

MINUTES OF MEETING January 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 8:00PM on January 11, 2017 at the Town of North Hempstead Town Hall, Andrew Schwenk serving as Chair and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

Officers Present:

1st Vice President: Andrew Schwenk, S Strathmore CA
 Treasurer: William D'Antonio, Munsey Park
 Secretary: Sue Auriemma, CASA

Members/Guests Present:

Sabine Hairabedian, Shorehaven CA
 Jeff O'Brien, North Strathmore CA
 John Minogue, Bayview CA
 AnnMarie Cerrone, Strathmore Village CA
 Ken Weigand, Manhasset Park District
 Max Zahn, Manhasset Times

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8pm by Andrew Schwenk.
- 2) **Councilwoman Kaplan TNH Update:** Councilwoman Kaplan and her aide were unable to attend to provide an update. Updated [TNH Open Items List on GC webpage \(link\)](#).
- 3) **President's Report:**
 - a) **Beautification Updates:** Jeff O'Brien updated everyone on his plans to continue the introduction of colonial shutters along Plandome Road. He has spoken to a number of landlords and they are willing to work with us on implementation. The property across the side street from Buttercook that is owned by the same individual is one location that is considering shutters. The "Welcome to Manhasset" sign is 90% completed and will be installed, weather permitting, at the earliest, most appropriate time. Andrew has seen the new sign and is very pleased with how it came out.
 - b) **Manhasset Park District Updates** Ken Weigand provided an update on some of the projects they are trying to coordinate with TNH including specifically, the curb cuts going into Parking Lot #3 (West of MJD Park) which could add 19 new spots for commuters. If they were to get the approval from TNH, MPD would target August 2017 as the time to begin construction as the lots are less busy during summer months. Additionally, fees will be increasing for "out of town" commuters, which would include MPD residents without a sticker on their car; MPD will begin communicating this to residents through the local papers and will recommend that all residents buy stickers to avoid the additional fees. Lastly, Ken mentioned that they are working to bring Senator Philips up to speed on the leasing issue between MPD and LIRR for responsibility over the Manhasset LIRR Parking Lot.
- 4) **Secretary's Report:** Draft of December 14, 2016 minutes were distributed; posted [\(link\)](#). After discussion, Motion made by Andrew Schwenk to approve. Seconded by Jeff O'Brien.

MOTION: To accept the 12/12/16 Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Bill D'Antonio reported balances for period ending November 30, 2016 of Checking @ \$1126.63. and Savings @ \$2,477.54; Total: \$3,603.78.
 - a) Dues for Greater Council members are now due. Fee per household remains the same as in previous years.
 After discussion, the following motion was made by Sue Auriemma and seconded by Joanne Maglione:

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6) **Civic Roundtable:**

- a) **Munsey Park:** The Village is considering license plate readers for the entrances/exits of the village. Village meetings have been held to present and discuss concerns/ideas of residents.
- b) **Plandome Heights Civic Assn:** Marion Endrizzi submitted her report via email that the murky water in the pond has been resolved; This item can be marked as completed on the TNH Open Items list.

- c) **Strathmore Village Civic Assn:** Efforts continue to eliminate left turn onto Harrow from Searingtown. AnnMarie Cerrone reports that a majority (=143) of SVCA resident households in favor are needed for the Town to advance consideration of the change, which has not been attained.
- d) **Bayview Civic Association:** BCA is not collecting dues from their members this year as their treasury is sufficient for their needs.
- e) **Shorehaven Civic Assn:** Concerns again raised over considerable ivy growing on virtually all trees on the Town property near the bay (West Shore Rd in Shorehaven). If nothing is done, the trees will die prematurely. Shorehaven will again ask the Town to remediate the condition to extend their life.

7) **New Business:**

- a) **Discussion regarding Bylaws of Greater Council:** It was raised whether or 'beautification' is within the scope of the GC bylaws and if is, discussion should take place as to whether or not some portion of money may be allocated each year for beautification in the community.
- b) **Third Precinct:** Inspector Berry has been reassigned and Inspector Flanagan will be taking over as Commanding Officer of the Third Precinct.

8) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the following motion was made and seconded:

Motion: to Adjourn at 9:20pm by Sue Auriemma. Seconded by Bill D'Antonio.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectively submitted:

Sue Auriemma, Recording Secretary.

Topic **Last Known Status**

Plandome Road Vision Project: 5/1/12 TNH Community Mtg Summary and Community Feedback Summary 2012 posted on GC 'Our Projects' tab ([link](#)). TNH plans separate funded incremental phase projects while TNH investigates grants for the much broader Plandome Rd Vision project (25A to Webster). Follow-up needed on (1) Repainted crosswalk designs done w/standard staggered stripes, not the expected more decorative crosswalk designs. Add'l progress awaiting outcome of active Town grant applications; **Rich B met with TNH on 11/16 and reviewed last Vision Plan details. Send recommendations for participants on new stakeholder group to evaluate potential revisions in that 'master plan'. Requested volunteers/nominations at Dec meeting, but no responses from GC members yet.**

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: TNH Board engaged architect for waterside walkway conceptual design alternatives to then include funding in TNH's 5 year capital plan. TNH/Tom Devaney grant applications submitted. Some County owned land involved needed County inter-municipal agreement so project can advance. TNH rec'd a June 2015 award from FEMA Public Assistance Program Grant (Hazard Mitigation) near \$205K to restore, fill and stabilize near 165 linear ft of land that was lost during Super Storm Sandy. (about 0.1 acre) to protect Bayview Ave from possible damage of future storms. GC requested an imminent short extension of existing guard rail at 90 degree Bayview Ave turn at West Shore Rd; **no TNH action yet.** More detail: [GC Website "Our Projects" webpage \(link\)](#). Bayview infrastructure grant received for 68 feet of shoreline. DPW is in the award process

TNH-MPD Intermunicipal Agreements: GC supports TNH-MPD expedited actions on: 1) granting MPD parking enforcement capabilities along Plandome Rd and its surrounding side streets; An **underlying enforcement employee status related issue arose that has not yet been solved which places this item on hold**, and 2) TNH lease parking spaces along MJDavies Green roadway to MPD for merchant permit use, retaining near 4 spaces for park/playground users. No IMA is needed on MPD Lot 3 reconfig and new curb cuts along MJDavies roadway-gaining 19 add'l spaces. Anna supported all the recommendations; Town and MPD met. In process for expected Town approval. Logistics planned for work in spring/summer 2017. **Status?**

Valley Park: Park Plans online "Our Projects" tab. Comfort Station construction completed in Fall 2015. Grass area sprinkler system completed. Playground installation completed Fall 2016. Dredging pond/creek issues with Army Core of Engineers plans delayed since Sandy. See also the related Nassau County & Town joint issue below. Diane O'Donnell, Town's traffic advisor, suggests signal press button between Maple DPW site and Park.

MJD Green Gazebo Needs Repair: Playground issues resolved by Parks Dept. **Repairs planned to be done in Parks Dept Budget, no time frame given yet.** **Status?**

Plandome Pond Park: Muddy pond water now resolved. (item will be dropped in next list version).

Searingtown Rd at Harrow La: SVCA request Northbound NO LEFT TURN 7-9am onto Harrow curtail shortcut traffic thru residential neighborhood; Awaiting SVCA to demonstrate clear residential majority in favor. **Status?**

TD Bank (Plandome Rd at 1305 Northern Blvd): Town Board's October hearing was contentious; thwarted by Town's 11th hour traffic office recommendation and a rushed public notice process. In general resulting in much criticism of taking away street parking spaces, but GC was aware it had very sound improved safety basis. TNH approved the parking space revisions pursuant to the already approved TD Bank site plan. Options to increase parking availability being explored. Site work not likely to occur until 2017 first quarter.

TNH Legislation to require a new building plan to be in process BEFORE granting a demolition permit. Example: 22 Norgate Rd Sunset Chapel property. Town attorney advised cannot require plans prior to demolition due to NY State law. GC questioned why?, since villages have successfully adopted similar requirements; Members report that Flower Hill and one of the Great Neck villages currently require new building plan prior to a demolition permit. Town Attny advised Anna some cases of safety require demolition that can't be delayed for a new building plan. GC recommended Town should be drafting proposed law that adequately addresses such 'emergencies' exceptions, rather than simply responding that "it's impossible to consider" such as law. **Anna agreed to request more detailed information on appropriate legislation from Town Attorney Office.**

PSEG Poles: Much info available on <http://www.PSEGLongIsland.info>. **TNH passed legislation** 9/9/14 on "double poles" and "hazardous signage". TNH can fine those utilities who do not remove the double pole as per legislation. Most problem poles are not on Town but rather are on State property. Rich asked why Town isn't pushing for better State action. **Town now asked residents to report locations of double poles.**

- **51 Andrew St / Town Hall parking Lot dispute.** Meeting to be scheduled with Supervisor to resolve. **Status?**
- **99 Community Drive:** Applicant seeks zoning change to change from residential to commercial for retail and or medical offices. GC member eMail feedback defers to surrounding residents, One resident expressed desire – objecting; keep it residential which could accommodate a 2 family home. Ms. Kaplan is seeking additional resident feedback.
- **Mt Olive Church Property** ([Site Map Link](#)): Spinney Hill development proposed by D Gallo. NYS-DEC remediation plan expected in Fall 2016.
- **1111 Northern Blvd.** Mobil @ Valley Park; facade design on [GC Website \(link\)](#). Town approved site plan; owner expects work to start after 1/1/17.
- **Apple Bank Buffer plantings: began in 2014.** Town awaiting outcome of adjacent neighbor survey dispute litigation.
- **Subdivision at 121 Park Ave.** status unknown.
- **Crosswalk at Park Ave/Nassau:** Driver and Pedestrian **confusion**; currently only westbound traffic has stop sign; Center stanchion requested to provide improved driver and pedestrian clarity. Similar confusion caused by crosswalks at Manhasset Ave at Linden St LIRR Overpass.
- **Plandome Rd Parking Committee:** [GC website Parking Committee link](#). Meetings ceased in 2014; No movement to re-establish yet

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

Bayview Ave Infrastructure: Some land between roadway and Bay remains County owned; needs either land transfer or IMA; **Bid award pending.**

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/projects([link](#))). **At recent PHCA meeting, County DPW commissioner Shah has recently re-confirmed the County's commitment, albeit some work scheduling issues need to be addressed in the final plan.** Town in process of awarding Traffic Engineering Study to support the Town's plan:

1. **Southern end of property** (south of DPW bldg.) for Add'l Valley Park parking. **County waiting for TNH Parking & roadway cross 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. **County waiting for Town concept plan. GC urged Town engineering study to include this intersection so both can be advanced at same time.**

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

Mobilite Utility Pole on SR Rd @at L&T. Plans on [GC website \(link\)](#): Application suspended,awaiting project background-County DPW process clarification.