

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION- LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Peter Zawisza (left the meeting at 8:03PM), Vice Chairman Joe Carbonell, Wes Jenks, Chuck Yenker, John Purple, and Martin Podskoch, with Parks and 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. Yenker, seconded by Mr. Purple, to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a) *A motion was made by Mr. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. Yenker, to approve of the September 10th, 2020 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

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

Public Remarks: None

Presentation:

- a) **John Tucci- Everblue Lakes:** Mr. Tucci presented the members with a PowerPoint to provide visuals for all the data collected from the lake. August 4-5 was the partial bio blast treatment and September 8-15 will be the second installment of the bio blast treatment in the lake. Graphs were used to depict the levels of dissolved oxygen and temperature in the Oakwood basin and the Markham Basin. The data for phosphorous and ortho phosphorous in the lake was made into graphs to show the rise and decline. The blue-green algae data was reviewed for the members. The danger level is 100,000 per state regulation for a closure of a lake. The aeration system would be turned off in the beginning of November and turned back on in the beginning of May.

Plan Reviews: None

Budget Review: There wasn't anything new added to the budget. The budget for next year should start being reviewed and discussed. The question of how to approach the limnologist's budget for next year will be discussed in an advisory meeting.

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: Butler needs to finish the 3 remaining projects. Mott Hill will be finished on Friday. The vegetation on Wangonk Trail is being investigated before the project can begin. A swale will be installed on Wangonk Road to divert the rushing water on the

street. The catch basin on Hawthorn will be finished next week. Once those projects have been closed out, the next wave of grant funded projects can begin. The town is still talking with the homeowners about the easements for the land. It was suggested to get a list of the finished and nearly finished projects and update the 9-point plan. This will be revised and added to the end of the year report. A grant for municipalities to buy land to protect from being developed will be applied for by the town for next year. Part of the grant could be used for buying land and the other part could be for projects in the watershed. The town has applied for this type of grant and is waiting to hear about the status.

Old Business

- a. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** Pictures were taken of the homes awarded with the Lake Smart Program and then sent to the Events magazine as part of an article. The members also discussed forming a volunteer-based program for checking and gathering data for the success discs. An announcement of the program will be sent into the Event Magazine and the RiverEast to gain some volunteers from the community. It was suggested to figure out a possible budget for the volunteer program.
- b. **Advisory Panel Update:** None. The members discussed who is part of the advisory panel and how it could be more inclusive to the other members of the commission. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are already on the panel along with officials from the town. Dr. George and Hillary are part of the panel as well. The meetings are open to the public, but is held during the day not during the night.
 - i. **Discussion of New Meeting Dates:** A compiled list of dates for the panel were emailed out to the members. It was discussed to start the meetings sooner than March, but instead to meet in December. The meeting will be held every month and a half instead of every month.
- c. **Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** There were five homes that have been awarded the Lake Smart award with another home needing to have a walk-through evaluation. There have been two properties on the lake and two properties in the watershed that have emailed about getting an evaluation as well. Pictures are being taken when the homeowner is being awarded and sent to the Events Magazine as an article.
- d. **Discussion of Lake Level/Sub-Committee:** The lake level has been steady for the past 8-10 weeks. The dam is closed but the lake is slowly dropping. The dam should be opened 4 inches to let the lake drop 3 inches a week. This will bring it to the winter level the lake should be at once the colder months arrive. No permit is needed if the dam is to be patched or repaired. It was suggested to have the dam opened in the middle of the month, around October 16th.

New Business: Mr. Podskoch wanted to bring up a concern. New neighbors have moved into the house next to his house and have cut down 5-6 trees on the property. There is no official or enforcement to ensure no trees are unnecessarily cut down. The commission has no authority in this area, but Mr. DeCarli plans to add cutting trees down in the new regulation he is drafting.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata
Recording Clerk