

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Chuck Yenknor, John Purple, Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Wes Jenks, Jason Hartling, and Derek Johnson with Parks and Rec Acting Director Shawn Mullen.

**Absent:** Victor Rodriguez.

**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. No alternates were seated.

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

**Approvals:**

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: October 12, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to approve of the October 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes with a change under New Business to the line, 'It is illegal by state ordinance to use such fertilizers in the watershed.' So it would instead read as, 'It is illegal by state ordinance to use such fertilizers within 15 feet from the water.' Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** Mr. Solomon resigned from all his commissions and boards since he was elected to the Town Council.

Roger Abraham is a High School biology teacher. He and his students will be pulling the floating islands out for the winter. Ten islands will be taken out of the water, but 6-7 islands will go back into the water. The islands will be fixed up before going back in the water. Mr. Abraham inquired as to whom will be taking over for Mr. Hall after he left. Sean Mullen is the acting Parks & Rec director and the liaison for the commission.

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Articles were submitted to the Rivereast and the Events magazine. The members discussed having a logo made up and a write up to submit to the Rivereast for promoting the program and the new criteria. It was suggested to add a mailing to residents for the new logo and article.

**Presentation:** None

**Plan Reviews**

- a. 15 Brook Trail – New Home Construction:** There is no pre-existing home to be demolished. The new construction would be a 24x36, 600 square feet house with two

stories that meets zoning setbacks. The property is not lake-front, but it abuts a wetland lot. Silt fences and hay bales are listed on the back of the map as erosion control measures that will be used on site. The members received just a site plan, but there isn't any house plans. The plan does list water galleries for roof run-off and the driveway will be gravel. The plans also includes roof water calculations and the type of stones used in the roof water galleries. *A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to approve of the plan review with no comments. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

- b. Salt Pond Apartment/Edgewater Circle – Re-subdivision Approval for 2 Lots:** The water run-off from the re-subdivision goes into the retention pond on the property. During the initial work for the subdivision, the retention pond was made big enough to catch all the run-off water from the development. The members suggested having a representative from the company present the plans to the commission for a more comprehensive explanation. *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Hartling, to have a representative present to the members to explain what is happening in the plans at the next monthly meeting. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** The members discussed the updates for the 319 grant. The project on Spellman Point was started and nearly complete. The project invoices and billing needs to be put in to completely close out the work. The members won't know how much money is left over until the billing is done.

**Budget Update:** The members received an updated budget report to review. Going forward, an updated budget will be sent to the members to review for the monthly meeting. The members also reviewed the updated capital account.

## **Old Business**

- a. Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** No evaluations were performed this month.
- b. Advisory Panel Update:** No update for this topic.
- c. Results of Aquaflex Testing:** Jack Solomon will keep testing the Aquaflex materials in Christopher Brook and reporting back to the commission. Initially when the material was set up in the brook, the water flow was high. Upstream the water was four feet high, while downstream the water was two feet high. Samples were taken in both locations with no differences shown in the resulting data. The Aquaflex material isn't absorbing as much phosphorous as the members were thinking. The members discussed thinking of other locations to deploy the material to conduct further testing. *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to request the Town Council to assign a liaison to partake in meetings. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

## **New Business**

- a. Discussion of Lake Treatment Plan for 2024 Season:** The members discussed having John Tucci present his proposal about the bio blast treatment at next month's meeting. The treatment would be the same cost but with a more effective delivery system into the lake. There was a suggestion that the commission needs a comprehensive plan and procedure for the treatments for the lake in 2024. It was decided to have John Tucci and the new limnologist attend the December meeting to take part in the discussion.
- b. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the 2024 meeting dates as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

- c. **Other Topics:** Mr. Solomon was the Vice Chairman for the commission, so an election should be held at the December meeting. The members discussed the ordinance dealing with phosphorous fertilizer in other towns and in the country. There was discussion of the municipality certifying companies and holding them accountable for using the proper fertilizer in the watershed and lake front properties. It was suggested to have the sub-committee meet up, discuss, and to bring it to the December meeting. The members discussed Tom Wells' undeveloped property on the west side of the lake. He expressed his wishes to keep the property as land and not be developed. There was a suggestion to talk with the property owner before taking any further action. The commission members want to do their due diligence first before taking any action on the property. Mr. Podskoch watched a show about invasive plants in Candlewood Lake and gave a short report and thoughts. The lake does a draw down as well and it shows there is a good effect for eradicating the invasive plants in the lake.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Chairman Yenker to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk