**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY June 9, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

 **MINUTES**

**Present:**  Joe Carbonell, Tom O’Brien, Wes Jenks, Martin Podskoch, John Roche, Bob Hart

**Absent:**  Peter Zawisza, Irene Curtis

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carbonell at 7:01 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** Mr. Hart was seated as an alternate upon his arrival at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien and seconded by Mr. Podskoch to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** None

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:**

1. **8 Fairlawn Ave. – Robert & Tammy Filbig; 5’ variance to construct a garage:**  A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to recommend approving the application as submitted. Voted 5-0.
2. **43 Wangonk Trail – Jim Gworek; 7.5’ variance to construct deck:** A motion was made by Mr. Jenks, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, to recommend approving the application, but to include a suggestion that a pervious surface is added underneath the deck to capture water run-off. Voted 6-0*.*

**Watershed Proposal Update:** None

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** Mr. Carbonell noted that a meeting hasn’t been held in a long time, but that they should start up in the fall time. They will be producing a tri-fold brochure. A booth has been secured at Old Home Days, next to the Friends of the Lake, for Sat. July 9. Volunteers will be needed to man the table. Discussion occurred on promotional materials for the booth, with Mr. Jenks stating that he would be able to get a poster made highlighting the nine point plan.
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** The next meeting is Monday June 13. At the previous meeting, Mr. Hall from Parks & Rec stated that they will be replacing the asphalt at the boat launch at Sears Park with gravel. Mr. Jenks made a suggestion that while they are working there, they could remove the concrete slabs in the water. Brief discussion occurred on this topic.

**New Business:**

Mr. Jenks asked about the employees at Sears Park and whether they had been advised to ask people launching boats where the boats had last been, so as to avoid invasive species from other bodies of water. The particulars of this were discussed; Mr. Carbonell stated that he would bring this up with Mr. Hall.

Mr. Jenks talked about the idea of planting more native aquatic species in the lake. He presented an article about this very thing that had recently been published about a scientist in China who has had success with this method. Mr. Carbonell stated that he would bring the idea to Dr. Knoecklein.

Mr. Carbonell stated that one hydroponic plant bed has been installed at the beginning of Spellman’s Point. The other has approval to go into Hales Brook but has not yet been installed.

Mr. Jenks brought up the lake draw down at the end of the year and the benefits of such. This led to a discussion on the dam, with Mr. Carbonell stating that it had recently been opened because the Town Manager had communicated with Mr. Bevin about doing so at the request of some citizens. However, this presented a problem for Northeast Aquatics gathering of samples. It was suggested that the Conservation-Lake Commission be the communicating group to Mr. Bevin rather than the Town Manager, as money is being spent on sampling and this impacts sample integrity.

Mr. Podskoch and Mr. Jenks talked about a possible water ski show to occur in July, date tbd.

Mr. Carbonell stated that the Blessing of the Fleet will occur this Sunday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m.

**Public Remarks:**

Kevin Kuhr, P & Z liaison, stated that he thinks that it would be a good idea for the commission to be able to take control over communicating with Mr. Bevin about the dam. He also noted that he liked Mr. Jenks’s idea of planting more aquatic plants in the lake but cautioned about a lake in Southwick, MA, that now has an overabundance of lily pads, which they cannot get rid of. More discussion on this topic occurred with the commission. Mr. Kuhr also stated that the Friends of the Lake will be learning more about solarbees soon. This led to a discussion on fountains/aeration and stocking of the lake.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Podskoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jenks, at 8:04 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary