



Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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Plandome Heights Civic Association

Shorehaven Civic Association

South Strathmore Civic Association

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Strathmore Village Civic Association

Terrace Manor Civic Association

Liaisons to Incorporated Villages:

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: Oct 9,2013

TNH Law Library 8pm

(DRAFT 2) MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at the Town of North Hempstead Law Library in Manhasset, New York; with Richard Bentley serving as Chair and John W. Walter, serving as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

Officers Present:

President : Richard Bentley, Bayview CA

1st Vice President, Elizabeth Miller, Shorehaven CA

Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.

William D'Antonio, Treasurer, Munsey Park

Members and Liaisons Present:

Margaret Schwarz, Terrace Manor CA

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Eric Monroe, Bayview CA

Jo Anne Maglione, Strathmore Village CA

Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore CA

Jeffery O'Brien, North Strathmore CA

Barbara Donno, Mayor, Plandome Manor

Kenneth Riscica, Mayor, Plandome Heights CA

Sue Auriemma, Munsey Park

Guests Present:

Peter Forman, North Shore Alert

Correne Martinez, North Shore Alert

Marc Silbent, Deputy Mayor, Sands Point North Shore Alert

The meeting was called to order by President Bentley at 8PM.

- 1) **Secretary's Report:** The Draft Minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting had been previously circulated to the membership and the following motion was made and Seconded.

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of June 12, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio reported the current balance as of August 31, 2013 at \$3,456.58.

The Dues for 2013/14 were discussed and the following motion made and seconded:

Motion: To keep 2013/14 dues at same prior rate of fifty cents per household and authorize the Treasurer to generate member organization dues invoices for payment Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) **President's Report/ Old Business Status:** Rich Bentley

- a. **TNH Open Items List** based on a verbal report given by Councilwoman Anna Kaplan via telephone to Mr. Bentley was presented and discussed in entirety (see attached).
- b. **Inisfada; St. Ignatius Retreat House.** Summary and documents on GC website and Inisfada.org. While the letter of eligibility received from the NYS Dept Historic Preservation qualifies Inisfada as a Landmark, but owner consent has not yet been obtained to have it placed on the National and NYS Register of Historic Places. North Hills Mayor Marvin Natiss continues his public statement that he sees no historic value to Inisfada and that if the owner applies for a demolition permit, the village will grant it, and he looks forward to a really nice luxury housing development on the property. On Sept 13, 2013 responding firefighters found an active Asbestos Abatement project in process. Destruction of walls to gain access to heating pipes for the abatement was the likely cause of the many alarms over the summer. The Vill of North Hills Building Dept Superintendent Don Alberto was contacted and confirmed he was unaware of the asbestos removal project in process and the Village Building Dept had not been to the Inisfada in more than a year, and that the Village has not received any

permits applications for work at Inisfada. After reporting the hazardous work to the Nassau County Dept of Health, it was subsequently found that the owner Manhasset Bay Group had filed the asbestos removal project with the NYS Dept Of Labor Asbestos Control Bureau and had been inspected ONCE on Sept 6 by the NYS DOL inspector that covers all of NYC and LI. Jet Environmental is the company that is supervising the abatement and taking air samples all of which passed NYSDOL standards. Apparently, Village of North Hills has NO other requirement for any village permit, notification or inspection process for asbestos removal work in the Village The alarm system has been disabled and the building is now unprotected by its fire alarm system. Manhasset Bay Group was represented by Farrell Fritz at a Nassau Supreme Court TRO hearing filed by Synergy First (an alternative prospective buyer). Synergy First's CEO Eli Weinstein continues to talk about additional court action, but no documents have ever been submitted to court since their action was withdrawn on 8/1/13. The Save Inisfada planning group is investigating independent legal actions and members were asked for attorney recommendations.

- c. **Plandome Rd Parking Committee update.** All documents on [GC Website-Parking \(link\)](#). Andrew Schwenk reported that Ed King, owner of private lots behind RiteAid had agreed to make those lots available on weekends for merchant employee parking provided that parkers would sign a liability waiver. Details being coordinated with interested merchants by Chamber of Commerce. The committee asked that the TNH Attorney attend its next meeting to discuss details of parking enforcement issues that hamper parking resolution.
 - d. **MPD Update.** LIRR Train station signs along station house were revised as well as the Taxi lane was revised. TNH will share fees for parking. New 24 ft tree to be planted at Patriot's Park to replace the dead tree removed. MPD looking to a Locust St property that currently provides illegal parking. The property would gain about 18 spots.
- 4) **North Shore Alert- Peter Forman:** As a result of continued great Manhasset community interest in having TNH unincorporated areas join the NS Alert system, Mr. Forman was invited to discuss the NSAlert system. All other neighborhoods on the Port Wash Peninsula are already on the NSAlert System, most of which are incorporated villages. TNH already pays the NSAlert membership cost of the unincorporated areas of Port Washington but has in the past refused to add Manhasset's unincorporated area because the TNH's own reverse 311 dialing system already provides such communication. However, the true disaster experience during Storm Sandy proved the NS Alert was FAR MORE effective at local communications with residents. Approximately, only one phone call is sent out a month; maybe 2 eMails a month if something of consequence occurs. Major weather causes will raise the number of calls. The GC agreed that all of the Manhasset's unincorporated area's membership should have access to have "one system" serving entire peninsula. Membership in NS Alert is \$2 per household per year, a total for Manhasset's unincorporated areas estimated near \$5,000/yr. After detailed discussion, the following motion was made and seconded:

Motion: To formally request the TNH add Manhasset's unincorporated areas to the North Shore Alert system that serves the entire Port Washington peninsula. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Civic Report Roundtable:

- a. **Plandome Manor** Mayor Donno advised that work is expected to begin imminently on the Stonytown Plandome Rd North intersection redesign and new traffic light. Traffic delay notifications will be made as actual work begins and proceeds.
- b. **Bayview Civics'** annual meeting is being held October 15 at Town Hall and will include an update from TNH on Bayview Avenue waterfront project. Neighboring civic residents are welcomed.
- c. Other reports were waived due to meeting time constraints.

7. Future GC meeting Presentations

Potential Spinney Hill/ Mt Olive Church property middle income housing development (not ready).
Manhasset-Great Neck EOC?
Inisfada?

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

Motion: To adjourn at 10pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Upcoming Event Reminders: Sept 25 4-6pm Kids Safety Day (MJDavies Green)

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Walter, Secretary

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Last Known Status</u>
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Inisfada: [More details \(link\)](#). While site is under Inc Village of North Hills jurisdiction, GC requested TNH Board adopt a resolution in support of Landmark application to NYS Historic Preservation and efforts to save Inisfada from demolition. **TNH attorney said no. Request to Anna to advance instead as individual Town Board member letters of support.**

North Shore Alert: GC previously requested TNH support to add uninc areas of Manhasset into the PW-MOEM's North Shore Alert (NSA) program, currently the only areas on the PW peninsula that are not covered in the program. Peter Foreman to present at GC 9/18/13 Meeting.

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). **TNH completed an extension of southbound Plandome Rd left turn lane to eastbound 25A in July. TNH funded [Fall 2013 project for widening of eastbound Manhasset Ave](#) at Plandome Rd to accommodate a 3rd lane for thru and right turn traffic. We need a more comprehensive update on how Town is advancing the much broader Plandome Rd Vision project (25A to Webster).**

Apple Bank: Status of Variance for current non-conformance was approved in Oct 2012. Bank has applied to TNH Bldg Dept to remove 8 trees, construct a fence in buffer zone. No Bldg Dept action taken yet. If Bldg Dept denies and owner appeals, it could become a future BZA matter.

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. **Anna Kaplan will continue to advance any potential alternative traffic calming remedy.**

Plandome Rd Parking Committee: [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#). Committee meetings will resume 9/9/13.

Orchard Street Parking: TNH had started discussion with USPS on alternative USPS truck parking location(s), such as County DPW garage and parking lot on Maple Street, opposite Manh Valley Park; current status unknown.

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. **TNH currently pursuing a Hazard Mitigation grant for this project. Anna to provide more details at Bayview Civic Assoc mtg in October.**

Plandome Pond Park: In Spring 2013, TNH clean up and split rail fence repairs completed; County cleanup at adjacent Sump 408 completed. **TNH engaging study / pond sediment analysis (bid opening 9/20/13) that will conclude what options are available to re-establish water circulation/ flow and control worsening algae growth and stagnation of the pond. TNH is keeping PHCA informed.**

Valley Park Reconstruction: Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab [GC website Our Projects- Valley Park \(link\)](#). Reinforced wood guardrail installation completed at Maple St/grandstand. Sporadic reports of traffic congestion & insufficient parking esp @ game changes. Frequent soccerballs on 25A; need higher net fence requested. Equinox parking lot agreement expected to be signed imminently under previously negotiated financials. No additional lease funds for Maple/ Bayview Ave intersection; TNH will fund directly. TNH has bonded field lighting work and project currently out to bid; hopes to complete by Jan 2014 weather permitting. Remaining deferred project items undetermined time frames are: comfort station/ concession, playground, as well as Army Corp Engineers creek dredging.

Village Bath: **Project substantially completed.** Adjacent resident requests under consideration including 1) Awaiting desired buffer fence detail from neighbors, and 2) additional curbcut onto Northern Blvd (will need NYS DOT approval).

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

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

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 Fall will be planned.

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

Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront: NC DPW has fence replacement in NC 2013 planned work. **No work completed over summer**

Plandome Rd Repaving through Plandome Heights: **Completed by TNH in early July 2013!**