

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, and Alternate Member John Roche, with Town Manager Dave Cox and Parks and Rec director Jeremy Hall.

**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. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Purple, to approve of the July 9th, 2020 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** The update was deferred to later in the meeting.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Reviews:**

- a) **21 Emerson Road- Setback Variance:** The building will be 3 feet from the property line. There will be no new roof line or new deck line. The building will be going straight up. The plan may need to go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The property is 4 or 5 houses from the lake front. The property is not lake front but may be in the water shed. There may be a visual impairment to the surrounding houses if the plan goes through. The property owner should consider adding a rain garden or a type of retention pond on their property to become more lake smart.

*A motion was made by Mr. Yenknor, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, to approve of the plan review for 21 Emerson Road as submitted. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Budget Review:** The end of the fiscal year budget report was sent to the members. The new budget for the fiscal year will be out by the end of the month. Money has been spent on ordering the lake award plaques and paying Dr. George and Hillary for testing the lake.

**Lake Aeration Project Update:** The project is moving along smoothly. The system was down due to the storm and power outages. The power has been restored. The lake is benefitting from the system; the oxygen level is up, and the blue algae level is down. The clarity of the lake has improved as well. It was suggested to educate the public on how the aeration system works. The members discussed the need for a Bio Blast treatment in the lake while using the aeration system. There could be benefits to performing a Bio Blast treatment on the lake as well. DEEP is

making sure everything is safe pertaining to the aeration system before obtaining a permit for the system in the lake. The system will run through the end of November and will be turned off during the winter months.

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** The projects are running smoothly and most nearly finished. The projects for Sears Park are finished. The swale was installed, and the runoff is nonexistent now. The project on Wangonk Trail is finished as well. The projects for Clark Hill, Mott Hill, and Hawthorn have not been started. These ones will be next in line to be finished. There is no easement yet for the catch basin for the Lake Vista apartments.

**Lake Test Monitoring:** Chatham Health emailed Mr. Hall about the bad clarity of the lake. This email will be sent to the commission members as well. It was suggested to look into lake data equipment companies to come, in person when possible, to present their products to the commission. The lake data equipment will be investigated since there are many types and newer technology coming out.

### **Old Business**

- a. **Chatham Health Testing at Sears Park:** No new update.
- b. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** There will be an article going into the Events magazine and the Rivereast about the Lake Smart Program. Two homes have qualified for the Lake Smart award. Mr. Roche is one of the homes that will be awarded. Mr. DeCarli emailed Mr. Hall that there is another home that qualifies for the award as well. A couple members will inspect the property and then award the owners for being Lake Smart. It was suggested to have a presentation of the Lake Smart Program for the Bay Point Club upcoming event.
- c. **Advisory Panel Update:** No update.
- d. **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** No further update.
- e. **Discussion of Lake Level/Sub-Committee:** There has been no word from Cici Bevin about the lake level or the dam. The lake lost too much water in June when the dam was fully open at 16 inches. And there has not been a lot of rain, so the lake level is lower than it should be.

**New Business:** The town acquired two land appraisals for Christopher Brook as a step in possibly obtaining the property. The members discussed the 30 acres of land at 0 Lake Wood Rd. It would be in the town's interest to investigate purchasing the land to keep from further developments going in the lake front and watershed.

**Public Remarks:** Cathy Mayo, of 50 Wangonk Trail, wanted to thank the commission members for getting the lake clean and to agree with looking into the lake data equipment and the presentation from the companies. She also wanted to know if there was a plan of taking over the dam to the lake.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Yenker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk