

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Peter Zawisza, Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, Wes Jenks and Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Anita Guerin and John Purple

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. Carbonell moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Mr. Podskoch. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting June 13, 2019:** *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Jenks, with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Communications and Liaison Reports: DEEP sent an update to Mr. DeCarli about the repairs to a boat lift and a river dock on residential property. The Town Council reviewed a letter to be sent out to the residence in the watershed about keeping lake smart. What they can do to improve their property and the lake's health. It's only a rough draft; but once the final draft is complete the Town Council will approve it before it is sent out to the residents in the watershed.

Public Remarks: Bob Yanker of Spellman Point Road- Mr. Yanker asked the commission of the process to gain more members. It was explained that applicants are reviewed by the Town Manager. Then the application is approved by the Town Council.

John Roche of Raymond Road- Mr. Roche asked whether the letter will be sent to registered addresses in the watershed.

Andy Priest of Hawthorn Road- Mr. Priest inquired about the budget for the remainder of the year. He also asked what could be done to increase the use of the grant money.

Plan Review: None

Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding Update: The town has signed off on a grant worth \$99,000. The contract needs to be approved and signed by DEEP and then sent to the attorney general to be signed as well. Then the grant can be awarded to the commission and be used for the projects. The next step for the members is to figure out how to spend the remaining money left in the budget. An addendum was added to the grant and the contract for the pricing for Mr. Trinkus's work for forming the seven projects that the grant will fund. The price is only the engineering cost for Mr. Trinkus for each project. There are no prices for the construction part of the seven projects yet. The projects are being evaluated and priced. The members also discussed a project for Sear's Park to make it more lake friendly.

Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** Hillary's bio and paper on the lake will be in the next Events magazine.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** The next meeting will be in October.
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. Podskoch is volunteering to give talks after the letter is mailed to the watershed residents. The members decided to order more Lake Smart pamphlets to be sent out with the letters. It was suggested to add a line item to next year's budget for educational talks for \$2,500.
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee/ Resolution:** The members are looking for a lake draw down in mid to late October possibly early November. It was suggested to have the lake drawn down to 16 inches for the winter.

New Business: John Tucci of Everblue Lakes had been close to having a contract with East Hampton to put an aeration system in the lake seven years ago. He contacted Mr. Jenks about bringing the proposal to the town once more. His system also involves a biological treatment where the bacteria eats the cano bacteria. The fish will then eat the remaining bacteria, while one fish eats another fish. A performance contract would be held to ensure he reaches each benchmark for the project if the project goes through. The oxygenation of the water would improve the lake life and the life of the plants and fish. Mr. Jenks wants to invite Mr. Tucci to a meeting in the future to discuss the system and biological treatment.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Jenks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk