

**Town of East Hampton  
Conservation-Lake Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday April 13, 2017  
7:00PM  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Tom O'Brien, Irene Curtis, and Wes Jenks.

**Absent:** John Roche, Martin Podskoch

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zawisza at 7:00 PM.

**Seating of Alternates:** Spencer Killian, Bob Hart

**Approvals:**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting: March 9, 2017-** *A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Curtis, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 9-0.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Staff reported the signs for the event in two weeks for the lake clean-up has been ordered. Also, the report for Solitude was sent out to the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco. A recommendation was made to keep the lake dam closed or open depending on water level, season, and weather. The level of the lake has no bearing on the damage during hurricane season. Staff also reported that all the equipment needed for the lake clean-up has been obtained for the event.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:** No plan this month.

**Watershed Proposal Updates:** A request for the status of the cease work was made, but its waiting to see if there's enough money in the budget.

**Old Business:**

a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** None

b) **Advisory Panel Update:** There was a meeting held last month for this panel. A budget was proposed by the committee, but a different budget had already been decided upon. Funding for the consultant was discussed, the submitted budget by the committee wasn't enough to cover the consulting cost needed. Furthermore, the budget given was only enough for maintenance and up-keep of the lake and nothing more. An idea for a taxing district was discussed for the lake and the surrounding lake-side houses. This type of district would create a separate bill for taxpayers and a separate authority for overseeing everything. This idea would give the town an opportunity to fix-up the lake.

- c) **Lake Smart Program:** An idea was brought forth to choose three lake smart homes to award a plaque and appear in an article in the newspaper. This could be a way to get the community involved and inspired to help clean the lake and make it healthier in the long run. It could also inspire other homeowners to change a few aspects of their home and/or land to make them lake smart as well. They could be helping their community and town while also being eligible to be awarded the plaque and be in the newspaper article. The plaque would be called Lake Smart. The homeowners would be lessening their possible contaminating impact on the lake. This should hopefully get other homeowners to make this significant change as well.

**New Business:** Finding volunteers to help with the lake clean-up event and trying to find trucks for the garbage was discussed. There will also be two dump trucks for bigger items to be thrown away. There was also discussion on ticketing left-behind or abandoned boats. Liaisons with the police department is in process to bring them in on this proposition.

There was a discussion on adding more warning buoys to the lake. A comment was made that DEP needs to mark more danger rocks with buoys. Depending on the thickness of the ice of the lake during the winter the rocks underwater move from their previous place. Staff is looking in to getting more buoys to mark more danger rock zones in different places in the lake. A proposition of studying the floating vegetative island was brought up to think about and plan for in a future meeting.

A discussion on building a website for the committee to give updates and inform the town residents of up-coming events and to make announcements. This could also get the community involved and educated on what is happening with the lake.

**Public Remarks:** Susan Romagen, Viola Drive, Spellman Point. You did submit a plan earlier this week?

Chairman Zawisza replied, saying yes but we won't see it until next month.

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Carbonell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Curtis, at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Aligata  
Recording Clerk