

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2022

7:00 PM

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM #201 AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Jack Solomon, Chairman Chuck Yenker, John Purple, Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, and Jason Hartling with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Nico Guerrero, Victor Rodriguez, Margaret Wilcox, and Wes Jenks

Call to Order: Chairman Yenker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom. Chairman Yenker seated alternate member Jason Hartling for the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a. **Minutes of Regular Meeting: September 8th, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the September 8th, 2022 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications and Liaison Reports: The lake draw down will start on the 17th. An announcement will be in the Rivereast and posted on social media. This will help spread the information for the lake residents and the community about the draw down. The members were sent a sign for the rotary board to review the design. The sign is to promote the Lake Smart Program. The size of the sign will be about 72x24 and will have a QR scanning code that brings people right to the commission's webpage. There were 150 copies of the Lake Smart brochure printed since they ran out. It was suggested to have the scan code send people straight to the Lake Smart Program page on the commission's town website.

Presentations: None

Plan Reviews:

- a. **23 Day Point Road – New House:** The members reviewed and discussed the plan for 23 Day Point Road to construct a new house. The new house would disturb wetlands and a

waterway near the property. The proposed house would be built on the west side of the property. The house would be in a different footprint than the existing house. The new house would also be closer to the lake front. The plan also has the existing house being demoed. *A motion was made by Ms. Lobo, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to table the application until the members receive more information from the applicant. The members wanted to note that they don't like the location of the proposed house near the lake front. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

- b. **53 Day Point Road – Cottage Demo:** The members reviewed and discussed the proposed plan for demoing an existing cottage on the property. The applicant joined the meeting via zoom to answer the member's questions. The plan would be to re-build the cottage in the same footprint as the existing cottage. The applicant stated he would be using Techno Post to construct the proposed cottage. Metal posts goes into the ground to a certain psi. There wouldn't be any ground or soil disturbance. The wood framing for the cottage would be attached to the metal posts. There wouldn't be a basement since the cottage will be built on posts. There would also be no insulation under the cottage. The cottage would be 25 feet away from the lake front and utilizing the same footprint of the existing cottage. The members don't have the updated application for the project since the existing cottage was already demolished. They suggested getting the corrected application from the Building and Land Use department to review and vote on properly. Once the members have the application for the new cottage; they could review, discuss, and vote on the application.

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: Two meeting were held on the upcoming watershed projects. One meeting was a walk through with an interested contractor and the other meeting was with DEP. The Bay Road project should start next week. That project involves and is overseen by the Middlesex Land Trust. The contractor, from company Priority Landscaping, has a lot of knowledge of watershed work from previous projects. He is also finding more ways on improving and saving money on the watershed projects. He will work through the winter on the projects that can be completed. The planting projects would start in the spring with the Bay Road project starting in the fall. The West Point Road project would start next year and use capital funding instead of grant funding. The projects that can be started now are underway with good progress, while the ones for nest year are being planned out and discussed. DEP stated that 100 live stake plants wouldn't be needed for the project behind Edgemere. Since there is already vegetation, the number of plantings could go down to 25-30 for the project. This change could also cut down on the project cost immensely.

Old Business

- a. **Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** The educational seminar will be held on October 27th from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the High School auditorium. Hillary and John Tucci have agreed to be speakers at the seminar. Each presenter will get 10-15 minutes during the program. The chairman emailed a proposed agenda and topics for the seminar. Mr. Hall could be another speaker to talk and give updates about the watershed projects. The auditorium will have a projector, so there could be a possible zoom option for the seminar. The members discussed the promotion of the seminar. An article would be submitted to the Rivereast to spread the awareness and information of the seminar to gain more attendance. A suggestion was to use mailings to get the seminar information spread out to the

community. These mailings could go out to the Friends of the Lake and other associations for the lake along with other residents. To get the most people to join the event. There was a suggestion to have either the Town Manager or the Chairman of the Town Council have an introduction in the beginning to start the seminar.

- b. Advisory Panel Update:** The advisory panel discussed the educational program planned for the 27th. NEAR and Hillary will investigate getting their reports/ results quicker. It was suggested to get expedited reports/ results for the months of June to August in one spot of the lake. There was discussion of weed removal and dredging in certain areas of the lake. A quote for a new measuring buoy was given from Ponds and Lakes through an email. Said quote came up to \$41,236.50 for one buoy in one location of the lake.

New Business

- a. Discussion of Dredging Proposal for Happiest Paddler:** The proposal would be to dredge the area with a trailer mounted pump. An average of 2 feet of sediment would be dredged up. That would make it a total volume of material being approximately 300 cubic yards. The total cost of the project would be \$15,922.22, but the total doesn't include disposal of the materials. This project would exhaust the capital account in the commission's budget. *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to approve of the proposal for dredging at the Happiest Paddler location as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Yenker, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk