

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

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Peter Zawisza, Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, John Purple, Wes Jenks, Chuck Yenkner, and Anita Guerin with Jeremy Hall and David Cox.

Absent: None.

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

Seating of Alternates: None, new alternate member John Roche.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Vice Chairman Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adopt the agenda. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Approvals: *A motion was made by Vice Chairman Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Jenks, to approve of the November 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Communications and Liaison Reports: None

Public Remarks: None

Plan Review: None

Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding Update: The construction cost for the 319 grant projects are being finalized. The grant projects should be in various stages of completion by mid-summer. The Waygunk Beach Association's easement is being investigated. Working on the last \$69,000 for Phase 3 on the projects. The property on Sear's Place at the end of the road needs to divert the water flowing onto the property near the lake waterfront. At the end of Hawthorn there are deep storm drains. The drain is unable to fill the detention pond fully. A solution was suggested to install a curtain and to use silt sacks to divert the water. The water would filter through the silt sacks before entering the lake. The Westpoint road storm drain leaks onto the property before entering the lake. Looking into possible solutions and plans for that problem. Easement requests are still being sent to the Town Hall, 1 to 2 easements a week, and are being reviewed and assessed. Need to track where the money goes and how it's being used for each project to show the government. It was suggested that the dredging of Christopher Brook would be more logical than installing aquatic islands. There was a suggestion that the commission writes a letter outlining the member's concerns over developing in the watershed areas within the town. The town should have some accountability regarding the town projects in the watershed as well. Any and all projects going on in the watershed should come before the commission and inland wetland to be reviewed. This will ensure no problems arise and to advise the projects on how to prevent problems and accidents from occurring.

Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** The next Events magazine comes out in March.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** None
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** None
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee/ Resolution:** The dam was opened earlier in the week. It was opened 8 inches. The lake level needs to be lowered even more. There needs to be an agreement on lake levels for each season of the year.

New Business: The new bridge construction on North Main Street is leaving feet of debris and long trails of silt in the watershed area and close to private property. There was a suggestion to make more watershed signs to post in the town. There is still \$27,000 left in the budget and \$25,000 is designated to Dr. George.

A motion was made by Mr. Yenker, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to recommend the town investigate the acquisition of the Christopher property and other suitable watershed properties as opportunities present themselves to further implement the 9-point plan. Voted 7-0 in favor.

Public Remarks: Andy Priest 19 Hawthorn- Mr. Priest asked whether the budgets go back to the 9-point plan. He also stated that buying land should be a part of the 9-point plan.

Kevin Reich Arch Drive- Mr. Reich informed the members that the owner of Christopher Brook has recently passed away. The property will be put on the market soon by the owner's family. He suggested having the town approach the family about buying/ obtaining the property.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Yenker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk