

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 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 8:18 P.M.), Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Wes Jenks, Jason Hartling and Alternates John Purple (left at 8:09 P.M.), Margaret Wilcox and Derek Johnson 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 alternate Margaret Wilcox and John Purple.

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

Approvals:

- a. **a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: June 8, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Hartling, to approve of the June 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 8-0 in favor.*
- b. **b. Minutes of Special Meeting: June 21, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Hartling, to approve of the June 21, 2023 special meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications and Liaison Reports: The RFQ for the new limnologist will be posted tomorrow and closes at noon. The sub-committee members will be emailed all of the candidates that apply for the RFQ. The candidates will be reviewed during a sub-committee meeting on Monday at 2 pm. The members will discuss which candidates should be interviewed. The interviews will be held on Wednesday and on Thursday a response will be sent out to the winning candidate.

Presentation

a. Glenn Wattley – AquaFlex, LLC: Glenn Wattley and Scott Smith attended the meeting via zoom. They presented to the commission members about their product. The products are made of a non-polar polymer that is oleophilic and hydrophobic. This means the product attracts and traps the pollutants and expels the clean water. Glenn and Scott have tested and used their products on other lakes and waterbodies around the United States. There are informational documents and data that can be sent to the commission members to review and figure out costs before making a decision.

Plan Reviews

a. Boat Launch Removal – Wangonk Trail: Dave Schuler joined the meeting via zoom to present to the commission members. Mr. Schuler is a representative of the Princess Pocotopaug Association. The proposed plan is to remove the boat ramp and continue the

seawall across where the ramp was. The seawall should have plantings to act as a buffer zone to help better filter any run-off and water before entering into the lake. Another suggestion was to raise the seawall a couple inches so it would act like a swale. The water running down the driveway should be captured or diverted. It would be beneficial to incorporate a rain garden to further help absorption and curb infiltration.

b. Discussion of Proposed Changes for Section 8.2 of the Zoning Regulations

Non-Conforming Lots in the R-1 Zone: Jeremy DeCarli joined the meeting via zoom to present to the commission members. The proposed changes to the regulations have been included in the commission meeting packet for the members to review. There is a zoning problem in town with lot sizes. The change would be to reduce the setback requirements for state complying properties. It mainly pertains to side yard setbacks not the front or back yard setbacks. There are specific requirements and/ or cases of hardship for the setbacks to be changed for each property. *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to accept the changes, as is, to Section 8.2 of the zoning regulations non-conforming lots in the R-1 zone and understand the reasoning behind the changes made. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: There was no update for this topic.

Old Business

a. Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update: There was a property awarded with a plaque for becoming Lake Smart.

b. Advisory Panel Update: No update.

c. Metaphloc Treatment: The treatment was done on Wednesday afternoon. The members discussed the phosphorous levels in the lake on the different days. In mid-June the average phosphorous levels were 21 ppm at the bottom and 41 ppm at the surface. There was discussion of having the bio blast treatment done to the lake at the end of July or early August.

New Business: None

Public Remarks: Dennis Jenks- Mr. Jenks wanted to comment on the level of the lake and point out that there is more rain coming in the forecast. Cici Bevin has opened the dam 9-10 inches to lower the level. Mr. Jenks also wanted to bring up the pollution problem of the geese on the lake and the properties around the lake. There are so many flocks of geese leaving their droppings and polluting the land and the lake. Mr. Jenks suggested contacting geese removal companies to alleviate the problem.

Jeremy Hall- Mr. Hall wanted to express his thanks and gratitude to everyone he's worked with since he's been on the commission. He has accepted a new job and can't be the liaison for the Parks and Rec for the commission. Mr. Hall has offered to stay on as the liaison as an option to the Town Manager.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Yenker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata
Recording Clerk