

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020
7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, Chuck Yenknor, John Purple, Wes Jenks, Anita Guerin, and Alternate Member John Roche with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Chairman Peter Zawisza

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

Seating of Alternates: John Roche was seated by Vice Chairman Carbonell.

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

Approvals: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Guerin, to approve of the January 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Communications and Liaison Reports: The bids for the RFP for the aeration system in the lake have been opened. The next step would be to meet with the sub-committee to figure out which bids would be best. The final decision would be made by the end of the month. There are 15 projects for the 319-grant. Sears Park has three of the fifteen projects combined into one. The projects will bring the grant to a close. The town is in the process of the last four easements for the grant projects. O'Neill Road and Christopher Brook are both on the Phase 2 for the grant. Set up bid specs and find one contractor to perform all fifteen projects for the 319-grant.

Public Remarks: Tim Fegle of Abby Road- Mr. Fegle addressed the topic of conflicting interests with Dr. George and the aeration system for the lake.

Judy Iseley of Wayngonk Trail- Ms. Iseley asked the members about the grant projects. How far along are the projects? The public doesn't get a lot of information, so she wanted to ask the committee in person.

Cathy Mayo of Wayngonk Trail- Ms. Mayo asked the members when the sub-committee for the aeration system will be meeting and if public may attend the meetings.

Plan Review:

- a) **240 Lake Drive:** Kurtis Wainwright presented to the committee members. The house across the road from Dollar General was abandoned and the roof had collapsed. The bank

took over the home once the homeowner left and defaulted on their loan. Silt fencing will be around the property. The water runoff will soak into the ground before going into the culvert stream. The DOT has an open drain system that carries road runoff across the property. The plan is to build a house on slab on grade on the property. No basement with 1,100 square foot and would be safely and highly efficient. It would have 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom and a well on the Lake Drive side of the property. Habitat for Humanity would be building the house. *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Yenknner, to approve the plan review for 240 Lake Drive as submitted. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

- b) **25 Spellman Point:** Richard Megson of Megson and Kagle presented to the committee members. The plan is to replace the existing home with a new home. The new house will cover the existing footprint but will be pushed back towards the lake end of the property. There is a concrete retaining seawall running along the property line where it meets the lake. The driveway and sidewalk will be replaced with permeable pavers. The roof will be straight infiltrate into the ground for the runoff. The existing garage and well are staying on the property. Two trees on the property will be removed. The new foundation will be stepped, and a proposed deck will be on the back of the house. There will be a walkout basement under the back deck. *A motion was made by Mr. Yenknner, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the plan review for 25 Spellman Point with the recommendation to add a buffer zone along the lake side of the property. Voted 7-0 in favor.*
- c) **11 Cone Road:** William Jackson of Jackson Environmental presented to the committee members. There are 4 separate parcels on the property. The four lots will be subdivisions for single family residence. There will be a proposed private paved access road leading to a rotary with another road branching off. The Pine Brook tributary runs through all four parcels. A wet meadow is located at the top of the first parcel of the property.

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: This topic was covered in the communications section. Hillary and Dr. George are working on applying for the next grant.

Old Business:

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** None
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** There will be a meeting in March.
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** An award system and criteria for who obtains an award for the Lake Smart program was discussed by the members. The Lake Smart program will have medallions awarded to homeowners in the lake and watershed areas who promote and exercise Lake Smart awareness in the community and on their own properties. The logo of the committee will be on the medallion. The homeowners will be awarded after completion of their Lake Smart projects. *A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Yenknner, to accept the proposed criteria for the Lake Pocotopaug Lake Smart program with the change of wildlife to wild water fouling. Voted 7-0 in favor.*
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/ Sub-Committee:** There will be a meeting with the Bevins on the 19th at 3:00 pm at Bevin Factory to discuss the dam and lake level.

New Business: There is a sub-committee to review the aeration system for the lake. It was suggested that the committee should be involved in the decision making for the aeration system. A protocol to review the process for proposals for the project was suggested. The members

discussed figuring out how to obtain a small budget for the committee to use for education, Northeast Aquatics, Lake Smart Medallions/ Plaques, copper sulfate treatments, etc. It was suggested to work on the budget request and submit it to the Town Council.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk