

# HEMPSTEAD HARBOR PROTECTION COMMITTEE FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of April 19, 2006  
Roslyn Village Hall – 7:30 pm

NOTE: Items Requiring Action are *Italicized in Bold*.

**Present:** Bill Clemency (Chair), Eric Swenson (Director), Kevin Braun (N. Hempstead), Aldona Lawson (Oyster Bay), Dan Maddock (Village of Sea Cliff), Len Shaw (Roslyn), Patrice Benneward (Roslyn Harbor, Glenwood / Glen Head Civic Association & Manhasset Bay Protection Committee); Dan Fucci (Nassau County); Pasqua Dziadul (Sands Point); Anita Frangella (Village of Roslyn)

## **Discussion:**

I. **Call to Order.** Bill welcomed everyone and thanked the Village of Roslyn for hosting the meeting and for Village Clerk Anita Frangella for attending.

II. **Approval of Minutes of March 8th meeting.** Aldona asked that a clarification be made to the Oyster Bay report with reference to the storm drain markers. An informational door hanger will be distributed and a short survey also taken. Assuming that these changes are made, a motion by Dan Maddock. Seconded by Len Shaw. Approved unanimously.

## III. **Announcements, Reminders, & Upcoming Events -**

- 2006 Dues Reminder – Eric announced that dues were received from the Town of North Hempstead, Flower Hill and Roslyn Harbor and that The Town of Oyster Bay's had been approved and was in process. He reminded everyone that the Committee is willing to wait until the start of village fiscal years if their budgets are not on a calendar year basis.
- Phase II Annual Reports Eric reminded everyone that the annual Phase II reports are due to the DEC on June 1<sup>st</sup> and that Nassau County's and HHPC's draft annual reports have been issued and are available online.
- EPA Phase II Workshop – May 31 – June 2 (Albany). Eric passed around a flyer describing the workshop and given its price (\$70 for a three day workshop) and the fact that EPA had to turn away hundreds from one in western New York, he suggested that anyone interested register right away.
- Upcoming Earth Day Events – Eric advised that the Residents For a More Beautiful Port Washington will be holding an Earth Day event at Bar Beach on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and that the HHPC provided them with literature to disseminate. In addition, the Town of North Hempstead will be holding a number of events during Earth Week. Details are available on the Town's website:  
<http://www.northhempstead.com/controls/eventview.aspx?MODE=SINGLE&ID=172>
- HarborFest – Eric reminded everyone that the Port Washington HarborFest will be held this year on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town Dock and that the HHPC will be staffing an information booth. All are invited to join us in this fun event.
- New NYS EPF Grants (workshop held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>) – Eric reported that he attended the state's workshop at the Planting Fields Arboretum on the upcoming round of grants available through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Grant applications are due by May 26<sup>th</sup>. While the grant availability and requirements are similar to previous years, there have been some significant changes. Include among these is an expansion of the application requirements to include a demonstration of the reasonableness of the estimated costs which are included in the application. This can be

demonstrated a number of ways – by written estimates or price quotes; catalog cuts; previous experience with a similar project; published standard rates and so on. Another requirement is that grant recipients will be required to attend training workshops. Funding will be included in the grant to do so. There will be different types of training given and the DOS will decide which training sessions are required for each applicant. It is up to the applicant to determine who to send. It is anticipated that these may start this fall and that there will be sessions held on Long Island. As for the announcement of the recipients of last year's EPF grant round, it was reported that they would be announced by Earth Week [editor's note: this has not happened].

#### IV. Municipal Updates

**Sea Cliff** – Dan Maddock reported that the village would be opening bids tomorrow on its Waterfront Revitalization Project at the village beach and the adjacent vacant lot. This is a re-bid as the original bids came in at too high a cost. The scope has been re-designed. In addition, the village has completed its drainage project on lower 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Roslyn** – Len Shaw and Anita Frangella reported that the Village has deemed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the BITI (aka Roslyn Landing) Project (on the former Stop N Shop site) complete. A public hearing will be held at 8:00 pm on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall. A six month moratorium was also enacted on demolition of structures and on new construction of greater than 20%. This was adopted to give the village the opportunity to review measures to prevent overdevelopment.

**North Hempstead** – Kevin Braun said that the Town is a step closer to acquisition county lands. The Town is in the process of issuing a Request For Proposals (RFP) to perform a Phase I investigation on these lands. He also mentioned the Town's Earth Day activities which include two Operation Clean Sweep Weeks, a STOP / E-waste program, an EcoFest at Clark Botanic Garden and Community Clean-Ups (see above). The Town is considering applying for grants to finalize its Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) which was begun in 1993 and to continue efforts to revitalize Roslyn Pond.

**Nassau County** – Dan Fucci reported that the County is pursuing its own goose control program with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It will not be part of the GeesePeace program since their permit allows for a roundup and euthanasia of the geese (even though it has not been determined to date that the county will utilize that option). The County recently installed catch basin inserts in Bellmore and Bayville and received coverage in *Newsday* and the local weeklies. Dan also reminded the Committee that the County's Draft Phase II report has been issued and is available on the county's website: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/DPW/2006\\_Annual\\_Rpt.html](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/DPW/2006_Annual_Rpt.html). Finally, Dan mentioned that his department will be staffing a booth at the Arbor Day festival at Planting Fields Arboretum this weekend.

**Roslyn Harbor** – nothing to report this month.

**Oyster Bay** – Aldona Lawson reported that the doorhangers have been printed which are designed to compliment the storm drain markers which will be installed along portions of Hempstead and Oyster Bay harbors. The Glenwood / Glen Head Civic Association has agreed to participate as have two Eagle Scout candidates who will perform surveys of residents. In addition, she mentioned that discussions with KeySpan have continued and appraisals have been conducted with respect to the purchase of the vacant parcels. Also, the Town is now considering the possibility of acquiring the Gladsky property. Finally, the Town is about to go to bid for a third pumpout boat and expects to receive it in time for this summer's boating season.

**Sands Point** – Pasqua Dziadul had nothing to report this month. Eric pointed out that at the December scoping session on the Land's End development proposal, the developer's attorney, Keith Archer, accepted an invitation to tour the sanctuary area by boat in the Spring and Eric asked if Pasqua would allow access through her property and the

possible use of her boat. She agreed. ***Eric will contact Pasqua and/or Ed Dziadul in the event that a date can be set up.***

IV. LISS CAC and Civic Group Updates

**Glenwood / Glen Head Civic Association** - Patrice Benneward reported that the civic association's new blog site has received 250 hits to date. It can be viewed at [www.glenwoodglenheadcivic.blogspot.com](http://www.glenwoodglenheadcivic.blogspot.com).

V. 2006 Water Quality Monitoring Program

Eric reported that Fuss & O'Neill has completed a draft Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) for the harbor's water quality monitoring program and that it is currently being reviewed. When all comments have been incorporated, it will be submitted to the EPA for approval. Eric brought a copy to the meeting for members to view.

VI. Coastal Signage II Project

Eric stated that the Committee would like to prepare and issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) for a firm to design the next round of coastal signs and that volunteers for a subcommittee are needed to decide on the focus, develop the RFP and review the proposals. Eric suggested that since the first round of signs were all located on the west side of the harbor, that the new signs should primarily be located on the east side. Aldona Lawson and Patrice Benneward volunteered. Bill Clemency suggested that Danielle Oglesby be included on the subcommittee. ***Eric will contact Danielle regarding her serving on the subcommittee.***

VII. Scudder's Pond Project Update

Eric reported that EEA has not fully addressed all of the Department of State's comments on the draft subwatershed plan and that the primary author (Laura Schwanof) had advised him that she needed to discuss them with the principals of her firm. The HHPC is anxious to complete this project and hold its second public meeting. Prior to this meeting, Eric had sent an e-mail to Ms. Schwanof inquiring as to the status and she has not responded. [Note: on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Eric received a reply from Ms. Schwanof stating that she had been out of the office for 2-1/2 weeks and has not been able to deal with our project]. ***Eric will followup with EEA.***

Eric also mentioned that he and Dr. Margaret Hunter and some of the environmental engineering students from Hofstra attended a field visit to the Nautical Mile in Freeport where they observed the village's storm drain retrofits, spoke to the manufacturer's representative and with members of Operation SPLASH which spearheaded the project. The retrofits used were made by Fabco and the village and Operation SPLASH are pleased with the results. With regard to our own storm drain retrofit project, Dr. Hunter and the students are still working on the specs and prices for the retrofits so that we can order them. Eric had inquired with Ken Arnold of Nassau County as to whether any of the county's retrofits could be incorporated into this program. He is awaiting word back from Ken.

Finally, Eric mentioned that he had spoken to Dennis Mildner from the NYS DOS with regard to the possibility of applying for EPF grant funds to remove sediment from Scudder's Pond given the fact that Nassau County has recommended county bond act funds for this which could serve as a match for the state funds. While this is not a typical use for the EPF funds, the removal of the sediments is a recommendation in the DOS-funded Water Quality Improvement Plan and the Scudder's Pond Subwatershed Plan and the availability of the county funds may present a unique opportunity to achieve a recommendation that otherwise might be too cost-prohibitive to accomplish. Dennis spoke to others in the DOS and then encouraged us to make our best case in an EPF grant application. ***Assuming approval from the Village of Sea Cliff as applicant, Eric will prepare a grant application.***

VIII. Select Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Sea Cliff Village Hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm