



# Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc.

(Greater Council)

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## Member Civic Associations

Bayview Civic Association  
Flower Hill Civic Association  
Manhasset Park Civic Association  
Norgate Civic Association  
North Strathmore Civic Association  
Plandome Civic Association  
Plandome Heights Civic Association  
Shorehaven Civic Association  
South Strathmore Civic Association  
Strathmore Vanderbilt Civic Association  
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

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## MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 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 on attendance:

### Officers Present:

President: Richard Bentley, Bayview, CA  
Elizabeth Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Shorehaven, CA  
William D'Antonio, Treasurer, Munsey Park  
John W Walter, Secretary, Flower Hill Assn

### Guests Present:

Adam Haber, Candidate for NY Senate Dist. # 7  
Chuck Idol, Resident Speaker  
Sue Auriemma, Munsey Park

### Members and Liaisons Present

Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights, CA  
Barbara Donno, Mayor, Plandome Manor  
Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore, CA  
Jeff O'Brien, North Strathmore, CA  
Chris Quirin, Norgate, CA  
James Brooks, Manhasset Park, CA  
John Minogue, Bayview, CA  
Norman Nemec, MPS

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Richard Bentley at 8PM with a roundtable introduction.
- 2) **Presentation:** [Adam Haber, Candidate for NYS Senate for Dist. # 7 \(link\)](#): Adam moved to East Hills in 1983. He has founded and/or is a director of several different businesses, including restaurants, financial Institutions and charities; he also is a member of his local School Board. His plan is to use his financial background to work with our local County and NY State to get major corporations to move into Nassau. He opined that LI pays \$3 Billion more than what Nassau receives from the State. Also, he wants to improve/ better protect the LI's aquifer usage. He is running with goal of increasing LI's base of quality employers: 1) build business opportunities; 2) increase affordable housing - for those residents' first apt to live and work; not because they are poor, - but to eventually buy their own home as they upgrade through employment opportunities; and 3) reduce NYS unnecessary waste in higher interest debt/bond payments.
- 3) **Secretary's Report:** John Walter. Approval of **March 12, 2014 Minutes** and **April 9, 2014**  
**Motion:** To approve the minutes of March 12, 2014 and summary of April 9, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio reported the current balance as of April 30, 2012; Checking a/c \$ 4,165.41 Savings a/c \$ 2,476.41 Total: \$6,641.82. Discussion to approve two "Adopt-A-Pole" to the Chamber Of Commerce (COC) at \$100 each - total \$200.  
**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer to send a check for \$200 to the COC in memory if Phyllis Clark. Motion approved unanimously.

- 5) **Chuck Idol, Resident speaker: PSEGLI.** Chuck has done extensive work on the issue of the PSEGLI's installation of electrical support poles contaminated by a "HAZARDOUS WASTE: U242; FO27" commonly called: *Pentachlorophenol* (penta). He said the Town of East Hampton is in court actions to stop additional pole installations as well as removing those already installed, with installations on hold until the court's decision. Members asked for additional facts as to whether or not the poles in fact contain penta and if they present a hazardous and danger to anyone touching the poles. Chuck asked members to read for themselves. Risk increases when the chemical leaches from the poles and drips to the adjacent base soil and will provide his research that Rich can post on GC webpage. County Health opinions to date are only that US EPA approved use of Penta on railroad ties and electric poles, but likely the EPA never contemplated the treated poles would be installed in middle of pedestrian sidewalks, adjacent to high pedestrian urban bus stops and high schools so prone to frequent human touch. TNH's recent \$25,000 consultant report confirms the installed poles are saturated with penta. More info needed from health dept to find out if whether the penta on these poles is truly safe to humans in its current use.
- 6) **President's Report/ Old Business Status:** Rich asked all members to be more proactive in attendance at GC meetings. When you can't attend a meeting please get a representative to attend in your place.
- a. **TNH Open Items List (link):** Councilwoman Kaplan was unable to attend this meeting and had not provided any update on any Town open items. Rich reviewed the list in her absence; See attached; of note:
    - i. **Apple Bank.** Still no trees planted in buffer zone- No Town response to the inordinate delay and lack of any penalty to Bank.
    - ii. **Plandome Pond Park:** Marion Endrizzi noted County sump within park has breached fence, presenting a safety hazard. Its poor condition requires fence replacement; Cty Leg Rich Nicoello is assisting to resolve.
  - b. **311 Stats:** See [GCWebsite 311Stats \(link\)](#). Volume and on-time completion were both up from same period last year. Street Light Contractor delays appears to be a problem. Noted growth in TNH's Project Independence services.
  - c. **Plandome Rd Parking Committee update:** All documents on [GCWebsite-Parking \(link\)](#).
- 7) **Other Items & New Business:**
- a. **GC Bylaws Review:** Need to initiate a Bylaws Review for updates over summer; last review was in 2006. Liz Miller and Chris Quirin offered to assist.
  - b. **MLWD:** Letter to everyone indicates the proposed new water tank will proceed as planned and that no Town or village approvals are required.
  - c. **Beautification:** Shutters on Town Hall Annex still not installed. Norgate will be putting a new planting at Norgate Rd/25A.
- 8) **Adjournment:** There being no further time left. The following Motion was made and seconded:  
**Motion:** To adjourn at 10:00 PM Motion carried unanimously

Respectively submitted:

John W. Walter, Recording Secretary

**Upcoming events:**

School Budget & Board Election VOTE - MHS Gym May 20th - 6:30 am - 10 pm.  
 Memorial Day Parade - Monday 26th. Seeking a convertible to ride in parade; All GC members welcomed to ride.

## Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

**Topic**                      **Last Known Status**

**PSEF Poles:** Much info being disseminated by Chuck Idol regarding the dangers of the new poles Town has thus far been unable to halt the project largely due to no jurisdiction. Project was approved by State and for the most part is on State roads. TNH has funded feasibility and cost study to bury lines and is advancing efforts for Federal grant funding. **Status?**

**Apple Bank:** Reported in January that TNH Bdg Dept had approved only the pre-existing variance for existing insufficient parking spaces. Bldg Dept had denied any tree removal or other work in existing buffer zone, but that If owner appeals, it could become a future BZA matter. On 1/18/14 Sat am of the long MLK holiday weekend, an Apple Bank tree contractor cut down every tree in the buffer zone. NCPD responded to neighbor's urgent call and its reported that NCPD was shown a valid TNH permit for the tree removals. By the time TNH Code enforcement arrived, all trees were already cut down. Councilwoman Kaplan has assured that TNH will monitor follow-up Banks replacement of all trees with similar mature trees and landscaping within 90 days. Still unresolved whether the alleged permit shown to police was in fact valid and if so, when and who had issued it, given the community's clear objection. **No formal response on outcome of TNH internal investigation. Planting has not yet occurred and no TNH update on TNH failure to get required 120 day remedial action from Apple Bank.**

**Plandome Road Vision Project:** [5/1 Community Meeting Summary \(link\)](#) and updated [Community Feedback Summary \(link\)](#) posted on GC 'Our Projects' tab. TNH completed an interim Plandome Rd 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 2013. TNH continues to separately fund incremental phase projects while Tom Delaney investigates alternative grants for the much broader Plandome Rd Vision project (25A to Webster). **Town funded a Manhasset Ave widening project was approved by County (as per Nicoletto 3-12-14). TNH implementation schedule not yet announced, but presumed will be during school summer break. GC has requested concurrent repaving of two badly needed nearby roads Webster and Orchard.**

**Plandome Rd Parking Committee:** [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#). MPD is no longer attending Parking Committee pursuant to MPD attorney recommendation. Presumed to be result of no final resolution yet of the 61 Locust St debacle between TNH and MPD..

**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 on Oct 15. TNH/Tom DeVaney working on grant application due Summer 2014. Requested an imminent short extension of existing guard rail at 90 degree Bayview Ave turn at West Shore Rd.

**Plandome Pond Park:** TNH engaging study / pond sediment analysis that conclude dredging of pond to re-establish water circulation/ flow and control worsening algae growth and stagnation of the pond. TNH Board has funded est \$300K capital project for dredging the pond and related work at their 3/11/14 meeting. **Estimated Time frame for this Town work has not yet made available.**

**Valley Park:** 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. 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 frame are: comfort station/ concession, playground, as well as Army Corp Engineers creek dredging. **Local sport contribution commitments are paid up to date. Pending update on bathroom facility installation.**

**Christ Church Parish House:** More info on [MPS website](#). Bank opened Mar 10, 2014; **Parish House projected for June and Offices/Child Care for July.**

**Mt Olive Church property (Site Map Link):** in Spinney Hill in development consideration by local developer David Gallo. No Developer action since his 3/9/14 presentation/discussion.

**Mobil Station on 25A @ Valley Park:** Renovation Construction application received from owner now in TNH BZA process. GC raised construction timing concerns (currently the only bathroom facility near Valley Park), GC members raised architectural façade design concerns but such are not BZA requirements. **BZA has given GC the applicant's contact if GC wants to meet with applicant on project design matters.**

**Shutters on Town Hall 200 Plandome Rd Bldg:** Jeff O'B submitted to A Kaplan a \$625 cost proposal (5 pairs shutters @ \$125/pr) on 5/31/13. Rich offered GC contribution. **Anna felt \$ was not the delay problem, just need to expedite TNH approval and procurement process.**

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

**Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront:** NC DPW has fence replacement in NC 2013 planned work. Legislator Rich Nicoletto is following up; confirms that fence installation is expected to occur as soon as warmer weather arrives in Spring.

**County DPW site on Maple St:** Anna Kaplan has initiated discussions with County Legislator Nicoletto for potential land transfer or shared use from NC DPW on Maple Ave: Add'l Valley Park parking, off hour postal truck parking, and intersection safety redesign.