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## Nassau County Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC)

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Ralph Fumante, Jr.  
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Laura Schofer  
*Vice-Chair*  
Ralph Healey  
*Secretary*  
Ruka Anzai  
Daniel Casella  
James Colotti  
Matthew T. Meng  
Monolita Mitra  
Paolo Pironi

### **Meeting Minutes** (*Wednesday, April 10, 2024*)

Attendance: Ralph Fumante, Jr., Laura Schofer, James Colotti, Matthew Meng, Monolita Mitra & Paolo Pironi)

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2023)

- Five (5) ayes (Monolita Mitra not yet present)

### Adopt 2024 OSPAC Calendar Meeting List

- Five (5) ayes (Laura Schofer made the motion, seconded)

### OSPAC 1-2024

- The intent of the application is to abandon the water main in place, cut & cap, with ultimately no water flowing through it
- This proposal initially came to the attention of the Water Authority of Great Neck North because of the proposed rehabilitation of Saddle Rock Bridge that is currently being planned by Nassau County for this summer
- It will be possible to remove the existing water main pipe during Nassau County's bridge rehabilitation project
- Nassau County will pay for the removal of the existing water main
- **Question:** Is the Water Authority of Great Neck North responsible for the removal of the existing water main pipe if it is abandoned?
- Pipe was installed in 1971, needed maintenance work by 1991, assumption was that the water main would need some type of maintenance every 20 years or so
- Pipe was coated with epoxy in 1991 to prevent erosion
- Placing the new water main underneath Udall's Mill Pond will allow for the pipe to exist for approximately 125 years
- No DEC permit will be needed for this project, although the Water Authority of Great Neck North will be in contact with the DEC throughout the project
- The reason for this is that as long as the water main is installed at least 10 feet deep underneath the pond, the DEC would not have jurisdiction in the matter
- The Water Authority of Great Neck North will be in charge of completing any environmental review that is required
- **Question:** Are there any endangered animals/birds in the area? (will be determined by the Short Environmental Assessment Form during the SEQRA process)

- The Water Authority of Great Neck North will start to drill underneath West Shore Road and come up in the open field of the northern grass area
- Drilling will begin south of the Great Neck Library
- There will be *zero* impact to wildlife in the area
- The proposed new water main will attach to the existing water main on Beach Road
- The new water main will provide 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of water a minute to the Great Neck peninsula
- Construction is expected to last three (3) months
- The drilling itself will last less than two (2) weeks
- The project will ultimately need approval from the Nassau County Health Department for bacteria samples
- The new water main will need to go up the existing embankment, everything will be buried, and any grass that is ripped up will be replanted
- High Density Polyethylene pipe will be switched to ductile iron water pipe

#### Old Business

- The previously discussed idea for the County to purchase land around Newbridge Creek from the September 13, 2023 OSPAC meeting has been abandoned

#### New Business

- Ralph Fumante, Jr. nominated for the position of *Chair*
- **Five (5) ayes**
- Laura Schofer nominated for the position of *Vice-Chair*
- **Five (5) ayes**
- The position of *Secretary* will be held open for Ralph Healey
- Discussion on the year-end report to the Legislature
- There was a request to change the previously scheduled meeting dates to Tuesday of every month
- However, it seems the best option is to leave the meeting dates as previously scheduled on Wednesday of every month
- Ralph Healey will handle the Yearly Report
- OSPAC members encouraged to keep their eyes open for potential open space to purchase with OSPAC's Open Space Fund Balance

#### Confirm Next Meeting Date

- ***Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.***