

**Town of East Greenbush
Conservation Advisory Council**

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Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting

June 20, 2022 - 7PM
East Greenbush Town Hall

Approved Meeting minutes

Attendees

Members Jennifer Dean (JD), Adam Tobey (AT), Victoria Manieri (VM)

Recorder: Victoria Manieri (VM)

Also Present: Anna Feltham (AF) , Colleen Lallier (CL)

Chair called the meeting order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and approve meeting minutes:

The minutes of May 23, 2022: JD motioned, AT seconded, minutes were unanimously approved.

Business items updates:

- TB will review Solar and Battery Law
 - 2nd public hearing with amendments planned for July pre-board meeting
 - Vote planned for July TB meeting
- Advertising for additional CAC member
- ESRI will be due in September but application must be sent in July (JD)
 - Set reminder for annual application

- Discuss Town Board Assignment: Resolution Authorizing the Conservation Advisory Council to Review and Make Recommendations to the Town Board on the Issue of Restoring Hampton Lake to Good Health (158-2022)
 - CAC members discussed time frame of the project, Colleen suggested end of year while JD would like self imposed deadline of Oct/Nov
 - Gather information from DEC
 - 2013 DEC report, JD mentions Citizen Lake Assessment
 - AT mentioned looking at Comp and Amenities Plans to help determine goals
 - Discussion of fishing derby, are they stocking the lake? Foot traffic in sensitive areas and erosion?
 - VM describes brief history of previous actions to improve water quality, suggests touring the lake
 - Traffic flow and Salt
 - When will Lakeshore Dr. become oneway?

- Colleen - Resolution 137 of 2022 authorizes lake walk path, should be completed this year
- Will any curbing be installed to help prevent salt entering water during winter?
- Is there a way to reduce amount of road salting around the lake?
- JD suggests starting an iNaturalist project around the lake to encourage flora and fauna sightings
 - AT - Could advertise project with a QR code on community boards

Zoning Committee Update

- Discussed importance of historical architecture while reviewing “districts/nodes” and what they should feel like to residents and visitors
- Anna - Survey will be sent out in July
- Next meeting August 8th

Projects for CAC review

- None currently in application status for CAC , Anna confirmed

Action Items

- VM to draft Best Management Practices for Tree Planting
- Schedule Hampton Manor Lake paddle/tour
- AF to reach out to Dan Fiacco about attending July meeting
- Independent research on Hampton lake
- Review DIET for a Small Lake
- Review most recent DEC Hampton Lake report
- Continue reviewing Wetlands Law, make comments in PDF

Discussions

- Wetlands law
 - JH created editable word doc format for editing, and commenting
 - run by EG, Hudson Estuary Program.
- Vegetation BMPs - Best management practices to provide guidance. 1 year warranty required by Planning - Anna will check for examples of what they have sent in the past. Don't plant trees right over water sewage line etc.
 - VM to start initial list, approve at July meeting
- Tree Laws - review laws in surrounding communities

Public Comment

- David Terpening commented about his experience with Hampton lake while living in EG since 1982.
 - Town purchased harvester machine in the 80's/90's, it was unsuccessful
 - Asked where the outflow is located
 - Concerned about waterfowl contributing to lake pollution
 - Wondered if any water and sediment testing has been done

- Noted that DEC previously stocked the lake with fish, was unsure if that continued
- Any pre-sewer septic systems that could feed into the lake?
- Concerned about the investment it might take for lake remediation and urges to Town to consider grants and other funding opportunities including a surcharge to Hampton Manor neighborhood residents
- Noted water aeration devices

Motion adjourned at 8:30PM

- JD makes a motion to adjourn. AT seconded.

**TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH
RESOLUTION 158-2022**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Conservation Advisory Council to Review and
Make Recommendations to the Town Board on the Issue of Restoring
Hampton Lake to Good Health**

WHEREAS, this resolution was not able to be submitted in time to be considered at the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of June 8, 2022 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on June 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board established the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) in 2020 and tasked it with advising the Town Board on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of natural and human made resources, features and conditions within the Town of East Greenbush, particularly as they relate to environmental quality, biological integrity, natural beauty and other conservation factors and, in relation to human activities and development, the CAC would advise the Town Board on major threats posted to environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the CAC shall provide the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, developers and residents with a source of information about natural resources and potential environmental impacts; create checklists and best practice guidelines as a planning tool for improvement projects; and carry out other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Lake is an important resource and amenity for Town residents but has been experiencing a decline in health for many years and for many reasons; and

WHEREAS, one indicator of the health of a lake concerns the animal and plant populations that reside in and around it, and though no formal longitudinal study has been conducted of natural populations, Hampton Lake is still home to a variety of flora and fauna, indicating that the lake is declining, not dead; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents have expressed their concern about the need to improve the water quality and usability of the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush requests and authorizes the Conservation Advisory Council to review and make recommendations for improving the health of Hampton Lake so that water quality and usability can be improved and Hampton Lake's important position as a Town amenity can be preserved and enhanced.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES
Councilor E. Nestler	VOTED: ABSENT

Dated: June 15, 2022