**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY July 14, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

 **MINUTES**

**Present:**  Peter Zawisza, Tom O’Brien, Wes Jenks, Martin Podskoch, John Roche, Irene Curtis, Bob Hart

**Absent:**  Joe Carbonell

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zawisza at 7:02 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** Mr. Hart was seated as an alternate

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien and seconded by Ms. Curtis to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:**

Recording Secretary noted that the new staff liaison to the Commission will be Jeremy Hall, Park & Rec Director. Mr. Hall was not in attendance because of vacation.

Chairman Zawisza was copied on a statement from the Connecticut Coastal Conservation District in the amount of $2,101.00.

The Commission received a copy of the Notice of Tentative Determination Statewide General Permit issued by DEEP

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:**

1. **Carmela Lashenka Revocable Trust - 152 Chestnut Hill Rd. – 2 Lot Subdivision with Conservation Easement:**  *A motion was made by Mr. Zawisza, seconded by Ms. Curtis, to recommend approving the application with the caveat that plaques be erected in the conservation easement area. Voted 7-0.*
2. **Princess Pocotopaug Corporation – 000 South Wangonk – construction of a pavilion:** No motion was made on this item as all details were not yet available. The Commission would like to pass forward information to the PPC about capturing the runoff from the roof of the pavilion in a rain garden, a rain barrel, or diversion to an existing rain garden close to the site. This will be discussed again at the August meeting.

Discussion occurred on the possibilities for using information from the 9 Point Plan toward plans such as these. It would be helpful to have a list of appropriate drainage methods to give people for reference.

**Watershed Proposal Update:** No update was received from North East Aquatics.

The 9 Point Plan was discussed at length. Mr. Hart noted that on page 25 of the plan, the second paragraph is missing some key words making the message hard to understand. It was noted that NEAR will be asked to fix this.

*A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, to accept the 9 Point Plan contingent upon improvement of the grammatical errors in the second paragraph on page 25 of the plan. Voted 7-0. (notation that Mr. Carbonell emailed his approval prior to the meeting).*

Further discussion occurred on proactive public education opportunities, using specific information in the 9 Point Plan. A website specifically for positive steps toward lake health was discussed along with targeting lake associations.

Questions arose regarding the cleaning of catch basins. The Commission will reach out to the new Public Works Director, Dean Michaelson, to learn of his plans for this, and also to ask him to come to the August meeting to talk about his plans pertaining to the lake and conservation.

The Town Council has requested a presentation at one of their next two meetings. Chairman Zawisza will be in communication with Council Chair Anderson to find out more precisely what kind of presentation is wanted, and whether this should be something that Mr. Hart and Mr. Jenks will do, or something that the Commission asks Dr. Knocklein to do. It was also noted that Dr. Knocklein and his team will most likely be presenting the 9 Point Plan in depth at a community meeting in the fall.

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No report
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** The July meeting has not yet occurred. Chairman Zawisza reported that at the June meeting, the replacement of the boat launch at Sears Park was discussed and has since been completed.

**New Business:**

1. **Annual Election of Officers:** *A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien, seconded by Ms. Curtis, to keep Mr. Zawisza as Chairman and Mr. Carbonell as Vice Chairman. Voted 7-0.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment**

*Mr. Podskoch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roche, at 8:45 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary