



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Flower Hill

Munsey Park

North Hills

Plandome

Plandome Heights

Plandome Manor

Other Organization Liaisons

Coalition for Safer Manhasset

Chamber of Commerce

Manhasset Preservation Society

Next Meeting: June 12, 2013

TNH Law Library 8pm

MINUTES: MAY 8, 2013.

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. was held at 8 PM on Wednesday May 8, 2013 at the Town of North Hempstead Law Library in Manhasset, New York with Richard Bentley, President serving as Chair and John W. Walter serving as Recording Secretary, with the following persons attending:

Officers Present:

President: Richard Bentley, Bayview CA

Treasurer: William D'Antonio, Munsey Park

Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.

Guest Present:

Pat Grace, Manhasset Press

Members and Liaisons Present:

Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights CA

Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore CA

Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor Mayor

Jim Brooks, Manhasset Park CA

JoAnne Maglione, Strathmore Village CA

Sue Auriemma, Munsey Park

The meeting was called to order by President Bentley, at 8:00 PM welcoming Ms. Maglione with a roundtable introduction.

1. Secretary's Report: John Walter

- a. **Approval of 4/10/13 Minutes (link).** The Draft Minutes were previously circulated to the membership prior to this meeting.

Motion: To approve the corrected minutes of April 10Th as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Treasurer's Report; Bill D'Antonio noted current balance is: \$ 3,934.18. All Civic Associations now paid up.

3. President's Report / Old Business Status: Rich Bentley

a. **Town of North Hempstead Open Items List.** *Open Item List (see attached).*

- i. **Village Bath Property Construction.** Nice landscaping all around. Some discussion as to revised curb-cuts/ islands on The Gate for improved flow. Additional exit/curb cut at western end onto Northern Blvd was originally suggested by neighborhood during public hearing, but request for NYSDOT review/ approval still pending. If advanced South Strathmore adjacent neighbors may oppose it, so owner/ town are encouraged to start early discussion with affected neighbors. Parking lot lighting designed to prevent horizontal glare; directs light only downward.
- ii. **PWMOEM (Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management), aka North Shore Alert.** Currently services entire Port W (Cow Neck) peninsula, except Manhasset's unincorporated areas. Town did allow center Port W unincorporated areas to join NS Alert, but refused to allow Manhasset unincorp areas to join because Town's reverse 311 system provides same service. Sandy proved NS Alert provided far superior local communications to residents than TNH reverse 311 that covers entire TNH (New Cassel to Great Neck). Will invite Peter Foreman come to future GC meeting to discuss advancing.
- iii. **311 Stats:** Apr 2013 SR details for Manhasset on *GC website (link)*. Current YTD 74% on-time completion, a14% increase in volume compared to previous year same period, with a 1% decline in on time completion.

- iv. **Parking Committee.** [All committee documents on GC website\(link\).](#) GC encourages Parking Committee to meet with the Community Reformed Church and American Legion as well as any others about their parking lots in use serving LIRR commuters, where TNH permits are not in place (NOT grandfathered permitted lots for commuter parking). Engaging discussion to start the ball rolling to educate lot owners on community impact of out-of-town LIRR parking versus the Manhasset downtown economic need for the very needed employee parking in order to provide more on-street shopper parking. MPD expressed willingness to work with lot owners for amicable lot utilization and maintenance (snow removal, etc..).
- v. **MPD Update:** A. Schwenk. Andrew noted during Sandy, MPD assisted several areas outside MPD normal purview because they had the equipment and staff available to assist; largely for clearing roadways. MPD seeks intermunicipal agreements with each inc. village and Town so that legal matters are covered and in place for any needed MPD assistance needed during future emergencies. Some questioned whether it might wrongly expand MPD charter, but seems intent is limited during real emergencies only; MPD needs to individually address with each Inc Village Barbara Donno suggested that MPD discuss at Mayor's meeting on May 6th. **The "Four Acre Park"** (primarily a passive green space between Old and new Shelter Rock Road). MPD seeks input from neighboring communities (Strathmore Vanderbilt; Duke of Gloucester). Park is used as a MPD snow depository causing need for post season clean-up/ restoration. Fitness apparatus maintenance and related issues under discussion.
- vi. **SRR Cherry Tree Project:** Most of the new trees have now been planted. It looks like all the trees planted so far are flowering; white and pick mixed. It appears that there are lots more trees planted than before. Some believe planting are too close to each othe. Its reported that PSE&G (the organization taking over LIPA) intends to keep the trees trimmed to avoid need for reverse Mohawk trims when trees are allowed to grow beyond wires.
- vii. **LIRR Area / Downtown Beautification:** Outcome of Earth day events/clean-up reviewed. Rich will send a GC "thank you" letter to Girl Scouts that replanted the LLRR for their work. Andrew reported boyscouts helped clean-up around LIRR station.
- viii. **"Manhasset 1680" Sign Restoration:** John Walter reported the Chamber of Commerce's fallen sign at corner of 25A at Whitney Pond Park was retrieved by Liz Miller after Sandy. Sign cleaned and will get two coats of clear protective paint. John has identified a Contractor to Install a new aluminum holder (instead of current rusting iron) and will lower the top wood beam about a foot to remove the rotting top of the vertical posts. He estimates a few more weeks to complete. GC will pay, then seek reimbursement from Chamber.
- ix. **Orchard St Post Office Boxes:** The USPS boxes were relocated to a new location about 10 feet to the left so boxes are NOT be blocked off by parkers and no loss of current shopper parking spaces.
- x. **Valley Park:** Already lots of concern of insufficient parking at Valley Park when both fields are active. Requested Town's plan/time frame for completing all remaining park work including Maple/Bayview Ave intersection re-design, Maple St perimeter knee-wall safety protection, field lighting, restroom/concession, creek dredging etc..

2. **Civic Report roundtable:**

Manhasset Park: Jim Brooks. Jim noted that the American Legion's Memorial Day flags prep work includes flags installed on the street poles, cemetery gravestone flag planting all will be completed in time for the Memorial Day parade on May 27th.

Plandome Heights: Marion Endrizzi. Community is encouraged by Town work (in TNH Open Item report) finally being underway at Plandome Pond Park.

Munsey Park: Bill D'Antonio & Sue Auriemma. Copley Pond needs work. Monday, the work to start grinding the Sandy tree stumps. Preparations for a new movie set started two weeks ago. Most of filming will be interior house. The actual filming will start May 20th – will take about 16 days to shoot. Officer Bobby Police Officer Brown has left MP. Rich suggested that the GC send a request to the PD to ask for a quick replacement.

Strathmore Village: covered during Village Bath discussion.

Plandome Manor: The Stonytown/ Plandome Rd N triangle traffic light project should start in June. A new side walk to train station will be installed. Also, there will be all new Village street signs. John suggested that the cross street sign be facing out over the main road so that the name of the cross street can be easily seen from both sides when driving on the main road. Intermunicipal Agreement on Leeds Pond culvert finally signed by Town for architect/ engineering studies to then develop remedy(ies). Trying to get TNH action on increased Plandome Rd N flooding problems at Leeds Pond since TNH installed new fence, compounded by perimeter reed roots that prevent natural drainage into the pond.

Future GC Presentations

- June will have NC Legislator Rich Nicoletto present
- Manhasset – Great Neck EOC and Mt. Olive Church property/ Spinney Hill potential development project.

Adjournment: With no other business, the following motion was made, and seconded.

Motion: To adjourn at 9:54pm. Carried Unanimously.

Respectively submitted
John W. Walter, Secretary

Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

Topic **Last Known Status**

1950 Northern Blvd. Commercial Application: [More details \(link\)](#). 4/2/13 TNH Board approved after Public Hearing

Mt Olive Church property ([Site Map Link](#)): in Spinney Hill in development consideration by local developer David Gallo. Preliminary environmental study is underway. If favorable, a future presentation to GC in June or Sept will be planned.

Plandome Road Vision Project: [5/1 Community Meeting Summary \(link\)](#) and updated [Community Feedback Summary \(link\)](#) posted on GC 'Our Projects' tab. TNH completed a Plandome Rd business area repaving project in Aug 2012. Follow-up needed on (1) Repainted crosswalk designs were the standard staggered stripes (not the expected more decorative crosswalk designs). **Councilwoman Kaplan confirmed TNH will extend southbound Plandome Rd left turn lane to eastbound 25A (est mid-June weather dependant); confirmed Safe Routes grant funding NOT lost, will provide a more comprehensive update on how Town is advancing this project.**

Apple Bank: Variance for current non-conformance proceeds through BZA process.

Plandome Rd Parking Committee: Committee is meeting monthly- all committee documents on [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#).

Village Bath: Parking Lot construction on Bath site remains ongoing. Adjacent bldg construction proceeding. Torkan reports he met with neighbors and TNH twice since then; Residents requests under consideration including but not limited to: additional curbcut onto Northern Blvd (TNH is developing options); Awaiting desired fence detail from neighbors.

Orchard Street Parking: USPS Drop box on Orchard. to be moved to a location already marked as no parking in order to maximize available shopper parking. Ed King (landlord of USPS site) reported to Parking Committee no USPS decision made at this time for the site that would change either # employees or USPS truck parking. USPS truck and employee parking still unresolved; **Ms. Kaplan's office will advise on TNH's designed relocation site; actual relation to be done by USPS. TNH re-start discussion with USPS to identify & propose alternative USPS truck parking location(s), such as County DPW garage and parking lot on Maple Street, opposite Manh Valley Park.**

Onderdonk Ave Traffic Calming: TNH Public Hearing date not yet set for Stop Sign & Crosswalk @ George St; Ms Kaplan reports some concerns already received about potential backing up of traffic from 25A. **GC requested details on the concerns that Town reports it received.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: Ms. Kaplan met w/residents at Bayview Civic (BCA) 10/17/12 and will meet again once architect concepts are ready. TNH Board engaged architect for waterside walkway conceptual design alternatives to then include funding in TNH's 5 year capital plan. Some segments of the walkway could be too close to the water. Architect concluded Bayview Ave roadbed is in good condition; no further erosion occurring. While investigating funding sources. land ownership in question. County transferred Bayview Ave road to Town 7 years ago, but its adjacent waterside land is unclear (Town or County); Investigation underway. **A meeting with TNH grant planners and BCA was held May 1st ; BCA President Eric Monroe can provide details.**

Christ Church Parish House: More info on [MPS website](#). Site work is underway.

Plandome Pond Park: **Councilwoman DeGiorgio reports progress: Split rail fence wood is on order for repairs. TNH park crews have begun clearing debris, filling in the holes made by vehicles. Fertilizing and seeding expected within next week. TNH investigating the goose and mosquito control situation. if Dredging of pond is advanced, DEC permit required. Sump 408 cleanout needed by County. TNH is keeping PHCA informed.**

Norgate / Sunset Chapel Issues since 6-4-10: 22 Norgate, owned by the Steinbergs of Sunset Chapel, remains abandoned and an eyesore to the community. TNH attempted immediate new shrub buffer plantings by owner, but feared could lead to owners removing all large plantings, which would be worse for neighbors. Norgate Civic agreed.

Valley Park Reconstruction: April 27 Ribbon Cutting Celebration planned. Short term 3way STOP sign at Maple/Bayview installed July 2012; while a long term intersection plan is advanced. Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab [GC website Our Projects- Valley Park \(link\)](#). Work began Aug 2012 with deferred comfort station/concession, playground & field light installs due to multi-year sport org contributions. **GC requested timetable clarification for creek dredging. Equinox parking lot agreement not yet signed; still negotiating. GC noted public safety remedy to prevent vehicular intrusion at Maple St, field/grandstand perimeter. GC requests project update meeting to review all outstanding project items.**

Lord & Taylor Expand Project: L&T proceeding with building addition as approved but is still working on architectural design modifications to facade; will forward drawings before any resubmission to TNH.

-----Nassau County Open Issues-----

Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront: NC DPW has fence replacement in NC 2013 planned work.

Plandome Rd Repaving through Plandome Heights: Postponed by M-L Water District water main project completion Fall 2012; progress thwarted by Sandy Recovery priorities. County approved work to be done by and reimbursement to TNH. TNH planning Spring 2013 repavement.

Shelter Rock Rd (SRR) and Searingtown Rd Cherry Tree Restoration. Devastating post-Sandy County complete tree removals have destroyed this longstanding beautiful Manhasset gateway. **Tree stump removals, and new-planting of flowering trees is occurring this week.**