

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Chuck Yenknor Vice Chairman Jack Solomon (left at 8:09 P.M.), John Purple (left at 8:02 P.M.), Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Margaret Wilcox, Wes Jenks (arrived at 7:02 P.M.) and Jason Hartling with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent: Victor Rodriguez.

Call to Order: Chairman Yenknor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom. Chairman Yenknor seated Ms. Wilcox.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to adopt the agenda as submitted. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: May 11, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the May 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications and Liaison Reports: Defer to later in the meeting.

Presentation: John Tucci joined the meeting on zoom to present to the members. Natural Lake Bio Sciences has developed a phosphorous blocker for in lake treatment. There are two formulas for the treatment, organic and inorganic. The organic formula has a bacteria base and the inorganic formula is aluminum based. One gallon of the treatment locks up to 1 pound of phosphorous. The product changes the health state of the lake. Over 40% of phosphorous levels have dropped since the installation and use of the aeration system. The phosphorous levels would be monitored for any spikes and the new treatment could be used as a fast acting solution to the raised levels. The product has been reviewed by DEEP. This new product could eliminate the need for the copper sulfate and lake guard oxy treatments in the future. It was suggested to get case examples of the product used on other lakes in the country to see how it worked. There was discussion of the commission only able to have one permit at a time for in-lake treatment. It was suggested that the members think about which treatments they want to use for next year. There was discussion of the permit already submitted to DEEP and how to move the process along. A few members should go talk to DEEP about what is happening with the permit for the copper sulfate treatment. The members suggested keeping copper sulfate as an option for when the lake needs it.

Plan Review: None

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: The projects are moving along for Christopher Brook and Edgemere. The rest of the projects are on track. There is a delay with the company that removes aquatic plants; their harvesting times are during the winter. Working on a schedule with them for the live stakes to be planted in the spring. May need to go with a different plant, but nothing is set. There has been no update on the next round of grant funding. The Solomon Point project is moving along. The dispute between the neighbors has been resolved and the easement is in process.

Old Business

- a. **Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. DeCarli and Mr. Hall looked at the residential properties on Clark Hill for run off drainage from the culvert. They couldn't find the discharge point of the culvert was for the properties. Both homeowners are willing to give an easement for a retention pond for the run off. Ground tests would need to be performed to see if infiltration would be possible as well. The culvert would be redesigned to discharge into the retention pond. Chairman Yenknor and Mr. Solomon will be going to Laurel Ridge to hold a talk about the lake and the Lake Smart Program. There hasn't been a lot of homeowners or residents signing up for evaluations for the program.
- b. **Advisory Panel Update:** A meeting will be held next Tuesday the 14th.

New Business

- a. **Review & Possible Approval of RFQ for Lake Limnologist:** The members discussed the need for a new limnologist for the lake. Hillary has continued to help with the lake testing and data until the end of July. The members want to leave the watershed plan and grant writing in the RFQ. The commission is looking for qualifications and talents of the companies at this round. The prices and RFP comes later.
A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the RFQ. Voted 6-0 in favor.
A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Jenks to approve of the sub-committee for the RFQ consisting of Mr. Hall, Mr. Jenks, Mr. Hartling, Mr. Solomon, and Mr. Podskoch as a sub. Voted 6-0 in favor.

Public Remarks: Derek Johnson of 36 Lakewood Road- Mr. Johnson found Mr. Tucci's presentation interesting. He brought up that DEEP won't issue conflicting permits for in-lake treatments. They also won't issue permits that would lessen the effects of other permits. He suggested asking Mr. Tucci if the new treatment works with other in-lake treatments. Mr. Johnson suggested not waiting to obtain field studies of the treatment. He also suggested obtaining information the company is willing to disclose to the commission.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Yenknor to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata
Recording Clerk