**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

 **MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** Wes Jenks

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

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

**Introduction of New Alternate Member Spencer Killian**

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Roche, seconded by Ms. Curtis, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** None

**Public Remarks:**

Judy Isele, Wangonk Trail, thanked Mr. Carbonell for speaking to the Princess Pocotopaug Association the previous evening about helping the lake. She stated she was distraught at the condition of the lake last week, which was more green than she had ever seen it before. She came to the meeting to show support and help however she can to get something moving toward improving lake conditions.

**Plan Review:**

1. **33 Day Point Road – construction of a seawall:** Steve Motto of Dream Developers, representative of the homeowners, presented his plans for a seawall at the property. The property is on the North side of the lake which takes the brunt of wind and waves which have caused major erosion of the property. He proposed a concrete wall with permeable gravel and a French drain behind it. Discussion was held on other possible options and materials for the wall, with Commission members emphasizing the use of a buffer of natural vegetation, rip rap and natural stone as less expensive and more lake- friendly options. Mr. Motto and the homeowner will be discussing these options further.

*Mr. Hart moved, and Mr. O’Brien seconded, to approve the plans to construct a seawall at 33 Day* *Point Road, with the addition of planting a natural buffer of vegetation along the wall to reduce the amount of nutrients flowing into the lake through runoff. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

**Watershed Proposal Update:** A community meeting with Dr. Knoecklein and his team is planned for November 1, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Location to be determined.

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No report
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** No report

**New Business:**  Mr. Hart and Mr. Podskoch had an article, with photos, published in the Middletown Press. The article was about leaves in storm drains and how to handle leaves around the lake. Another similar article will be in the upcoming RiverEast. Mr. Hart proposed taking ideas one by one from the list of ways to reduce nutrient flow into the lake and publishing articles with photos on the dos and don’ts of each topic.

Mr. Killian noted that a good way to reach out to people in the watershed area is to canvas door to door with educational materials on ways to be friendlier to the lake. Mr. Roche suggested that meeting with Lake Associations as a group is also a good way to accomplish this, with many people together at once. Further discussion occurred on education of the public and getting names of Association Presidents.

Chairman Zawisza appointed Mr. Hart to the Education Sub-Committee.

Mr. Carbonell noted that he would like to invite Public Works Director Michelson to a meeting again to talk about catch basin cleaning efforts and other items pertaining to the health of the lake.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment**

*Mr. O’Brien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roche, at 7:55 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary