

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

MINUTES**

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

Absent: Anita Guerin.

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

Seating of Alternates: None

Adoption of Agenda: *Chairman Zawisza moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of the November 7th special meeting under the approval of minutes; seconded by Mr. Carbonell. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2019:** *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Purple, to approve of the October 10 regular meeting with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
- b) **Minutes of Special Meeting November 7, 2019:** *A motion was made by Mr. Yenknor, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, to approve of the November 7 special meeting with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Communications and Liaison Reports: None

Public Remarks: Bob Yenknor of Spellman Point- Mr. Yenknor asked the commission how long the 9-point plan will take to implement. He voiced concerns about whether the town will see an open lake in the coming years.

Judy Isele of Wangonk Trail- Ms. Isele commented on the level of the lake recently. She remarked on the positive feedback from the Everblue meeting. She also asked about the status of the responses to the easement letters that were sent out to residents.

Andy Priest of 19 Hawthorne- Mr. Priest voiced his positivity about the workshop meeting discussing the Everblue system. He also handed out a packet about SMART goals for big projects.

Dave Bengston of 82 Spellman Point- Mr. Bengston voiced his concerns about an open lake next season. He is concerned with the length of time the plan has taken.

Dean Markham of 1 Fairlawn Ave- Mr. Markham pointed out a part of the 9-point plan that states an annual training of new council members. He also pointed out a spelling error of Bay Point Road to Day Point Road in the 9-point plan.

Linda Shroth of 47 Spellman Point Rd- Ms. Shroth stated that she has researched aeration systems and only found positive feedback and results from the lakes and communities implementing them.

Plan Review: None

Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding Update: The specs for the 7 projects are being reviewed. The Mohegan Trail project is working on an easement. The last projects approved by the commission are being finalized. The other 3 projects through the 319 grant are receiving vastly different quotes. If the project cost goes over \$20,000 it would have to go out to bid. But if the cost is under \$20,000 it won't need to bid. It was suggested to combine the projects to make one big bid to make it over the money limit. There have been 30 letters mailed back about the easements. The letters are being reviewed and if needed a property walk through will occur to make final decisions. An answer will be mailed to the residents once the decisions are made. A possible easement on Lake Vista pond to install a curtain to manipulate the flow of water is being discussed. The owner of Christopher Brook has expressed a willingness for an easement with the town. 8 floating islands could be installed to filter the nutrients and other materials before reaching further down the stream. Silt sacks will be placed on Old Marlborough Road to filter the water flowing over the asphalt.

Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** There will be an article in the next Events Magazine.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** None
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** 1 talk has been given so far. It was suggested to tie the topic into any upcoming history talks as well.
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee/ Resolution:** The dam has been open for a couple days. The lake needs to go down by 16 inches before freezing. It would take 4 weeks, at 3 to 4 inches a week, to get the lake where it needs to be before the winter arrives.

New Business:

- a) **Approval of 2020 Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Yenknor, to approve of the 2020 meeting dates. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
- b) *A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, for the committee to recommend to the Town Manager and the town to pursue and investigate aeration systems for the lake. Voted 5-1 in favor (Mr. Zawisza voted against).*

Public Remarks: Dean Markham of 1 Fairlawn Ave- Mr. Markham informed the committee that the owner of the Christopher Brook property has passed away.

Bob Yenknor of Spellman Point Road- Mr. Yenknor wanted to thank the committee for voting in favor of the aeration system for the lake.

Judy Isele of Wangonk Trail- Ms. Isele wanted to thank the committee as well. She also suggested replacing some of the existing silt sacks in other areas as well. She suggested that the committee form two columns for the lake projects. One column would be the town paid projects and the other column would be the 319 paid projects.

Bob Yenknor of Spellman Point Road- Mr. Yenknor pointed out that the town has been cleaning the storm drains, but the truck being used was leaking oil onto the roadways.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk