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Editorial

Parking On Plandome Road Is A Problem

A committee of the Manhasset Chamber of Commerce was formed to address the parking problem on Plandome Road and enjoyed some success when limited parking for shoppers was allowed on Orchard Street, near the movie theater.

A July 24 meeting including civic leaders, town and park district officials and others also addressed the parking problem with the assumption that more meetings and additional dialogue would follow.

Yet, Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations President Rich Bentley alerted the membership at its Nov. 14 meeting that Park District Commissioner Bernard Rolston has, to the surprise of many, developed a plan to install parking meters on Plandome Road, and some side streets, without seeking further input from the community – a project that affects the entire community. The Greater Council believes before a future formal public hearing is held there should be more public education and discussion and cites a problem with transparency regarding the park district.

On the park district website it still states the next meeting is Sept. 6 and also includes 2009 budget information. No summaries of past meetings are included. There is no mention of installing parking meters.

In the legal notices section of the *Manhasset Press* an announcement of the upcoming election for Park District Commissioner has appeared. The election is Dec. 11. Petitions to run for commissioner had to be filed by Nov. 13.

Bernard P. Rolston is running unopposed for reelection.

Increased transparency, a topic of each Manhasset Park District Commissioner election, doesn't improve much following the election.

Pat Grace