

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

7:00 PM

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM #201 AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: John Purple, Marty Podskoch, Cheryl Lobo, Jason Hartling, Victor Rodriguez, Derek Johnson and Recreation Director Shawn Mullen.

Absent: Chairman Chuck Yenkner, Wes Jenks,

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Hartling called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor meeting room and via Zoom. Mr. Purple was seated as an alternate member.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by M. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Old Business c for the ordinance and d for the washing system. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Approvals:

- a. **Minutes of Regular Meeting: December 14, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to approve of the December 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 6-0-1 with Mr. Johnson abstaining.*

Public Remarks: Jean Peterson, of 7 & 11 Hawthorn Road, wanted to share information about the drain pipe that goes through her property. Ms. Peterson stated that she was happy with the dredging that occurred last year. She wanted to know what is happening to correct the problem that caused the need to dredge in the first place.

Gary Savillo spoke on the problems that Ms. Peterson brought up. He suggested having the Building Department check the area of the drain pipe to investigate and determine what to be done. Mr. Savillo mentioned muddy water coming out of a storm drain and flowing onto his property. It was suggested to add the problem to next month's meeting.

Nancy Fatscher, of 29 Lake Drive, mentioned the effects of the salt and sand that is applied to the road during the winter for snow control. The salt and sand eventually makes its way onto residential properties and causing problems.

Communications and Liaison Reports: This will be deferred to later in the meeting.

Presentation

- a. **GZA Update – Hydrilla:** Ben Burpee, of GZA, presented to the members about the hydrilla in the lake. Sean is the contact person for DEEP. Mr. Mullens asked for \$75,000 with a town match for a total of \$135,000 for grant funding. It was discovered that

hydrilla is susceptible to herbicide. The lake level is starting to go down, the rain storms didn't help lake level. The number of acreage of hydrilla in the lake is unknown. It was suggested that a full lake treatment would be best for the hydrilla if an herbicide was used.

Plan Reviews

- a. **33 Spellman Point – Install Swim Spa and Add Crushed Stone Area:** Applicant Paul Cardillo attended the meeting to present and answer questions. He is looking to lay down 3 ¼ inch crushed stone on the slope heading towards the water shore. Mr. Cardillo has a hard time growing grass in that area of the property. He decided to add a buffer zone of vegetation that will absorb run-off water before reaching the lake. Paving stones will be used for the walkway leading towards the driveway. Also, the swim spa will be installed on the side of the house near the existing patio. The walls of the spa would be eight inches thick. *A motion was made by Mr. Podskoch, seconded by Ms. Lobo, to accept the application as submitted. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Watershed Project(s)/Federal Funding Update/AIS Funding: The town is working on wrapping up the 319 grant projects and working with DEEP. Mr. Mullen asked DEEP for an extension to be able to wrap up everything for the projects. The properties need signage, close out, and final reporting need to be finished for the projects to be completed. The town applied for an AIS funding for riding the lake of hydrilla. It was suggested to supply the members with an updated excel sheet with grants and future grants the town and commission would like to pursue.

Budget Update: The budget proposal has been submitted. The tech services line item has been increased to 50% more to cover the new limnologist. Last year it was \$35,000, but it was raised to \$55,000. There is a large bill for GZA coming up for the work they performed.

Old Business

- a. **Sub-Committee Report on Education/Lake Smart Program Sub-Committee Update:** There is no update for this item.
- b. **Advisory Panel Update:** None
- c. **Fertilizer Ordinance:** The sub-committee is working on the fertilizer ordinance.
- d. **Boat Washing System:** Mr. Podskoch presented multiple signs to the members advertising how to wash a boat before launching in the water. The sign would be posted at Sear's Park for residents to see. The members also looked at information for a CD3 boat washing station. Some models are solar powered that washes, dries, and disposes of anything on the boat. It was suggested to create a sub-committee or ad-hoc group to discuss the washing systems. *A motion was made by Mr. Hartling, seconded by Mr. Podskoch, to set up a sub-committee to make a plan and proposal for the washing system. Chairman Yenkner, Mr. Podskoch, and Mr. Rodriguez volunteered to join the sub-committee. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
The members discussed buying boat washing signs to post at Sear's Park and the boat launch. It was suggested to get one sign now and see if more would be needed later on. The signs would be there to educate the residents in town to discourage residents from moving boats back and forth between the lake and Connecticut River.

New Business: None

Public Remarks: Jean Peterson, of 7 & 11 Hawthorn Rd, stated that she counted 85 party boats on the lake one day. She asked if the hydrilla is part of the aeration and lake treatments. But that would be another treatment on top of the other ones happening for the lake.

John Tucci, of Everblu Lakes, briefly spoke about the hydrilla herbicide and the other in-lake treatments. He stated that the treatment is on his radar and suggested having it on next month's meeting agenda.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Ms. Lobo, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk