**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 8, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**  Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Bob Hart, Tom O’Brien, John Roche, and Jeremy Hall, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Absent:** Martin Podskoch, Irene Curtis, Wes Jenks, Spencer Killian

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zawisza at 7:04 p.m.

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

**Approvals:**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting: November 10, 2016 -** *A motion was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that the town will soon start working with Anchor Engineering to come up with plans for fixing the catch basins off Clark Hill.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:**

**New Home Construction: 18 West Point Road:** The plan was reviewed, but no one was present to answer questions that the Commission had. There were discussions and questions on infiltration, the dock, the driveway material, the patio material, whether the patio is roofed, the lot coverage percentage and more.

Mr. Carbonell made a motion to table approval of this plan until a site visit could be done. This motion was not seconded, and Mr. Carbonell amended the motion to include the concerns discussed. This subsequent motion also was not seconded and further discussion occurred culminating in the motion outlined below.

*Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, to reject the plan as presented due to (1) excessive lot coverage due to the house, garage, driveway and patio, (2) dock extension into the lake, and (3) the need for a 15’ undisturbed vegetative barrier along the water line. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Watershed Proposal Update:** Mr. Carbonell reported that he had spoken with Dr. Knoecklein, who had heard from Chuck Lee at the DEEP. Mr. Lee was impressed with the Watershed Proposal and forwarded it to the EPA, which should ultimately allow the Town to apply for the Federal 319 funds. Don Mitchell and his staff at Chatham Health have continued testing the lake water and communication with Dr. Knoecklein’s team on sampling.

Dr. Knoecklein expressed concern regarding the fact that the last Public Works Director had a lot of knowledge and motivation to do things that helped lake health, but the current Director does not seem to have that knowledge base. This was briefly discussed and it was suggested that the Town Manager could direct Public Works Director Michelson to work on things that could be delegated to that department.

Paul Peterson, a member of the public, asked a question in relation to the submission of the report to the EPA, about what “progress” means to the citizens of East Hampton in relation to the process. Mr. Carbonell stated that the Town Council seemed receptive, particularly based on the town meeting, and there is money in the budget to address concerns like the catch basins on Clark Hill. These things will hopefully create measurable improvements. He also noted that they have now gotten positive feedback from DEEP and that looks promising for getting part of the Federal funding. He also noted that they feel they are far ahead of where they were last year in terms of getting things done toward cleaning up the lake. Mr. Peterson also asked what citizens can do to help, and that prompted a discussion on education programs. He also volunteered to help in any way with educational efforts. Mr. Hart noted that the best thing that private property owners can do is to prevent runoff from their property into the lake, streams, or the street/catch basins in the street.

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** No report
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** The December meeting was cancelled because of scheduling conflicts. The November 14th meeting was sparsely attended, but at that meeting there was identification of using Anchor to help with the Clark Hill catch basins; he noted there is money for this in the engineering budget.

**New Business:**  Mr. Hart asked if the in-lake and tributary measurements are ongoing and noted that he was surprised how late in the season the lake still was green. He was curious what the measurements are and asked to have updates available on the measurements.

Mr. Hall noted that he and Anchor Engineering will be meeting with Inlands Wetlands in December to discuss replacement of the boat launch at Sears Park. This will be coming on the Commission’s agenda at some point soon.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. O’Brien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roche, at 7:46 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary