

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**Minutes – DRAFT**

Present: Peter Zawisza, Al Petell, Irene Curtis, Joe Carbonell, Nancy Selafka, Roger Abraham, Public Works

**1. Call to Order**

This regular meeting of the East Hampton Conservation – Lake Commission regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Seating of Alternates – None**

**3. Approval of Minutes of the August 8, 2013 regular meeting**

*Ms. Curtis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Carbonell, Vote: Yes: 6, No: 0; Abstain: 0, motion passed.*

**4. Communication and Liaison Reports**

New staff liaison Phil Sissick was introduced to the Commission.

There were no communications through the Town Manager's Office.

Chair Zawisza passed out copies of the Conn. Assoc. of Conservation.

Vice Chair Petell related that many residents are repairing seawalls.

Discussion ensued regarding the rain garden at Sears Park. Mr. Sissick gave insight and stated there will be three rain gardens when finished. The one there is essentially a detention pond. Mr. Sissick plans to install plans that will help filter the water in the rain garden.

Mr. Petell discovered that if a resident repairs/installs a seawall, they must do a survey.

**5. Public Remarks – None**

**6. Plan Review**

**a. 23 O'Neill Lane – Seawall Repair**

Mr. Podskotch, owner of 23 O'Neill Lane, was not present. The homeowner's intent is to re-position 74' of round rocks, not encroaching on the Lake, and add a concrete walk. The Commission had no concerns regarding this project. An email will be sent to I/W.

**Mr. Abraham made a motion to accept the plan as presented; seconded by Ms. Curtis, Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0; Abstain: 1 (Carbonell).**

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Sub-Committee Report on Education**

Mr. Petell is waiting for Dr. George to be ready to present his findings to the public. The full written report is in the Town Manager's office with Cathy Sirois.

Ms. Checko, Parks and Rec. offered to go back to writing the newsletter. The Friends of the Lake has offered to provide paper, etc.

There was further discussion regarding Dr. George's scope of work. It was noted that Dr. Wagner's 2009 report never got out to the public.

The River East News has contacted John Moore (Friends of Lake Pocotopaug) and Town Manager Maniscalco regarding water quality of the Lake.

Dr. George's report indicated that DEEP will not give any more money since 70% of the filtration is from outside the Lake.

Ms. Curtis mentioned that Public Works finished cleaning a pipe under the road on Wangonk; they had found a concrete pipe that went nowhere.

Mapping of the Town's catch basins were discussed.

Roger mentioned he would be doing some water testing with students.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Water Sampling – Need Volunteers to Work/Train with George Knoeklien in the Spring**

Ms. Selavka has done two tests – doesn't think oxygen works. She received an email from Dr. George wanting to set up another training session for the spring. Two deep holes (Oakwood and Markham) were sampled.

### **b. Schedule Meeting with George Knoecklien to Inspect Water Testing Equipment (Repairing and Replacing).**

Ms. Selavka stated that at the time the training is done, calibration will also be done.

Items noted on Dr. George's scope add up to \$9,920 – can be ala cart.

Melissa Ziobron will advocate for East Hampton. She will come to our next meeting.

### **c. Researching Potential Grants for Water Quality Improvement and Conservation Purposes.**

Mr. Zawisza mentioned Seven Hills retention pond and that Keith Hayden had plans to check where the water goes.

A cleanup at the airline trail; from Cranberry Bog to Main Street was suggested.

### **9. Public Remarks**

Meg Wright stated she appreciates the work done on the signs on the Airline Trail. They look professional and very nice.

It was stated that the storm drains that lead to the Lake will be stenciled. DEEP provided the stencils, Public Works provided the paint.

### **10. Adjournment**

There being no further business before this Commission, Mr. Petell made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by J. Carbonell, Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstain: 0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carducci

Recording Clerk

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