

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Chuck Yenknor, Vice Chairman Jack Solomon, John Purple (arrived at 7:01 P.M.), Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Wes Jenks, and Jason Hartling with Town Manager Dave Cox.

**Absent:** Victor Rodriguez and Margaret Wilcox

**Call to Order:** Chairman Yenknor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room and via Zoom. Chairman Yenknor seated alternate member John Purple.

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

**Approvals:**

- a. **a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: July 13, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to approve of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes with the meeting date being changed from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> and to fix the vote for the R1 zone change to show that Mr. Hartling abstained. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
- b. **b. Minutes of Special Meeting: July 24, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Hartling, to approve of the July 24, 2023 special meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** There were two evaluations done on two different properties for the Lake Smart Program.

**Presentation:** None

**Plan Reviews:** None

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** A meeting was held on site at the last location to work through the last details for the project. Someone from the engineering office will be

stepping up to help with the project. The town will contact the person handling the grants to keep in the loop and not let the grants fall through.

### **Old Business**

- a. **Discussion of Lake Algae:** An analysis report of the algae from the lake was provided by Mr. Solomon. The reports were passed around to the other members to review. Mr. Solomon took the sample last week and received the analysis report within ten days. It was stated that the algae level in the lake was at 60,000 ppm. The phosphorous levels have gone down to 24,000 ppm in the lake. The decrease in phosphorous was the same time frame as the Metaphloc treatment occurred. The levels in the lake are higher at the surface but lower in number in the middle and bottom of the water column. Mr. Solomon also collected temperature data from the surface of the lake. It shows the temperature dropping by two degrees each week. Temperature has a significant effect on algae growth. With the aeration system, the surface temperature lowers which decreases the phosphorous growth.
- b. **Discussion of AquaFlex:** Chairman Yenknier tested one of the samples from Glenn Wattlely of AquaFlex LLC. Mr. Yenknier tied a small sample to the end of his dock for a week. The results came back that some phosphorous was absorbed by the product. The members discussed having more samples distributed in different areas of the lake to test the effectiveness of the product. Some locations to test the samples would be Hales Brook, Christopher Brook, locations where storm drains from the roads lead to the lake, and possibly near one of the aeration system. There was another suggestion to test in streams leading into the lake for more 'real world' results. The members decided to form a sub-committee to take on the testing of the samples. Mr. Solomon, Mr. Hartling, Ms. Lobo, and John Tucci all volunteered to be on the sub-committee. There was a suggestion to discuss, during the winter, to use Metaphloc and to plan how and when to add it into the treatment schedule for the lake. The treatment could be integrated into the treatment schedule possibly in place of the BioBlast treatment. The members decided to discuss the treatments and the schedule further in future meetings. It was suggested to have a spreadsheet created to keep track of the testing results from the lake and the AquaFlex samples.
- c. **Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** There were two evaluations done on two residences in the watershed/ lake front area. One was the home association on Day Road. The association has been making changes over the years to help curb and decrease the amount of run-off and infiltration getting into the lake. The HOA is called Island View Association. They have a resident funded program for the lake smart changes. It was suggested to draft an article about the association to help encourage others in town to be lake smart. The members discussed getting some photos to include with an article to submit. The articles can help spread awareness in town about how to become lake smart.
- d. **Advisory Panel Update:** There was brief discussion about restarting the meetings again on a possible quarterly basis starting in September.

**New Business:** The residents by the O'Neill inlet have stated concerns over weeds growing in the lake. These weeds have started to move outward into the lake. There are some residents concerned about motorized boats with the weeds. The members also discussed where the responsibility of the homeowners start and where the town's responsibility start. If the town

helps with the weeds, then other residents would see that as the town taking care of all the trouble plants in and around the lake. So, it was suggested to have the town and the commission define a line for where around the lake and what plants the town will be dealing with. The members briefly discussed the new limnologist for the commission and the town. They should be starting at the beginning of September. The Chairman suggested having the limnologist attend next month's meeting to work out a plan for starting their testing of the lake. There was another suggestion that Planning and Zoning should require developers to take precautionary measures for their projects. These measures would include silt fences, swales, etc. The Town Manager stated that new regulations were just passed that included those requirements for developers in town.

**Public Remarks:** Susan Larson - Ms. Larson wanted to thank the members for everything they do on the commission. She appreciates the commission member's efforts.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Chairman Yenknier to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk