

MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8:PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Town of North Hempstead, 2nd Floor, Town Hall Public Hearing Room, Manhasset, NY: with President, Richard Bentley serving as Chair and John W. Walter as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance.

Officers Present:

President: Richard Bentley, Bayview CA
 1st VP Andrew Schwenk, South Strathmore CA
 2nd Vice President: Elizabeth Miller, Shorehaven CA
 Treasurer: William D'Antonio
 Secretary: John W. Walter, Flower Hill Assn.

Members Present:

Christopher Quirin, Norgate, CA
 Marion Endrizzi, Plandome Heights CA
 John Minogue, Bayview, CA
 James Brooks, Manhasset Park, CA
 Katie Miller, CSM & Chamber of Commerce
 Barbara Donno, Mayor, Plandome Manor

- 1) **Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order with a round table introduction by each person present and their affiliation.

- 2) **President's Report/ Old Business Status:**
 - a) **TNH Open Items List:** Councilwoman Anna Kaplan was unable to attend. In her absence, Rich Bentley reviewed the current status of each item on the attached list for which there was a known update. [5/13/15 version attached]
 - b) **311 Manhasset stats:** April & May 2015 stats for 11030 were reviewed showing an overall YTD volume down 2%, but, on time monthly completion is up 3% from prior year. Rich emphasized that while each month's statistics measure the SR's received during that month, he reminded that some SR's are not completed within the same month. Depending on the type of problem being reported, the Town has set a number of days that type of problem is expected to be completed within, and the on-time performance measure reflects the performance. A separate cumulative report of all open SR's is now additionally provided in the monthly report.
 - c) **Beautification efforts/updates:** Town Hall Annex Building Shutter Project is advancing and hoped for July completion.
 - **Love Joy** real estate building will also be installing shutters. Jeff O'Brien will continue to ask more building owners to voluntarily join the effort of increased colonial style façade elements to better provide some uniformity of façade style within our downtown.
 - **Memorial Field** renovations from the School Capital Bond projects will occur this summer include upgrading the grass field, removal of basketball courts that had low use, installing new har-tru tennis courts, adding a comfort station and equipment storage facility, irrigation, and relocating the veteran memorial.
 - **Chamber of Commerce** New Membership is improving according to Katie Miller. New type of membership for \$35 per member should be helpful for the Chamber to do extra beautiful options. Wednesday June 17 at 12:30 pm, at the Gazebo at the MJD Park: Please bring a "BROWN BAG LUNCH" to celebrate the 80 Years of the Manhasset Chamber of Commerce.
 - d) **Lord & Taylor expansion:** Public Hearing Town Board on Tuesday 6/23 at 7:30pm. General support continues for the expansion project. Only matter raised as concern is need for Nassau County and TNH to work towards creating a safer Shelter Rock Rd intersection center turn lanes at the L&T entrance traffic light.
 - e) **GC Website:** Members need to Submit CONTENT.. pic's documents and updates for website public interest.
 - f) **Americana Car Show** each Columbus Day weekend: After complaints about noise and parking affecting the surrounding neighborhood at past annual events, GC contacted event organizers and found they are more than willing to meet with local civics. GC made efforts to set up the meeting, but received little interest from neighboring civics. Thus, Greater Council leaves it up to these affected civics to organize any future meeting with the event organizers if they so desire.

- g) **Annual GC Officer Election Planning:** Nominations Committee is needed to develop and propose a slate. Committee is chaired by Past President, which would be Ann Marie Fruhauf.
- 3) **Secretary's Report:** John Walter. The minutes of May 13th, 2015 of Draft # 2 were circulated on the GC website: [5/13/15 Minutes \(link\)](#)
MOTION: To approve the 5/13/15 Minutes as presented: Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio reported balances of Checking @ \$2,477.56 and Savings @ \$2,477.16; Total: \$4,954.72. Bill recommended to renew the GC's US Mail Post Office Box. After discussion the following motion was made and seconded:
MOTION: To accept the Treasurers report as presented and authorize annual renewal for the GC USPS Post office Box. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 5) **Civic Report Roundtable –**
- Norgate CA** Pres Chris Quirin reported chronic school drop off and pick up problems along Dennis St., including chronic use of private driveways for turn-arounds, park or idle their vehicle in private driveways, and/ or block access to driveways while waiting for their children.
 - Munsey Park** resident Bill D'Antonio noted that the "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED" sign on Manhasset Woods Rd at Northern Blvd. has been removed.
 - Plandome Manor** Mayor Barbara Donno noted the large white entrance gate at Stonytown Rd. to Plandome Mills, needs to be rebuilt. Homeowners are raising funds for the project and to determine the type of fence material it will be replaced with, perhaps using non-wood materials to improve long term maintenance cost.
 - Shorehaven CA** VP Liz Miller discussed successful civic efforts that engaged a local landscaper to help beautify and maintain several planting beds on corners throughout the area for the season at approx. \$50.
- 6) **Recent Historical Related Donations:**
- Manhasset Bank Memorabilia:** JOHN WALTER donated a framed hanging of US bank notes from 1910 - 1929 of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MANHASSET to hang on the Town Clerk's office entrance in the Town Hall Annex Building.
 - Inisfada** (The Nicholas and Genevieve Brady Gold Coast Estate) Memorabilia: Port Washington resident Chuck Idol has donated a collection of Genevieve Brady literature and documents to the MANHASSET LIBRARY. Planning continues to hang Inisfada artwork /photographs on Library walls
- 7) **Upcoming Events:**
Sat 6/20 9:30am - 3pm: Town's STOP Program -Pollutants Collection (pharmaceuticals, etc) @ Bar Beach.
More info and 2015 Fall schedule available online at:
<http://www.northhempsteadny.gov/STOPprogram>
- 8) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 10pm was called.
Motion to Adjourn: Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectively submitted:
John W. Walter, Recording Secretary.

Greater Council Summary of Open TNH Items

Topic **Last Known Status**

Councilwoman Kaplan provided some verbal updates for the 6/10/15 GC meeting.

Plandome Road Vision Project: 5/1/12 TNH Community Mtg Summary and Community Feedback Summary 2012 posted on GC 'Our Projects' tab ([link](#)). 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 TNH investigates grants for the much broader Plandome Rd Vision project (25A to Webster). Town's Manhasset Ave widening project was completed by Labor Day 2014. Add'l progress awaiting outcome Town grant applications. **No update avail.**

Plandome Rd Parking Committee: [GC website Parking Committee documents link](#). MPD stopped participating on Parking Committee in 2014 pursuant to MPD attorney recommendation, 61 Locust St jurisdiction debacle/ litigation between TNH and MPD continues. Mtgs not yet resumed, inhibiting any substantive progress. **No update avail.**

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. 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 County transfer to TNH or inter-municipal agreement so project can advance. **No update avail.**

Valley Park: Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab. Portable toilet units for this baseball season. New comfort Station construction planned Aug 2015. **Plans for improved grass seeding hampered by soil erosion causing large amounts of exposed broken glass that may have been dumped years ago; remediation likely to continue to Fall 2015.** See also the related Nassau County & Town joint issue below.

MPD v TNH Litigation on 61 Locust: Efforts to resolve so far unsuccessful; Likely to remain unresolved until an appointed judge decides on case. **Ongoing litigation.**

17 Myrtle St. Parking Lot: BZA approved 4/1/15. A Summary is on [GC Website Our Project webpage \(link\)](#). **No update avail.**

Mt Olive Church Property: ([Site Map Link](#)): in Spinney Hill; Development & traffic study proposed by David Gallo. NYS-DEC remediation plan in approval process but not yet approved. **Soil sampling for contaminants expected to commence soon.**

Shutters on Town Hall Annex 200 Plandome Rd: GC paid for shutters, delivered and awaiting installation by Town. Supervisor Bosworth assures more timely TNH action to complete.

PSEG Poles: Much info by Chuck Idol available on <http://www.PSEGLongIsland.info>. **TNH passed legislation 9/9/14 on "double poles" and "hazardous signage".** Consultant report not yet issued; will receive copy when issued. New petition available to STOP EPA's renewal of their approved use of Penta chemical treatment on poles. PSEG lawsuit v Town over toxic labeling requirement remains pending. GC wrote to EPA for non-renewal of appropriate use of Penta in urban areas. **Related PSEG-LI tree trimming matters** in discussion. **No update avail.**

Apple Bank: see GC prior meeting minutes for history. Plantings began in summer 2014. Adjacent neighbor in survey dispute litigation. **No update avail.**

Plandome Pond Park: Underway; **While earlier NYS-DEC approvals became delayed, some TNH project steps have been expedited in hopes that the original Nov 2015 project completion occurs can still be accomplished.** [detail steps on GC website \(link\)](#).

Paving Requests: **Repaving of Webster, Orchard and Colonial Pkwy are now completed.**

1111 Northern Blvd. Mobil Station near Valley Park; New facade design concept posted on [GC Website \(link\)](#). **Has Town approved?**

Subdivision at 121 Park Ave. Status?

Crosswalk at Park Ave/Nassau: **Status? Confusion due to currently only westbound traffic has stop sign; Center stanchion requested to provide improved driver and pedestrian clarity.**

----- **Nassau County and Town (joint projects)** -----

Valley Park -County DPW site on Maple St: Ms. Kaplan and County Legislator Nicoletto initiated potential land transfer or shared use (more info on [GC website \(link\)](#)):

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.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: as above: Land between roadway and Bay remains County owned; needs either land transfer or IMA.

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

Shelter Rock Rd Turn Lanes near Northern Blvd. This matter arose during Lord & Taylor expansion project reviews involving the intersection of Shelter Rock Rd at the L&T entranceway traffic light. Turn lanes continue to present problematic safety issues. Nassau County DPW has been requested to site survey and propose safety alternatives.