

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

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Joe Carbonell, Martin Podskoch, Danielle Holmes, John Purple, Alternate Member Anita Guerin, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

**Absent:** Peter Zawisza, Wes Jenks, Tom O'Brien

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Carbonell at 7:10 p.m.

**Welcome New Member – John Purple**

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

**Approvals:**

- a) **Minutes of Regular Meeting: February 8, 2018** - *A motion was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting. Voted 5-0.*

**Presentation: Maggie Shannon of the Maine Lake Smart Program:** Due to severe weather, this presentation will be held during the April meeting.

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that the proposed budget was cut by \$14,000, which was the cost for the copper sulfate treatment(s) to the lake.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review: (The order of review was changed from the order on the agenda as only applicants from 197 E. High were present)**

**197 East High St. – Dollar General:** Matt Burton of BL Company represented the developer of the property. The property is an existing 1.3 acres in a commercial zone. Currently a residence and a restaurant are on that site, which runs along East High St. and Lake Dr. They are proposing a 7,500 square foot building with 29 parking spaces. Existing utilities are onsite or will be hooked up to from the road. The current well will be demolished and a new public supply well will be installed.

A proposed storm water management system complies with the 2002 CT storm water manual. The system includes multiple areas of catch basins, sediment forebays into hydrodynamic separators, retention basins that have been sized conservatively for no recharge and vegetated swales. Silt fence, silt sacks, erosion control blankets and other erosion control areas will be used during and after construction.

The roof is pitched to the back of the building (lake side), and the runoff will exit downspouts and recharge down the slope into the detention basin which is sized to capture first flush and attenuated to peak flows for up to 100 year events. There will be runoff onto Lake Dr. which will be equal to the current amount of runoff that is there now. The parking lot sheet flows into grass swale areas then into the sediment forebays.

There was discussion on the perviousness of the parking lot with at least one Commission member suggesting that part of the lot be made pervious if possible. The aesthetics of the building were also briefly discussed; the developer will meet with the Design Review Board next week. The building will be a single story slab on grade with a metal panel and hardy plank mix on the exterior.

*A motion was made by Mr. Purple, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to accept the application as presented. It was discussed that they have addressed the commission's concerns about water and it sounds like there will not be an increase in runoff. More pervious pavement was recommended. Voted 5-0.*

**71 North Main St. – Residential Driveway and Garage:** The applicants were not present to answer questions so the Commission members discussed the drawings amongst themselves.

*Mr. Podskoch moved and Mr. Purple seconded to approve the application. The Commission initially wanted to recommend going with the drawing that shows the driveway on the North side, away from Christopher Brook, but understands why the homeowner would like it to be on the South side. They would like to see the 12" stone infiltrator trench continued to the entrance of the garage (by the apron). As the plan states that the brook will not be impacted by the activities, they voted to approve, 5-0.*

**Wangonk Trail (Princess Pocotopaug Corp.) – Beach Stabilization:** The applicants were not present to answer questions.

*Ms. Guerin moved to accept the application; Vice Chairman Carbonell seconded. Voted 5-0.  
Discussion: The Commission feels strongly that stabilizing the beach in terraced steppes is a good move and they are impressed with their proactive approach to protection of the lake.*

**Watershed Project /Federal Funding Update:** No update

**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 16. The park staff will attend the training which is also open to interested members of the public.
- b) **Advisory Panel Update:** Dr. Knoecklein and Hillary will perform sediment testing and document how widespread it is throughout lake. There was a discussion on plant life, with members stating they believe there are more plants in the lake. It should now be determined whether they are native or invasive species by doing a plant survey. The last plant survey was 8 – 10 years ago. Dr. Knoecklein would like to provide education/training for kids at the lake summer camp this year. In discussing the dam, Dr. Knoecklein stated that the best measure of the water level is at the spillway; if the water is flowing over (but not rapidly flowing over), then it is at the "correct" height.

- c) **Lake Smart Program – subcommittee update:** The subcommittee met with Jeremy DeCarli; Maggie Shannon will be at the April meeting to discuss more. Roger Abraham and press from the Rivereast will be invited.

**New Business:** None

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Podskoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Holmes, at 8:25 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary