**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY September 8, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Jeremy Hall, Director of Park & Rec, Jeremy DeCarli & David Lloyd, Planning & Zoning Department

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zawisza at 7:00 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** Mr. Hart was seated

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien and seconded by Mr. Podskoch to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 8-0.*

**Presentation of Findings From the 9 Point Watershed Plan in Regards to the East Hampton Zoning Regulations and Suggested Changes to Improve Lake Quality:**

David Lloyd, an intern in the Planning & Zoning Department, made a presentation of his findings from the 9 point plan with recommendations to zoning changes within the town. He and Mr. DeCarli answered questions from the Commission regarding process and findings.

**Communications and Liaison Reports:**

Mr. Hall stated that the EPA is going to come out and do 3 mobile educational series for some of the developments within the watershed. The series will focus on helping to eliminate runoff, and he would like to do it as sort of a block party, and get families involved. He specifically mentioned those in the Sears Park area, Seven Hills and Skyline. Mr. Hall also has addresses of all homeowners within the watershed; to do a mass mailing of some sort will cost around $1,500.

Mr. Carbonell noted that the watershed precautions poster that Mr. Jenks had made up will appear in the first issues of the East Hampton Events magazine.

**Public Remarks:**

Chris Hadgkiss, 64 N. Main St., asked if the group has thought about tapping into free social media (such as facebook or twitter) to help educate people on lake issues? He also asked about talking more with local businesses that many residents frequent, like Food Bag, etc. This was discussed.

Don Pekor, 43 E. High St., asked if the 9 Point Plan was available yet, and if fertilizers on lawns and subsequent runoff were the biggest problems on the lake. He also asked how it happened that the lake got this way, in reference to building/state roads, etc? These questions were summarized and discussed in detail by the Commission.

**Plan Review:**

1. **15 Hale Rd. – Replacement of water line form Hale Road to home; under Hale Brook in Upland Review Area**: *Mr. Hart moved, Mr. O’Brien seconded, to approve the plan as written. Voted 8-0.*
2. **35 Day Point Road – Construction of new single family home in Upland Review Area:** *Mr. Hart moved, Ms. Curtis seconded, to accept the plan largely as written, with the recommendation to include a native vegetative buffer along 40 – 50% of the lake frontage. Voted 8-0.*

In discussion for the above motion, Ms. Curtis asked if Dr. Knoecklein had a list of recommended plants for our area, which would also be good information to put on a website and to give to people when making recommendations.

**Watershed Proposal Update:** Dr. Knoecklein and his team are hoping to come for another community meeting about the lake on Oct. 4 or Oct. 18. This will be advertised in the RiverEast and on the town’s website. Ms. Curtis asked about the permit to administer Copper Sulfate. It is too late to do it for this year, but Dr. Knoecklein will pursue the permit for next year.

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No report
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** Mr. Carbonell noted that Don Mitchell of the Chatham Health District and his water tester Danielle Holmes are now meeting with and sharing information with Dr. Knoecklein. He also mentioned meeting with all associations and creating a low to no cost punch list for private homeowners, of things they can do to prevent as much runoff into the lake as possible. He is currently looking for a list of streets in each association.

A discussion was held on accessing timely test results of the lake, pursuant to a motion passed at the last meeting regarding this. Mr. Carbonell noted that once the Oct. meeting happens, an agenda for Dr. Knoecklein/the Town will happen and it will be easy to follow.

Ms. Curtis asked about the catch basin cleaning schedule; Mr. Carbonell reported that he was told by Ms. Carducci in Public Works that the catch basins are being cleaned.

**New Business:**  Mr. Podskoch suggested taking photos of “problem areas” around the lake; such as a large leaf pile next to a catch basin; and publishing the photo on the website or in the RiverEast showing what not to do. There was a suggestion that this could be coupled with a photo of the correct way to take care of the problem.

Mr. Carbonell asked about the best way to notify the public when the ban on swimming has been lifted from the lake, as the emergency phone system cannot be used for that purpose; discussion was held on this topic.

Ms. Curtis had an idea of putting netting under the grates of the catch basins, which could be picked up and emptied as necessary, since the machine that cleans the catch basins is often out of service. Discussion occurred around this topic as well.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment**

*Mr. O’Brien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Carbonell, at 9:00 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 8-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary