

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Peter Zawisza, Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Chuck Yenkner, John Purple, and Martin Podskoch (joined the meeting at 7:04PM), with Parks and Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

**Absent:** Wes Jenks and Alternate Member John Roche

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zawisza at 7:01 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** None

**Adoption of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Approvals:**

- a) *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Purple, to approve of the August 13th, 2020 regular meeting revised minutes with no changes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

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

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Reviews:**

- a) **43 East High Street – Residential Improvements:** The members reviewed this plan before the meeting. The plan review is a better documented plan the commission has had before the. This will bring a big improvement than what is existing there. *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Purple, to approve of the application with no recommendations. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Budget Review:** The new budget was emailed to the members. So far there was about \$1,000 taken out of the education line item and about \$3,000 taken out of the technology/ testing line item. The remaining and rolled over money from the last fiscal year budget was used in purchasing the next 250 copies of the pamphlet to mail out to residents. The bio blast treatment fee will be coming out of a line item from the capital budget. The members discussed how to better utilize the existing limnologist and how it can help the commission and the water shed

area. The condition of the lake, the counts, and test results of the lake should be reported to have the community informed of the health of the lake. The members also discussed the need for an advisory sub-committee branching of the Lake Commission to meet with NEAR and discuss the test results. The monthly report sent out by NEAR is supposed to be communicating and educating the community and the commission on how the lake is doing with the aeration system.

**Lake Aeration Project Update:** The town has a contract with Everblue to do the bio blast. The contract lasts only a year. The BOD5 and E Coli samples were taken and sent out to DEEP. NEAR will be taking samples on Tuesday to have tested as well. The permit to perform the bio blast treatment also lasts a year. There are still discussions on when to shut off the system for the winter season. It should be the end of October or maybe early November. The Sino bacteria testing has been finished for the year. For the bio blast treatment there will be 3 tanks being filled with lake water and will sit for 24 hours to brew. Once the time limit is up the water will be released back into the lake to mix with the untreated water. This process will take four days to complete and there will be roughly 55 gallons of water treated. This treatment can be done maybe twice a year, and only once this far into the year.

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** The last of the projects are being finished. There is equipment at Clark Hill and will be completed on Monday. Then the project over on Mott Hill will be started and will last half a day before moving over to complete the Hawthorn project as well. Christopher's Brook, O'Neil's Brook, and the Town Hall were all inspected, and a design will be created before contacting the residents before starting the easement process. All the projects at Sear's Park are completed.

**Lake Test Monitoring:** There will be a visit by Hillary on the 15<sup>th</sup> to take samples for testing. The members discussed having some lake data technology companies join a meeting and present to the commission. It was suggested to investigate in lake monitoring technology. Equipment that logs the water level of the lake would be beneficial to the commission. This could also tie in with the school system; make it part of a science class as a project or assignment.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. **Chatham Health Testing at Sears Park:** The report was emailed to the members to review. It is strictly visual testing for blooms on the lake. If a bloom is spotted the lake will be shut down and a water test will then be taken.
- b. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** The Lake Smart article was submitted into the Events magazine.
- c. **Advisory Panel Update:** None
- d. **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. Podskoch, Mr. Purple with Mr. DeCarli and Mr. Hall performed two onsite assessments and inspections. One homeowner was still making Lake Smart renovations on his property. The members will return to inspect once the project is finished. And there were two more homes added to the list to be inspected and that will occur on next Friday at 11am.
- e. **Discussion of Lake Level/Sub-Committee:** The dam is closed, and the lake level is steady at 6 inches below the dam level. The dam should start being opened an inch or two to slowly lower the lake level. But the dam should be opened significantly around October to ensure the correct water level during the winter. Notifications will be posted on the town website and the Rivereast to inform the residents of when the lake will be lowered. This will give the residents time to get their boats safely out of the water.

**New Business:** The members discussed the signage for the water shed areas. The signs are no longer available at Public Works. The members suggested buying new signs to have put up around town in the water shed. It was brought up that the commission may need to go to Public Works and the Police Department to discuss where the signs will be installed on the roads. The new signs can't block sightlines for drivers once they're installed. There are probably 6-7 existing water shed signs still posted around the lake. Sign companies and quotes for buying new signs will be investigated. It was also suggested that the 9-point plan should be updated with the new watershed projects being finished.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Yenker, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk