

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

Present: Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Wes Jenks, Martin Podskoch, Alternate Member Anita Guerin, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

Absent: Tom O'Brien, John Roche, Danielle Holmes

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: November 9, 2017** - *A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Ms. Guerin, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting. Voted (5-0).*

Communications and Liaison Reports: None

Public Remarks: Doreen Nablo, 43 Bay Road, had a conversation with the Commission about the dam and the water level at the lake; she feels it is too high. She distributed photos showing damage to her dock that she attributes to the level of the lake. She stated she would like to see the dam marked with a level line of where the water should be. The process for how the dam is opened or closed was discussed.

Chuck Yanker, 65 Spellman Point Road, stated that he has a fixed dock and will calibrate it to the dam and email weekly reports on the water level to the commission. Mr. Hall gave him his email address and said he can send the information to him for distribution.

Plan Review:

- a) **78 Mott Hill – proposed sub division:** Donald Snyder of Snyder Engineering, along with consultant Thad King, were present to represent the homeowner, Dan Strong (who was also present). They presented site plans for the proposed re-subdivision of this lot into two lots. There is one existing house with a proposal to build another on the newly created lot. There is an existing farm road of dirt and gravel that will be used as the driveway, with the possibility of paving it in the future. There is one intermittent watercourse and wetlands on the property. The runoff from this property goes to Hales Brook and will flow from there into the lake.

Mr. King stated the phosphorous level is currently significantly under the baseline of Hales Brook. Post development it is projected to be at about 12%, which is still under that baseline. 95% of that will be handled by the infiltration system being proposed. A gravel drip edge will be placed around the house to capture the roof runoff (no gutters), with a 4" footing drain for the basement, which is away from the house. This was done because they thought to follow the natural pitch of the land to have the pipe flow away from the house. Placement of the infiltration system was discussed along with the possibility of using rain gardens. Discussion occurred on how the

infiltration system will work and how it will keep water from ending up in the basement of the home.

The Commission ultimately recommended that if the homeowner does choose to use gutters on the home, a system that connects to a rain garden or a separate infiltration system is recommended. Some members recommended moving the existing proposed infiltration system closer to the house and further from the wetlands.

Watershed Project /Federal Funding Update: Mr. Hall distributed Anchor Engineering's initial proposal for the drainage work on Clark Hill Rd. This has been submitted to Chuck Lee at the DEEP who asked for more information, especially in regard to nutrient loading. Anchor's proposal is for test hole work only at this point and not full engineering of a system. This testing will determine if it is possible to put a drainage system in this location. This engineering cost starts the spending of the federal funding received for lake improvement project(s).

Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No update
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** No update; the meetings have concluded for the year and will start again in the spring unless something comes up in the meantime and it is necessary to meet.
- c) **Lake Smart Program – subcommittee formation:** Ms. Guerin reported that she and Ms. Holmes met and would accept more volunteers for the sub-committee. They looked at information from the Maine program and other programs, and Ms. Holmes is reaching out to Mr. DeCarli and the administrators of the program in Maine for more information. Ms. Guerin noted some questions that have arisen so far, such as how to handle inspection of properties, and the education component of the program, and if this will apply to new or existing (or both) properties.

There was discussion at this time on the "Entering the Watershed" signs that were ordered and partially put up a few years ago. It is believed that there are 5 up in town.

- d) **Upland Review Change Update:** A public hearing will be held at the Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Agency meeting of Wed., Dec. 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM regarding changing the upland review area to 200' from the lake (instead of 100').

New Business: Chairman Zawisza noted that he received a draft copy of the by laws. He believes that there is a more recent copy that has gone into effect. This will need to be located.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment:

Mr. Podskoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jenks, at 8:46 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Secretary