Present: Jack Solomon (arrived at 7:24 pm), Chairman Chuck Yenkner, John Purple, Victor Rodriguez, Nico Guerrera, Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo and Wes Jenks with Parks & Rec Director Jeremy Hall.

Absent:

Call to Order: Chairman Yenkner called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom.

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

Approvals:

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting: June 9, 2022: A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. Jenks, to approve of the June 9th, 2022 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.

Public Remarks: None

Communication and Liaison Reports: The lake levels are good and the lake is better than last year at the same time. The algae blooms and sino levels are fine from Chatham Health. Everblue Lakes did the Bio Blast treatment on the lake. Hillary does the sampling and testing of the lake but the results don’t come back until close to the next testing and sampling time. The members discussed obtaining the results sooner so they can be posted online and reviewed. The members discussed implementing a new closure system for the lake. It was suggested to use a color level system like Red, Yellow, and Green for the condition of the lake. The lake condition and public release could be sent out and posted on the town’s website. Another suggestion was made to have a colored flag system to go with the three color level system. Mr. Tucci is going through a peer review and having another worker certified for the Oxy Lake Guard. The Copper Sulfate treatments will be through the Pond and Lake Connection. The town is working on getting a refund from the previous company for the copper sulfate treatment. The person in charge of our treatments left the company and the money was already in place. The treatment was never applied to the lake. The town should have the permit for copper sulfate treatments by next week.
The aeration system is coming up on the end of its three year contract. The members discussed looking into what can be done since the town and commission would like to renew the contract.

**Presentations:** None

**Plan Reviews:** None

**Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update:** Mr. Hall talked to Mr. DeCarli about the project on Marshal Road.

**Review of Watershed Improvement RFP’s:** The Long Island Sound Grant Project is the grant the town will be applying for to fund the watershed improvement projects. The grant gives out money that affects the water bodies that flow into Long Island Sound. The RFP was sent out to bid and sent to the commission members to review.

**Old Business**

a. **Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** There were 2 evaluations performed on two residential properties. There are remaining items for the homeowners to finish before they can be awarded with the Lake Smart plaque. The members discussed holding a couple different lectures to help educate the community and lake shore/watershed residents. There is a buffer lecture already scheduled at the library. It was suggested to have a lecture with all four lake authority individuals about the health of the lake and the aeration system for the lake. There was discussion on where to hold the lecture, the members favored the High School as the lecture spot. *A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. Solomon, to have a meeting at the High School with all lake professionals before Mr. Tucci’s contract is up. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

b. **Advisory Panel Update:** None

**New Business:** There is some water leaking under the dam; more water than in the past. Need to do a dam inspection. The dam is 100% closed but the lake level has dropped down a bit. DEEP requires that every dam is inspected every 5 years. It was suggested to have Hillary ask DEEP about how to get an inspection done for the dam. The members suggested having the town take over the dam from the Bevin family. Another suggestion was to talk to Cici Bevin for initial talks about the dam.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Voted 8-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk