

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

7:00 PM

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM #201 AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Marty Podskoch, Jack Solomon, John Purple, Cheryl Lobo, Chuck Yenknier, Victor Rodriguez, and Nico Guerrera (left at 7:50 P.M.) with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Wes Jenks.

Call to Order: Chairman Yenknier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: February 10, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to approve of the February 10th, 2022 meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Brian Eastman- Mr. Eastman asked if he could get the member's email so he can ask questions and be kept in the loop.

Pat from Friends of the Lake- The organization is thinking of their program plans for the year. They want to utilize and incorporate the Lake Smart program into their grant funded program for watershed and lakefront homeowners. The homeowner's properties being evaluated by the commission can apply for grant funding from the Friends of the Lake up to \$150. The organization has budgeted \$5,000, with up to \$150 per house, for Lake Smart solutions on the property. This would help to promote and spread the awareness of being Lake Smart to the community and the people living in the watershed and on the lake front. The organization will be spreading the information at the Clean the Lake Day on April 23rd. There will be information also posted on their website and with an article in the Rivereast. *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Purple, that the commission agrees with the Friends of the Lake to help utilize and incorporate the Lake Smart program with their grant funding program to help homeowners fund their Lake Smart improvements and additions on their properties. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Communications and Liaison Reports: The budget presentation to the Board of Finance for the commission is being held on March 24th. The only change is to NEAR's budget, it went down by \$4,000 for this budget year.

Presentations: Tom Warmuth and Dave Finethy from BioSafe Systems joined the call to present to the members and answer questions. The company has treatments for blue-green algae in the lake. The treatments would be used to prevent the growth of the algae with the use of algaecide or peroxide algaecide products. The representatives ran through a power point presentation to relay the relevant information to the members. Mr. Warmuth discussed the use of Peroxyacetic Acid and Hydrogen Peroxide chemical blend in freshwater bodies to control cyanobacteria. That was one product they sell to help control the cyanobacteria. The other product they sell is a granular Sodium Carbonate Peroxide to use as treatment in lake as well. Both products have different uses for treating cyanobacteria/ blue-green algae and how the chemicals interact with the phytoplankton in the bodies of water. The discussion was about the differences between the two treatments and the advantages of using them on the lake. The amount of the solution needed depends on the size of the body of water. The products aren't just used on lakes, but they can be used on rivers, ponds, and aquariums of varying sizes.

Plan Reviews: None

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: A meeting was held with NEAR and DEEP about the project plan and it is close to getting a contract from the state for all of the grant funded projects. There is a tentative timeline for the steps to beginning the projects. The RFP will be released in mid-May and the contract will be awarded at the end of May or beginning of June. There is no update on the next phase of funding and they are working on applying for another grant for the next steps of the project.

Old Business

a. Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee

Update: Dr. Deeks, a professor from UCONN, is coming to town to host a talk about rain gardens with the community on May 5th. Mr. Podskoch will email or call the professor to inquire about a fee for him coming to host the talk in town. The next community talk will be about buffer zones and then after that would be proper fertilizer in the watershed.

b. Advisory Panel Update: The meeting was held last week with all of the department heads in attendance. The discussion was mainly about the grant funded projects in town. The algae counts for the year will start around Memorial Day.

New Business: None

Public Remarks: Bob Yenknor- Mr. Yenknor wanted to thank Mr. Hall for his work on and the amount of progress for the watershed projects through the federal grant funding. He asked about the fertilizer being used in the watershed and if the town has any authority or patrol for the use of fertilizer. He also talked about other types of in-lake solutions like carp kills etc. He suggested to the commission to look further into these types of in-lake solutions as another possibility.

Roger Avery of 47 Clark Road- Mr. Avery wanted to thank the commission members and enjoyed the presentation. He stated that he found the products from the presentation interesting.

Brian Eastman- Mr. Eastman stated that there should be a fertilizer ban in town or at least in the watershed/ lake front property area. He also stated that there has been no discussion about the erosion of the lake in his time in town.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk