

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Zawisza, Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Wes Jenks, Chuck Yenknor, John Purple, Martin Podskoch, Anita Guerin, with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

**Absent:** Alternate Member John Roche.

**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 Mr. Yenknor, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Approvals:**

- a) *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Yenknor, to approve of the March 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*
- b) *A motion was made by Mr. Yenknor, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, to approve of the April 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** The lake aeration system has two possible sites for the system to be installed. John Tucci and his team will be staying in town for three months to install the aeration system in the lake. The system should be operation by mid-June for both sites. They will start next week. The easement for the Edgemere property is on schedule. The next property to be completed after Edgemere would be Spellman Point.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:** None

**Budget Review:** The members have received a copy of the budget to review. Dr. George will use his budget for testing the lake water. The Lake Refuge line item would have some left-over money. And the line items for education and printing pamphlets are on track. The last mailing of the pamphlets cost \$1,500. There is \$3,500 in the supplies line item.

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** The bid closed a month and a half ago and the contract with Butler needs to be signed. The work will start the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

The projects for Sear's Park will be finished by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Then the projects for Waygonk, Clark Hill, and Mott Hill will be started one after another. It will take two months to get all the work finished. Sear's Park will be opening this season. But it will open in phases to keep count of people and to keep to the restrictions by the government. Cleaning will happen constantly to keep the health risks down. The playgrounds will be closed until phase 2 or 3. It was suggested to have a performance clause for the contractor in the contract with Butler. This will ensure the projects will be built to spec the first time around. Steve Trinkaus will be talking to Kevin Reich about the Edgemere project needing to be fixed. The commission will be applying for the next round of grants.

**Continued Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** None
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** The meetings have been postponed due to the quarantine.
- c) **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. Podskoch is working to get the pictures sent to the publishers.
- d) **Discussion of Lake Level/Sub-Committee:** The lake is down by a couple inches. The dam is open 10 inches because of the couple of days there was rain. The plan is to close the dam four inches and that will be on track to meet the lake level goals.

**New Business:** The members discussed the property at 0 Lake Wood Road. The members recommend that the town acquire the land. The property has 30.5 acres and costs \$575,000. It is owned by BB&G Holdings LLC. There needs to be three assessments made to get a quote from the town to possibly purchase the land. There is a house that abuts the top of the property.

*A motion was made by Mr. Yenker, seconded by Mr. Jenks, to advise the Town Council to investigate purchasing the 30.5 acres at 0 Lake Wood Road to keep land clear. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

It was suggested to communicate with Lake Vista association to possibly have projects on their property. The members discussed coordinating a meeting with the association's HOA about having a project to fix their detention basin issues. The members were told that 99% of the detention basins are given back to the town. There is a possibility that an easement is needed to get the Lake Vista basin fixed.

The Christopher Brook property is being negotiated with the town and will be discussed at the Town Council meeting.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk.