

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING Minutes

For the Westhampton Conservation Commission meeting on December 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in their office at the Westhampton Town Hall, #1 South Road, Westhampton

Members Present: Fred, Alyson, Bill, Jessica (recording)

Also in attendance: Jerome Renault, Elizabeth Wroblicka, Janice Pegels, Joel Levin, Tom Kirkpatrick

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Accept Minutes meeting of: November 16, 2022

3. Review correspondence: extensive correspondence with Danny Meehan and Suzanne Cox, regarding property at 0 Kings Highway; PIL Association, regarding annual report review; Elizabeth Wroblicka, regarding Kestrel's CR draft; MACC Dues owed

4. Old/Ongoing Business:

PIL annual report review: Janice Pegels, Joel Levin (Lake Management Co-Chairs) and Tom Kirkpatrick (Lake Management Committee, weed mitigation pontoon builder) present annual report for review: successful drawdown, mechanical aquatic harvesting, hand-pulling, and raking, and weed management;

They are concerned about blue/green algae bloom growth management/control, interested in using barley straw to inhibit algal growth (like Nashawannuck Pond in Easthampton); Cons Com approves trial/limited use of barley straw to control algae; No additional permits/approval required; Small scale targeting in limited areas within the pond ok; continue to improve water quality testing

Cons Com approves annual report.

Elizabeth Wroblicka, Kestrel Land Trust, CR draft proposal review: presentation of CR draft: (logging permitted, forest farming to be practiced on property, land will be made available to accommodate indigenous practices); Cons Com approves preliminary draft
SITE VISIT 12/6—Bill and Jerome visited site

5. New Business: next meeting cancelled

6. Agenda next mtg to Town Clerk's mailbox: Agenda/Notice will be sent to Town Clerk for December 21, 2022 (meeting to be cancelled)

7. Adjourn: 8:12pm