

Town of East Hampton Lake Pocotopaug Commission
Lake Management Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 3, 2007 at 7:00pm
Town Hall Annex
Minutes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – 7:04 p.m.

All Members Present: Robert Hart, John Ciriello, Tom Wells

2. Public Remarks - None

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. December 12, 2007 – *Approved: unanimous*

4. Unfinished Business

A. Lake & Watershed Management Plan

Action Items Follow-up from last meeting (*related comments embedded*):

Dec 12, 2007

1. John: Assign Peter Rich to lineup grad student. *Will do in January.*
2. Tom: ~~Give Bob copy of Fugro McClelland 1992 report.~~ *See 1/3 action items, below.*
3. Bob: ~~Become liaison to DEP/ENSR on nutrient load modeling effort. Find out when it will be done, what it will include. This model will feed into a plan and help with funding. The LPC should have closer involvement with this state/federal/ENSR process. No schedule available yet from state. ENSR is not yet tasked with doing this. Will pursue.~~
4. Bob: Budget for plan: ~1 meeting per month to include town agency, ENSR, and LPC planning committee representatives. *Add environmental engineering firm fees to study and draw up WMC-like report for 'P' to remediate the various areas around lake. \$30K? \$50K?*

Tom: We will need legal or 'planner' assistance to implement a plan, for instance, for writing amended regulations. Around \$10K.

5. Bob: Get with Chuck Lee to draw up a contract using state grant funds (up to \$25K), quickly so that ENSR is not held up by funding delays. *Add ½ of expenses above. Not yet done.*
6. Bob: ~~Put together main points for the Lake Conference to launch general discussion on "next steps" (creating a plan).~~ *Done.*

New Action Items *(related comments embedded):*

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1. Bob: Create Action Items List.
2. John: Get electronic copies for Bob (for posting to LPC website) of Fugro McClelland & Blue Ribbon Panel reports (Staples, etc.).
3. Tom: Get Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's Appendices plus 2 additional reports (ones not yet posted to LPC website).

Can we have town (LPC budget) pay for nutrient load modeling effort so it's not held up any longer? If we have funds – don't have state reimburse us.

4. Bob: Work with Chuck Lee to determine up front "lump sum" for "new" state contract for 2007 monitoring expense and have town pay for model (remove from contract). Get LPC 2007 expenditures from John C.

Bob: Wendy at ENSR & Chuck Lee feel that we don't need or want "yet another plan". We should be in the "implementation" phase. Use the 2002 ENSR report, WMC 1995 report, pick out "low hanging fruit" for most impact/least cost and implement the projects. Also: ENSR is only a research firm. They would do project management, but would subcontract it out to engineering firms and add their fees. Wendy advised doing this ourselves - directly. Cut out the middleman.

We, as a committee, should be taking recommendations from prior "plans" and reports, decide which techniques to implement, add them to a list, with justification, add nutrient load model as appendix. That's our plan. Include prioritizing and timing as needed. We need to work with P&Z to formulate and implement zoning regulations changes to improve new developments to include phosphorus treatment methods to achieve zero P runoff increase.

5. Bob: Ask Chuck if nutrient load model will provide a phosphorus standard with standardized methodology. If not, add task to new state contract to get this (or get from Columbia or Coventry, who have done this).
6. John: Find out if Columbia or Coventry has a nutrient allocation regulation – get copy. PC program?

Next meeting: Start to go through Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's plan and cull out improvement projects/items and put into LPC plan.

7. Bob: Create template for plan prior to next meeting.

5. New Business - None

6. Public Remarks - None

7. Adjournment – 10:12 p.m.

Prepared and Submitted By: Robert P. Hart, Committee Chairman and Recording Secretary