

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Chuck Yenknor, John Purple (left at 8:29 P.M.), Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Wes Jenks, and Jason Hartling with Recreation Director Shawn Mullen.

Absent: Victor Rodriguez and Derek Johnson.

Call to Order: Chairman Yenknor called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom. Mr. Purple was seated as an alternate member.

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

Approvals:

- a. **Minutes of Regular Meeting: November 9, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to approve of the November 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: None

Communications and Liaison Reports: Mr. Podskoch updated the members on the Lake Smart Program and award signs.

Presentation

- a. **GZA Update:** Ben Burpee from GZA attended the meeting via zoom to present and answer questions. Mr. Burpee sent a report to the members to review and discuss. There was two months of data from multiple sampling sites. The profile data indicated that the lake was well mixed and circulated. The nutrient concentration were moderate. The water clarity was low but stable. The members received an update for hydrilla in the lake as well. They inspected along the shore on the southeast side of the lake by CVS. There were planted hydrilla by the southern tip of the lake along East High Street. The members discussed the need to cover the launch sites with volunteers and workers looking for invasive plants. The members also discussed a need to do some education for residents and volunteers about invasive plants in the lake. *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling,*

seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to pursue an AIS grant for funding projects. Voted 6-0 in favor.

b. John Tucci – Aquaflex Proposal and Discussion: There was no presentation. The members wanted to postpone the presentation for when John Tucci would be available. Mr. Tucci sent a report for the members to review and discuss. It was suggested to not replace the material unless it is known that it's not working. Another suggestion was to replace the materials every six months in each location.

Plan Reviews

a. 11 Pine Trail – Seawall Repair: The members reviewed and discussed the plan review. It was suggested to ensure a buffer zone is utilized along the shore. A rain garden should be used during construction to filter run-off. The seawall is just being repaired, nothing will be added or the foot print won't change. *A motion was made by Chairman Yenker, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to recommend the use of silt fences and buffer plantings on the property to curb and filter run-off. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update: The projects are through all of the construction phases. The project plan discussion between the companies will be worked out. The town is waiting on the final reports from the construction companies to finish the final steps in closing out the project.

Budget Update: The requests for the capital budget was submitted two weeks ago. The members discussed increases and any items to add to the budget for the next fiscal year. There was a suggestion to increase the tech services line item for the new limnologist. The budget report that the members receive are all up-to-date.

Old Business

- a. Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. Podskoch has been working on the award signs for associations for the Lake Smart Program. The sign design is being discussed with the company making the signs. These would be oval instead of the rectangle signs. The rectangle signs went up from \$20 to \$27 in price.
- b. Advisory Panel Update:** No meeting was held. There was brief discussion on setting up the meetings to be held on a more annual basis.

New Business

- a. Election of Vice Chairperson:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to nominate Mr. Hartling as Vice Chairman. Voted 5-0 in favor.*
- b. Signs for the Boat Launch:** Mr. Podskoch emailed examples of signs from boat launches about watching for invasive plants. The members discussed the possibility of setting up wash stations away from the ramp at the boat launch for people to rinse off their boats. This would help to curb and decrease the amount of invasive plants getting into the lake from other bodies of water. Mr. Podskoch and Mr. Hartling volunteered to help Mr. Mullins to work on where to put the signs and wash stations around the boat launch area for maximum prevention. An article about invasive plants will be drafted and submitted to the Events magazine and the Rivereast. This would help to update and

educate the residents in the watershed and on the lake front. There was a suggestion to create a calendar of seasonal articles to submit to the magazine and newspaper. The members briefly discussed the ice melt used on the road during winter storms. The ice melt used on the roads are potassium chloride. So when it melts the lake and possible some residential wells could be affected by the chemicals. It was suggested to have the limnologist test the lake water in the spring for any salt or ice melt affects and levels.

Public Remarks: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Yenknner to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk