

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**  
**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** Chuck Yenknner

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

**Seating of Alternates:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Ms. Guerin, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adopt the agenda. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Approvals:** *A motion was made by Vice Chairman Carbonell, seconded by Ms. Guerin, to approve of the December 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** A draft for the regulation change for developments in the lake and watershed area has been reviewed. There will be another round of revisions before the regulations will be finished. Northeast Aquatics made their opinions and advise for changes to the regulations. There was a suggestion to plant wildflowers near the storm drain by the lake to filter the runoff before entering the lake. This will cut down on the pollutants going into the lake. The town will go forward on obtaining a land easement for the Chatham Apartments. The project needs to go before the Inland Wetlands committee for permitting. A suggestion was made to combine Phase 1, Phase 2, and Sear's Place so the money limit will be reached. The bid will be sent out and the project will be ready by Spring. The budget for the commission is being drafted and will be ready to send in. The aeration system is being taken into consideration for how much may be needed for capital.

**Public Remarks:** Victor Strong of Carriage Drive- Mr. Strong asked the commission members questions about the letters sent out to the lake residents. He also asked the members about the lake health and ways to help the lake.

**Plan Review:** None

**Review RFP for Aeration Project:** Copies of the RFP were given to the members to review. The bid documents going out need to be approved by the town council before it is posted for companies to bid on. Once there is a bid proposal sent back, the project will go before the Town Council to be approved. There is no permit or permission needed by DEEP for installing an aeration system in the lake.

*A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to accept the RFP proposal with some changes for clarification and to have Northeast Aquatics be involved in the revision process. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding Update:** This topic was already discussed. The members are putting together an application for another 319-grant. The application is due by February 24<sup>th</sup>. The town is investigating buying the Christopher Brook property from the family. The town needs to find out who owns Hale's Brook and research what type of project it would entail. The easements submitted to the town are being worked through.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** None
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** On hiatus for the winter.
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** None
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee:** There will be a meeting with Cici Bevin and Stanley Bevin about the lake level. The water is a foot and a half under the dam. The dam is open four inches, which is where the water level should be for the winter.

**New Business:** It was suggested to have flyers made for contractors/ landscapers and the lake residents. Another idea was to have a business card specifically for the lake commission. The landscapers in town should go through training to get certified to work in watershed area. The members discussed the lake smart awareness program and the corresponding medallion award system.

**Public Remarks:** Victor Strong of Carriage Drive- Mr. Strong suggested the commission members use social media to spread knowledge and awareness of how to be lake smart. There is a Facebook page for the town, a website for the commission, and the lake smart information would also be on the town website as well.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk.