaven- Community waterfront area clean up is planned along the bay and will attempt to enlist help from local Boy Scouts.

VII. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Spencer