

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2019  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Zawisza, John Purple, Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, Wes Jenks and Anita Guerin (Mr. Jenks and Ms. Guerin arrived at 7:02 after adoption of agenda).

**Absent:** None.

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

**Seating of Alternates:** None

**Adoption of Agenda:** *Mr. Purple moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Mr. Podskoch. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting July 11, 2019:** *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, with the change from Jeremy Decarli to Jeremy Hall. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** A meeting with Dr. George, Hillary, and Steve Trinkus to figure out a list of projects for the grants. The first phase of the grant costs about \$65,000. Once the first phase is signed and approved by DEEP there will be 90 days to complete the list of projects. If the projects aren't completed within the 90-day limit; the grant will be pulled. The project's objectives are to stop infiltration of the lake. This will help increase the health of the lake.

**Public Remarks:** Judson Lang of Spellman Point Road- Mr. Lang wanted to know the progress of the lake treatment. He asked how long the treatment would last in the lake. He was informed that the permits all went through to obtain the treatment. He was also told that there was an emulsifier added to the treatment to keep it suspended in the water to last longer and kill off more algae.

Kevin Reich of Arch Drive- He announced that there will be a workshop by Planning and Zoning for the revisions to the regulations for section 3.1 for Lake Pocotopaug. It will take place on September 10 at 6:30 pm in the Library Community Room. The location may change depending on the number of attending public.

Pam Renaldi of 1 West Street- Ms. Renaldi presented her findings on the invasive carp fish living in the lake. She wants the members to review her information and decided whether to deal with the carp.

Bob Yanker of Spellman Point Road- Mr. Yanker asked the commission members whether they're concerned with in lake treatments and projects. He wanted to know whether the treatment of the lake is the responsibility of the commission. The members answered by stating that once the infiltration from the watershed has been alleviated, they will then focus on treating within the lake. They also reminded him of the copper sulfate treatment that will be applied to the lake.

Eric Rosenberg of Bay Road- Mr. Rosenberg suggested to the members to educate people about reducing phosphates in the lake. Dr. George and Mr. Trinkus are willing to speak to the community about being lake smart. The commission members showed Mr. Rosenberg the pamphlet they printed to mail out to the community.

Judy Wesley of Bay Road- She mentioned to the members to not just focus solely on the lake front residents when mailing out the pamphlets. They should mail the pamphlets to the residents within and around the watershed area as well. She also recommended holding the property owners responsible for the care of their land and knowing what is being applied to their yards.

Susan McFarlan of Meeks Point- Ms. McFarlan asked what the commission and/or the community do to prevent the contamination from the Town Hall construction site from happening again. The members addressed this topic and stated that the problem has been dealt with and won't occur in the future.

**Plan Review:** None

**Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding Update:** None

**Old Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** There will be an article going into the next issue of the Events Magazine about the project Hillary Kenyon from Northeast Aquatics started. She took core samples from the lake to test and analyze. She wants to figure out why the alum treatment for the lake failed in 2000 and 2001.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** The meeting for Monday was postponed. No further update.
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** The members discussed the medallion award for residents becoming lake smart with their property in the watershed and lake front areas. The members award a Lake Smart medallion to a resident who performs a project on their property that is or will make their land more lake friendly. It was also brought up how to identify the watershed area when driving along the streets. There are a few signs indicating where the watershed starts. But there needs to be more signs added to make clear where the area parameters start and end. It was suggested to paint the storm drains in the watershed blue as an identifier. There was also a suggestion to educate the kids in school about lake smart and how to become lake friendly at home.
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee/ Resolution:** None

**New Business:** There was brief discussion about the surface of the lake and why 'oil' like bubbles are appearing. This question was answered by Mr. Yanker when he explained that the bubbles on the water surface is the side effect of the blue green algae in the lake water. There

was a question about why the copper sulfate treatment was chosen over the phoslock or alum treatment. Commissioner Carbonell answered that the alum and phoslock treatments aren't used in lakes anymore. The members briefly discussed the regulation changes for section 3.1 in the town charter.

**Public Remarks:** Chuck Yanker 65 Spellman Point Road- Mr. Yanker suggested to the commission the dredging of the rivers and streams leading into the lake. The dredging could alleviate some of the infiltration from occurring within the lake. This could be a two-track plan to help the health of the lake.

John Rochaw of Raymond Road- Mr. Rochaw explained to the commission that there was no one to hold his neighbor accountable when he cut down 30 feet of trees on his watershed property. He wanted to know whether there will be a person to enforce the new regulations once they're in affect.

David Purple of 14 East high Street- Mr. Purple expressed his concern for the lake level. He would like for the lake level to be managed so it's not too high or too low. He asked how to handle that with Stanley Bevin overseeing the dam.

Judy Wesley of Bay Road- Ms. Wesley asked the members if there is a list of the grant projects and the capital projects. She was told there is a list on the town website.

Pam Renaldi of 1 West Street- Ms. Renaldi informed the members that the leak from West Street is coming from Lake Drive.

David Purple of 14 East High Street- Mr. Purple brought up a point that the town has a pump truck not being used. This truck could clean out the storm drains in the town, but the truck is expensive to run and maintain.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk