



# 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC), was held at 8 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the Town of North Hempstead (TNH) **Public Hearing Room**, in Manhasset, NY 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  
Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.

### Members and Liaisons Present:

John Minogue, Bayview CA  
Jeffrey O'Brien, North Strathmore, CA  
Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore, CA  
JoAnne Maglione, Strathmore Village, CA  
Sabine Hairabedian, Shorehaven, CA  
Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights, CA  
Barbara Donno, Plandome Manor, CA

The meeting was called to order by Richard Bentley at 8:15 PM, with a round table introduction of those in attendance, welcoming the new Norgate CA President, Dorothy Hill and Shorehaven CA President Sabine Hairabedian.

1. **Secretary's Report:** John Walter. Following a brief discussion, the following motion was made.  
Motion: To approve the June 11, 2014 Draft 5 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio was absent but reported via eMail the following balances: Checking account: \$4,165.41; Savings Account: \$2,476.65; Total \$6,642.06.
3. **President's Report/ Old Business Status:**
4. **TNH Open Items List.** TNH Councilwoman Kaplan nor Sabereh Samet were able to attend. In their absence, Rich had discussed the open items with them and presented the status updates; as attached.
  - a. **311 Stats:** were updated through Aug 2014 showing Calendar Year –to-date(CYTD) total volume +11% from prior year and ontime completion up from 76% in 2013 to 83% in 2014.
  - b. **MPD Update** Andrew Schwenk.
    - Weekend Parking is the hot item. Andrew reviewed weekend parking fee changes it's \$5 without a sticker. With a sticker no fee. Violators were given warning for the first week before summons were initiated. On 1st enforced weekend. 112 tickets given. 2nd weekend 100 tickets given @ \$70 each. 25 people complained the 1st week, predominantly non-Manhasset residents.
    - MPD and TNH litigation proceeds. Parties met to discuss, but no resolution reached. TNH requested MPD to provide demo permit application and "as built" drawings to issue TNH demolition permit (post-demo) at 61 Locust St. MPD as a Special District forges they are exempt from TNH process.
    - Changes made in Locust St Lot #4 (across street from 'Raindev' lot#5); Lot#4 has been revised to merchant only parking.
  - c. **MLWD/Munsey Park Water Tank Update:** At request of some members, discussion ensued on whether GC should take a formal position supporting the MLWD plan to replace with new larger tank because it would be best for the Manhasset homes and for the fire engines that attach to the water tower's pressure with the fire hydrants. Those present agree that replacing the Tower benefits all of Manhasset. Mr. Bentley suggested that a GC position should only be pursued if GC was unanimous; suggesting members not in attendance

respond via eMail. Issue is complicated by Village of Munsey Park litigation v. MLWD on jurisdiction of Village.

- Several members expressed concern over what appears to be the same law firm litigating municipality jurisdiction vs Special District autonomy in this Village of Munsey Park v MLWD matter, while litigating the apparent reverse position in its action representing MPD v TNH on the 61 Locust St. matter. Both MPD and MLWD litigations are resulting in resident taxpayer funding of litigation attorney and court costs, whether through their town, village, or special district (MPD and MLWD) attorney costs. Some argue TNH attorneys are “free” but the increased workload often causes the Town to then hire outside counsel to handle routine matters because the Town Attorney office time being consumed by such litigation. Thus, its unclear who “wins”, but its clear taxpayers are bearing the battle costs.

- d. **Apple Store Crowds:** Security for off hour lines, crowd control, trash receptacles and porta-sans needed; GC will discuss planning details with landlord Kris Torkan and Apple Store Management to be ready for expected crowds/lines.
- e. **City Sports** It was noted that new Athletic store opened @ 1900 Northern Blvd., and that Anthropology was expected to open soon (both in prior Daffy Space) and seems well received.
- f. **Beautification efforts:** Still no resolution regarding new shutters on TNH annex building. When first presented to Town, GC offered to help pay the shutter cost on its front façade.. all part of the Plandome Rd business area façade colonialization theme. Town declined stating cost is minimal/not an issue, it's the Town's needed planning and procurement process causing delay. Months later Town now say no because its not in their budget. Town now touting the annex is a “historical building” and shutters have no funds budgeted.
- g. **GC Bylaws Update.** No summer progress; needs to be done during Fall 2014.
- h. **GC Officers 2014/15 Election:** Nominations received over summer included Andrew Schwenk as 1st VP, Liz Miller as either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and all other officers consented to be nominated in their present office. After brief discussion, the following motions were made and adopted.  
**Motion:** To nominate as the following slate of Officers: Richard Bentley, President; Andrew Schwenk, 1st Vice President; Liz Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, William D'Antonio, Treasurer; and John W. Walter, Secretary, and close nominations. **Motion carried unanimously.**  
**Motion:** To elect the nominated slate of Officers as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- i. **C of C with Greater Council - Fall event planning:** All present were in favor of the President planning another event with Chamber of Commerce to help keep a close working relationship between our two organizations.
- j. **WSJ:** All positive feedback on the 8/2/14 Wall Street Journal Article on Manhasset.
- k. **GC website.** Rich recommended other Civic Assns plan tabs on the GC website similar to the tab added for Bayview Civic Assn; It makes this GC funded web resource more valuable as a community.

## 5. **Civic Report Roundtable**

- **Plandome Manor:** Mayor Donno gave a brief update on the Plandome Rd North Culvert issue (at Leeds Pond). The Town agreed to fund an updated study on the culvert. Those present expressed concern that if left delayed and unresolved, places additional danger to public if a collapse of the culvert occurs. In addition to injuries upon a collapse, this would cut off a major peninsula evacuation route.
- **Plandome Heights:** Upcoming Civic Meeting; Schedule of Town's Plandome Pond Park dredging project is on GC website.

## 6. **New Business** Oct Meeting Planning

- a. Officer Installation.
- b. J Minogue: American Legion to be invited to discuss lot parking. (GC June request). It is hoped that the parking committee will invite and discuss this at the next Parking Committee meeting.
- c. Liz Miller asked that GC address Court Admin Fees on Parking and Traffic Violations. Should TNH Tax parking Lot ops similar to NYC sales tax monies to combat private lot operations.

## 7. **Adjournment:** There being no further time left, The following Motion was made and seconded:

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

Respectively submitted:  
John W. Walter, Recording Secretary

## Upcoming Events:

- 9/17/14 **Kids Safety Day** MJ Davies Green 4-6pm ([flyer link](#))
- 10/3/14 Rotary 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **Circus** at Memorial Field. ([article link](#))
- 10/7/14 League Of Women **Voters Candidate Forum** 7-9pm Unitarian Church
- 10/30/14 @ 7:30pm @ MHS CASA presents **Teen Drinking** Dr Robert Turrisi, Penn State Univ. ([flyer link](#))

## Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

Topic                      Last Known Status

**Summer 2014 Paving:** Manhasset received 8,622 ft of new paving in the South Strathmore area this summer; [details on GC website \(link\)](#). Awaiting status of GC request for repaving of two badly needed nearby roads Webster and Orchard.

**Skateboarding on TNH roadways** TNH Public Hearing held 9/9/14 on restrictions on specific South Strathmore area roadways. **Passed.**

**Parking restriction on Thompson Shore Rd:** TNH Public Hearing held 9/9/14 **Passed.**

**Stop Sign Manhasset Ave at Bayview Ave:** TNH Public Hearing held 9/9/14 **Passed.**

**PSEG Poles:** Much info by Chuck Idol regarding the dangers of the new poles available on <http://www.PSEGLongIsland.info> Town was 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. **Consultant continues mtgs with PSEG; no report issued yet. TNH passed legislation 9/9/14 on "double poles" and "hazardous signage".**

**Apple Bank:** Reported in January that TNH Bldg Dept had approved only the pre-existing variance for existing insufficient parking spaces. Bldg Dept had denied Apple request for any tree removal or other work in existing buffer zone, noting if owner appeals, it could become a future BZA matter. Then in dead of winter 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 ever received on outcome of TNH internal investigation. Plantings began in summer 2014. Adjacent neighbor in litigation.**

**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's Manhasset Ave widening project was completed by Labor Day.**

**Plandome Rd Parking Committee:** [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#). **MPD weekend parking fees implemented.** MPD is no longer attending Parking Committee pursuant to MPD attorney recommendation, presumed to be the result of the 61 Locust St jurisdiction debacle/ litigation between TNH and MPD. **Chair Ed Wassmer advised committee will resume meetings in October 2014.**

**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. **Some needed land remains County owned; TNH now seeks transfer to TNH so project can advance.**

**Plandome Pond Park:** TNH project timeline anticipates Fall 2015 completion; [detail steps on GC website \(link\)](#).

**Christ Church Parish House:** More info on [MPS website](#). Bank opened 3/10/14; **Mr. Puntillo reports Parish House est occupancy Oct 1, 2014.**

**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.

**Shutters on Town Hall 200 Plandome Rd (newer) 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. At that time Anna felt \$ was not the delay problem, TNH was evaluating doing shutters on entire building for uniformity. **Sept 2014 A Kaplan advised that there was no money in the budget for the shutters and there was some concern of the historic nature of the building etc.**

**Valley Park:** Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab [GC website Our Projects- Valley Park \(link\)](#). Demolition of old defunct bathrooms underway Fall 2014. **Pending update on new bathroom facility installation.**

----- **County and Town (jointly)** -----

**County DPW site on Maple St:** Anna Kaplan and County Legislator Nicoletto initiated potential land transfer or shared use:

1. Southern end of property (south of DPW bldg.) for Add'l Valley Park parking. **County has asked TNH to provide a Parking and Crossing safety design plan.**
2. Maple/Bayview intersection. Town needs to advance conceptual redesign of intersection for improved safety and traffic flow. If design requires space from current grass triangle in front of DPW bldg. (flagpole area) to County DPW. **Needs TNH concept plan.**

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

**Bayview Ave/Maple waterfront:** County DPW installed new fence along Bayview Ave dump site fence in August 2014. Many thanks to Legislator Nicoletto, Judy Bosworth (who initiated the project when she was a legislator), and the County DPW staff. **Completed.**