

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, Tom O'Brien, Danielle Holmes, Alternate Member Anita Guerin, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

**Absent:** Wes Jenks

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

**Seating of Alternates:** Ms. Guerin was seated

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 11, 2018** - *A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting. Voted 6-0.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that the capital funds have been approved for use for engineering costs for the Clark Hill Rd. project. The updated budget has been released and for now it looks like it is intact with all that was discussed at the last meeting included. The costs include \$35,300 for NEAR, \$14,000 for the possible copper sulfate treatment, \$1,800 for lake clean-up day, \$2,100 for supplies/materials and additional capital expenses of \$75,000 which has been approved at the Town Manager level.

**Public Remarks:** Mike Kliska, 4 Fairlawn Ave., asked for clarification on projects that Mr. Hall spoke about in the previous agenda item and the 9 point plan.

**Plan Review:** Steve Motto of Dream Developers represented the Town of East Hampton as the OPM for the Town Hall/PD project. He presented site plans and explained that the site has already been approved as part of the master plan by Inlands Wetlands, P&Z and this commission. He highlighted the low impact design (LID) guidelines from the state that have been incorporated. He states there is zero impact due to multiple levels of filtering of runoff water prior to leaving the site. There is a man-made pond on site that is being utilized for some runoff. Currently the runoff goes through a 4' underground infiltration system, a vegetated buffer and is filtered to a catch basin with a sump, then to the drain under State Road 66, which is a H-20 loading system under the roadway. The catch basins are monitored and cleaned by Mr. Motto. They have been cleaned once already on this site.

Mr. Motto and Rebecca Tinelle-Sawyer, a member of the Building Committee for this project, answered the commission's questions regarding possible solar projects and design of the building as related to conservation. Roof runoff was discussed; there is not yet a firm plan for this as the building is in schematic design, but the runoff will be captured somehow and directed to the in-ground filtration system. Mr. Motto noted that the large hole and geotechnical borings have been completed and there is no ledge on the site and the soils are good.

There is a wetland on the property that was previously deemed insignificant; this was revisited and still has the same status. There is no well on the property, water comes from CT Water. There will be a rain garden. Most of the building will be slab on grade except for the PD portion, which will be one level below grade.

*Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Carbonell seconded, to approve the Town Hall and Police Department project as presented. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

*Discussion: The presentation covered what the Commission members would like to see in and around the building.*

**Watershed Project /Federal Funding Update:** A meeting was held with Chuck Lee, Chairman Zawisza, Mr. Hall, Anchor Engineering and NEAR to discuss the 319 funding. Some capital funds were approved to do the preliminary engineering work at Clark Hill. The first 8 or 9 items on the list in the 9 point plan were revisited, including work in the Ola/Barbara Rd area and on the property that the Town owns at O'Neill Lane. It was discovered that some preliminary work has been done at O'Neill. The projects will be bundled and sent out to bid. Contractors may bid on one or all of the sites, and that will result in a better idea of pricing for the work. There will be a walkthrough of the other identified properties with NEAR staff, Mr. Hall and the Engineers, and work will start on the test holes at Clark Hill once the weather cooperates.

#### **Old Business:**

- a) **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** An article was submitted to EH Events regarding the invasive plant training that will take place at Sears Park on May 12 and June 6. The park staff will attend the training which is also open to interested members of the public. This will also be publicized in the Rivereast and on Park & Rec's registration page. Lake clean up is April 21 at Sears Park.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** A calendar of dates was distributed; meetings will be held March through September.
- c) **Lake Smart Program – subcommittee formation:** Maggie Shannon of the Maine Lake Smart Program will attend this commission's meeting of March 8 to give a presentation of how we might model our program. The sub-committee will meet with Mr. DeCarli prior to that meeting.
- d) **Dam Discussion:** Chairman Zawisza received an initial quote from YSI on a buoy that monitors the lake level, water temperature, and more if needed for between \$10,000 - \$16,000. The information would be sent to the company, and could be accessed by their website or put on the town's site. This would need to be removed in the winter as it cannot survive ice. Mr. Hall stated that something like this could be stored in the Park & Rec locked shed at Sears Park.

There was discussion on access to opening and closing the dam and what the process is. It was generally agreed that something quantitative, rather than anecdotal, would be useful in determining when the recommendation is made to open or close the dam. A "good" level for the lake could be determined with measurement. Mr. Carbonell will ask Dr. Knoecklein about altering the lake height in relation to his data collection, and whether that will have any impact.

**New Business:** At this time the boat ramp at Sears Park was briefly discussed. This is still on track to be replaced in fall of 2018.

**Public Remarks:** Barbara Moore, the Commission's liaison with the Board of Finance, stated that her opinion as a private citizen is that the discussion on the lake height has been occurring for years and that a simple process such as a measuring stick at Sears Park may work best. She also stated that she likes the idea of the digital buoy and thinks it should be included in the CLC's budget.

Mike Kliska asked questions regarding the floating island, the capital budget funded projects, the copper sulfate treatment, catch basin signs and American Distilling's use of water, which the CLC answered. He also wondered if NEAR could tell us if the lake height has any control over the algae bloom, and suggested surveying lake residents on the height of the lake.

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Podskoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, at 8:35 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary