

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chairman Jack Solomon, John Purple, Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Margaret Wilcox, Victor Rodriguez, Wes Jenks, and Jason Hartling with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Chairman Chuck Yenker.

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Solomon called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom. Alternate members Margaret Wilcox and Jason Hartling were seated.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a. **Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 12, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Hartling, to approve of the January 12, 2023 meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications and Liaison Reports: The town is in the middle of budget season. There are no changes as of yet. The same cost for NEAR's budget from last year will be added into the current budget proposal. The final budget proposal will be sent to the members to review before submitting to the town for approval. The date of the Town Council budget meeting will be announced to the members.

Presentations: None

Plan Reviews

- a. **77 North Main Street – Reconstruct Lake Side Deck:** The applicant plans to replace the existing rotted deck boards with new boards. The boards will drill into the existing posts without disturbing the soil. The deck will stay in the same footprint and won't be closer to the lake. The plan will go before Inland Wetlands for approval.

- b. 41 Day Point Road – Addition Single Family Home:** The homeowners are looking to put an addition on the front of the house. The proposed plan would be a 20x26 two story addition. The applicants plan to preserve the vegetation and trees on the property to act as buffers. There is more vegetation by the lake front as well that will be used as a buffer zone for the lake. The rock garden on the property will act as a rain garden to filter the run-off coming from the house and new addition. There won't be a lot of work on the lake side of the house. The applicants plan to excavate a foot deep to reach the rock ledge underneath to be removed for construction. The applicant will use anti-tracking pads and silt fences along the property and driveway. Another suggestion was to use rain barrels to control runoff. The members suggested the applicant come back with proof of the soil being able to absorb water. It was suggested to perform test holes in the land to test the soil for run off retention. There should also be an alternate mitigation strategy that can be used instead if the soil doesn't pass the absorption tests. The owners need to remove a portion of the driveway since they're over the allotment of impervious area on the property. The existing house is two stories with a walk-out basement on the lake side. Inland wetlands hasn't seen the updated site plans yet, there will be a hearing for the plan at the end of the month. It was suggested to build a berm on the lake side of the house to further curb runoff water from the house. There will also be section on the property that has stone over a vegetative mat to help stop infiltrating runoff water. It will help to let the runoff percolate longer instead of just heading straight for the lake. There would also be a vegetative swale running along the front of the house. The applicant will also use pervious material for the rain garden near the basement foundation to prevent water from entering the basement. Percolation tests are good to do on raingardens to ensure water isn't sitting for more than a couple days.

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: The projects are moving along. The Town Hall project was finished, but there were some hiccups with the Paul's and Sandy's project. It should be finished by the weekend. The town is still working on the easement for the Spellman Point project with the owners. There should be some solutions for the easement by next month's meeting. The majority of the Sear's Park project has been finished. The plantings and seeds will be done later. The next round of 319 funding projects are coming up. The list of projects were submitted last week and the town received confirmation. The Town Council will review projects #7 and #8 at next Tuesday's meeting.

Old Business

- a. Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee**
Update: Ms. Lobo wrote an article about fertilizer to go in the next edition of the Events magazine. There were no evaluations done on any residential properties since its winter. The lake level is low to help gain access for the ongoing WPCA project by the lake front.
- b. Advisory Panel Update:** There was no meeting held. The next meeting should be in March.

New Business: The commission members should consider a proposal on Lakewood Drive to purchase 30.5 acres of land to preserve the land and protect the lake. The land would cost about \$280,000. Trying to see if the Middlesex Land Trust would be interested in purchasing the property. If the Middlesex Land Trust doesn't purchase the property the members should urge the Town Council to possibly purchase the land. It has been on the market for over two years.

Obtaining the piece of land was part of the 9 point watershed plan. The plan stated that it would be beneficial to preserve the land to help better protect the lake. It was suggested to put the cost of the land in the capital budget. The members discussed having the chairman writing a letter of support with the member's signatures to submit to the Town Council and the Town Manager.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to have the commission voice their support of purchasing the Lakewood parcels and write a letter of support to the Town Council and Town Manager. Voted 8-0 in favor.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Vice Chairman Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk