

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, John Roche, Danielle Holmes, Wes Jenks, and Alternate Member Anita Guerin, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

**Absent:** Martin Podskoch and Tom O'Brien

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

**Seating of Alternates:** Ms. Guerin was seated

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting: September 14, 2017** - *A motion was made by Mr. Roche, seconded by Ms. Guerin, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting. Voted (5-0). Ms. Holmes was not yet present during this vote.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that capital expenditures are still frozen. If the State cuts the town by the now estimated 6 million dollars, all capital funds will be exhausted. The regatta went well, there were an estimated 1,000 people.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Presentation: Ehren Messinger:** Mr. Messinger installed the floating island at Mrs. Morris's dock per his presentation in 2015. He is now a student at the University of Rhode Island and has become involved with hydrologists there that are installing bio fil filters in ponds and lakes to test them for efficacy in filtering. They are using a hybrid colita filter designed specifically for inflow streams, utilizing filter strips that hang down from the bottom of the island that fish, turtles and other wildlife can flow through. The hope is to also be able to grow vegetables on the top of the island. The bio-accumulation on the vegetables will be tested to see if this is feasible for use in food-poor areas such as Indonesia. The initial cost estimate is \$2,000 - \$4,680/stream. The islands are about 5' x 8' but can be larger, or a chain of multiple smaller islands can be used. He directed interested members to look online at [www.floatingislandsinternational.com](http://www.floatingislandsinternational.com).

**Plan Review:** None

**Watershed Proposal Update and Advisory Panel Update:** Chuck Lee has announced that our application for the 319 Federal Funding was approved. The \$236,700.00 is earmarked for projects in the watershed management plan. The DEP and NEAR will help guide the decision on which project to tackle. Mr. Lee is looking for a proposed project budget from the CLC; Mr. Hall noted that it needs to be checked on whether part of the funds can cover engineering costs.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No update
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** No update; the next meeting is Mon., Oct. 16
- c) **Lake Smart Program – subcommittee formation:** Chairman Zawisza stated that if anyone is interested in being on this subcommittee to let him know. Ms. Guerin volunteered. There was discussion on whether it should include all the watershed or only lake front properties. This subcommittee would be a reporting subcommittee, with no power of enforcement. It is to highlight the people that are making positive changes in their properties.
- d) **Upland Review Change Update:** There was discussion on information created by Mr. DeCarli for the Inlands Wetlands Agency mapping a 150' and 200' upland review area. CLC members discussed whether it should include all development within the watershed, as the worst impacts to the lake are developments such as Skyline, Seven Hills, Lake Vista, etc., which are not included on the map.

**New Business:** There was discussion about a possible lake draw down, and the process for helping to facilitate that. It was revealed that there is now a local contact that can open and close the dam in lieu of Mr. Bevin in KY. Mr. Carbonell stated that he would speak with this person about the draw down. Communication and questions on a draw down should be communicated to the Conservation-Lake Commission in the future.

**Public Remarks:**

Dennis Jenks stated that the Bevin family used to watch weather patterns when determining a draw down of the lake. The high water promotes erosion of seawalls, which is detrimental and costly. He also discussed that the residents around the lake don't understand why the Town Council has not made the lake a priority as it is an economic issue.

There was discussion at this time about purchasing a buoy that can determine water level for the Commission if they are now in charge of the dam.

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Carbonell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jenks, at 8:12 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary