

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2017  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Bob Hart, Tom O'Brien, John Roche, Martin Podskoch, Irene Curtis, and Wes Jenks

**Absent:** Alternate Member Spencer Killian

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

**Seating of Alternates:** None

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 12, 2017** - *A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.*
  
- b) **Minutes of Special Meeting: February 16, 2017** – *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 special meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0, with Ms. Curtis and Mr. O'Brien abstaining.*

**Jeremy DeCarli, P&Z Official – Lake Smart Home Program:** Mr. DeCarli presented information about the Lake Smart Home program that is used in Maine by the Maine Lake Association. He feels that if the Town and Commission can enlist the help of the 433 lake front properties in East Hampton, it would be a benefit. The program consists of education, assessment of properties and then recognition for homeowners that move forward with improvement projects. This program can be initiated by the town but needs to be run by volunteers. The town staff has time constraints, and it may also be perceived as the town trying to control what people are doing on their properties. He gave out some examples of the educational materials used by Maine, and noted that he has access to that program. It was discussed that businesses could also be involved, such as Paul's & Sandy's, and that the P&Z website could be utilized to link to or provide educational materials. There was discussion on the pros and cons of opening the program to the entire watershed.

It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to define the project's scope. If possible, the lake Associations should get involved. Ms. Curtis offered the Princess Pocotopaug community building for a space to hold a partnership meeting.

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Staff reported that articles for the next East Hampton Events Magazine need to be in to Ms. Sirois by April 13.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:**

- a) **East Hampton Housing Authority – new parking lot, Bellwood Court:** Jeremy DeCarli, P&Z Official, was present in place of Judy Bobbi to explain the plans. The lot is being reduced, with the proposed lot having 2,000 square feet less of impervious coverage. The current non-functioning catch basins will be removed, and two grass line swales will be incorporated along with functioning catch basins and a 3' deep rip rap hole/scour pad. This project is on a grant, so there is a possibility that it will not move forward unless the grant is funded.

*A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to recommend that increased infiltration measures are used including adding pervious stone under the swales and an infiltration catch basin, aka catch basin with leeching basin. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Watershed Proposal Update and Advisory Panel Update:** NEAR will be present next week for the budget presentation to the Board of Finance. Lake monitoring will begin again in April. The Watershed Proposal has been approved by the DEEP & EPA.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No report
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** At the last meeting it was reported that Dr. Knoecklein is working on a revision of the draft of the plan. He has submitted the 319 Funding application to DEEP. A presentation was given to the Town Council on the in-lake treatment. This will be discussed and hopefully approved at their next meeting on March 14. They had questioned how many applications can be done under a two year permit; the answer is 4-6 through DEEP with contingencies such as the percentage of dilution, and only half the lake can be applied at a time. The application is \$760, and the treatment of the lake will be in the \$6,000 range. This is through Solitude, who handles the permit filing with the state.

**New Business:**

- a) **Budget Discussion:** There was discussion on how much money has been allocated toward lake health. It is believed that there is about \$40,000 of the original \$150,000 that was promised. For the next year's budget, Chairman Zawisza has asked for \$100,000 for implementation of the 9 point plan. This will be presented to the Board of Finance next week.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Curtis, at 7:54 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary