

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Tom O'Brien, John Roche, Wes Jenks, Nancy Hasselman, Alternate Members Danielle Holmes and Anita Guerin, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

**Absent:** Martin Podskoch

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

**Seating of Alternates:** No Alternates were seated

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting: July 13, 2017** - *A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Hasselman, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting. Voted (6-0).*

**Annual Elections of Officers:** *Mr. O'Brien moved to re-elect Peter Zawisza as Chairman and Joe Carbonell as Vice Chairman; seconded by Ms. Hasselman. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that lake is now at 97,000 parts per milliliter for algae bloom. The threshold for closing is 100,000 parts per milliliter. This is for the Sears Park swimming area only.

The current budget for the fiscal year is \$21,676.00.

There was a heavy rainfall of 3"/hour recently and it was detrimental to the beach at Sears Park. The beach was washed out into the lake. Public Works has worked on the beach. There may be some upcoming work to Sears Park as the rain garden overflows now. The plan would be to divert the rain water toward the boat launch side into a shallow pool with natural buffers.

Chairman Zawisza stated that he attended the last Inlands Wetlands meeting at which the project to improve Edgemere was approved.

**Public Remarks:**

Roger Abraham, 47 Clark Hill Road, asked where the results for the lake tests are posted; they are posted on Chatham Health's website and Park & Rec.'s Facebook page. He stated that due to the rain there was an incredible amount of sediment runoff down Clark Hill Rd. Pertaining to the 7/13/17 minutes; the islands in the lake were not donated, but were built by the Environmental Club at the High School, and are launched in the lake.

### Plan Review:

- a) **59 Spellman Point Road – Construction of a Single Family Home:** Frank Nunes, homeowner, was present. He will be removing the existing home and constructing a new home on the same site. The driveway will be made from pervious, porous, plastic mesh that gets filled in by angular stone. All runoff will be collected in a galley system made up of 18" units. There will be less storm water runoff once the project is complete than there is now with a smaller home onsite. Mr. Nunes plans to plant shrubs along the shoreline in between large boulders that are there now. There will be minimal excavation during the project as the first floor will be built into the existing slope. Silt fences will be utilized.

*Vice Chairman Carbonell made a motion to approve the plans for a single family home construction at 59 Spellman Point Road. Second by Mr. Jenks. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

- b) **8 West Point Road – Rebuild Seawall:** David Provencher of Coastline Consulting & Development was present to represent the Threloff family. They propose to reconstruct the existing bulkhead in place with no expansion. The existing bulkhead is crumbling and in poor shape. They will go 12" inside the property line, remove the existing and replace it with modular precast units. A temporary water inflated coffer dam will be used. The timeline for the job is three to five weeks. All machines will be landward of the existing bulkhead; the deck will need to be removed then rebuilt in order to accommodate.

*Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the plans, Mr. Jenks seconded. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

During the presentation for these plans, Mr. Provencher noted that there is a damaged pipe that attaches to a catch basin on the property that the town does not have an easement to fix or clean. The homeowner was planning on having the pipe repaired with material that the town provides. The Commission members discussed that this would be a good example of a project that the town can take on while this other construction is happening. The catch basin should be replaced with an infiltrating catch basin – this is a small, visible project that could have positive impact. The owner cannot do anything except repair the terminus. Mr. Hall will speak with Mr. DeCarli in the Planning & Zoning Department and Mr. Michelson in Public Works and ask them to look at this as a potential immediate action item, should budget(s) allow. Mr. Jenks made a motion that was not seconded or voted upon to this effect. This item will appear on the Commission's agenda for September.

**Watershed Proposal Update and Advisory Panel Update:** There is no update as there has been no movement on DEEP's end.

### Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** Vice Chair Carbonell stated that an education piece will be submitted to the next EH Events Magazine regarding the project at Edgemere and low impact information.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** At the last meeting, Dr. Knoecklein and Mr. Mitchell of Chatham Health were present to discuss testing. There was a discussion with Mr. DeCarli regarding empowering the Building Department to require E&S bonds from builders so funds are set aside to remediate, clean up or divert water or sediment runoff caused by any construction project.

Within the commission discussion ensued on the topics of enforcement, methods of damage measurement, and the possibility of just blocking further development in the watershed.

*Vice Chairman Carbonell moved and Mr. O'Brien seconded to recommend that Mr. DeCarli investigate the feasibility for the Building Department to add erosion and sediment control bonds to each individual contractor for any construction activity in the lake watershed for all future projects, and the possibility of changing some existing long term projects. Voted 6-0 in favor. Discussion: \$5,000 bond, or a reasonable percentage of the construction cost could be considered.*

It was also discussed that Dr. Knoecklein has attributed the cooler, cloudy weather this year to less aggressive growth of the plankton as sun is needed to thrive.

Mr. Mitchell was consulted about expediting the testing of the lake; Town Manager Maniscalco is against expending the extra money to expedite the results.

c) **Lake Smart Program:** No update

d) **Upland Review Change Update:** Mr. DeCarli is looking for a representative from the Commission to attend the next Inlands Wetlands meeting to present why the town would benefit from an upland review change from 100' to 200'. Chairman Zawisza will attend the next meeting at August 30, 6:30.

**New Business:** Vice Chairman Carbonell asked Mr. Hall or Mr. Maniscalco to mention to Public Works Director Michelson that the catch basins could do with a cleaning, especially since there has been heavy rainfall. Mr. Hall will recommend this; he was previously told that the catch basins are cleaned once a year in the watershed.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

*Ms. Hasselman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, at 8:15 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary