**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

**CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY JULY 13, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:**  Peter Zawisza, Joe Carbonell, Tom O’Brien, John Roche, Wes Jenks, Nancy Hasselman, Danielle Holmes, and Jeremy Hall (Parks & Rec.)

**Absent:** Martin Podskoch

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

Chairman Zawisza introduced new member Nancy Hasselman and new alternate member Danielle Holmes.

**Seating of Alternates:** Ms. Holmes was seated

**Approvals:**

1. **Minutes of Regular Meeting: May 11, 2017 -** *A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting. Voted (7-0).*

**Communications and Liaison Reports:** Mr. Hall reported that lake bacteria levels are rising per the Chatham Health Department. New test results are expected tomorrow.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Plan Review:** None

**Watershed Proposal Update and Advisory Panel Update:** There is no update as there has been no movement on DEEP’s end.

**Old Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Report on Education:** Vice Chair Carbonell stated that an education piece will be submitted to the next EH Events Magazine.
2. **Advisory Panel Update:** Don Mitchell of Chatham Health and Dr. Knoecklein have been working together and communicating on test results from the lake. Lake clarity is very good right now.

The improvements to Edgemere’s lakefront are going to take longer than anticipated due to timing to gain approval from the Inlands Wetlands Agency.

There has been no information on approval of the copper sulfate treatment permit and the 319 grant funding. Mr. Hall will attempt to speak with Chuck Lee at the DEP regarding this. It was noted that the cost of the copper sulfate application will be outside the budget of the Committee.

1. **Lake Smart Program:** The Committee will move forward with creating a list of items that can qualify a homeowner as a recipient of the Lake Smart (or future other name) award. It was also discussed that a few recipients could be highlighted and recognized at a Town Council meeting. Mr. Carbonell will work with Mr. DeCarli on this and a sub-committee may be created if needed.

**New Business:**

1. **Proposed Upland Review Change:** Mr. Hall will speak with Mr. DeCarli further about this. It was discussed that a change to 200’ (from 100’) seems almost arbitrary, and perhaps an alternative change could be that if any of your property falls in the upland review then it all should be included in the upland review. This avoids people doing things on part of their property that is outside that margin.
2. **Donation and Placement of Floating Island:** Roger Abraham has the floating island in the bed of his truck as he has not received confirmation from the land owner that he has permission to place it in Christopher Brook. The island will be maintained by Ehren Meisinger.

There was discussion at this time on the capital funds, in regards to grant approval timing. Capital funds are currently on hold. This led to discussion on the Clark Hill project and getting possible engineering plans drawn up so that Public Works can begin the project once the funds are available. Mr. Hall will ask Mr. Lee about this as well.

There was discussion on why Clark Hill was identified as the initial project. It is because of ease of access, cost, high visibility and immediate impact. Also noted was that the ratings of identified projects and their priorities has changed. The plan includes diverting water up Clark Hill into some sort of ground infiltration so the runoff does not go directly into the lake. Further discussion occurred on project timing.

**Public Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Jenks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roche, at 7:30 p.m.. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Secretary