

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING I
Monday, MAY 2nd, 2016
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency held a Public Hearing on the Application of Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme, Pattagansett Lake Association c/o Tom Davis, Applicant to perform hydro raking at or around Pattagansett Lake, and deposit the spoils on adjacent properties at or around Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme Assessor's Map 35.0, Lot 45. Chairperson Lozanov called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 PM.

PRESENT: Cheryl Lozanov, Chairperson, Chuck Reluga, Vice-Chair, Norm Bender, Phyllis Berger, Harry Clarke, Kim Kalajainen, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Davis, for Pattagansett Lake Association
Gary Goeschel, Inland Wetlands Agent
Karen Zmitruk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Keith Hall, David Pazzaglia

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
May 16, 2016 AT 10:00 AM/PM
Heather M. Gorman
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

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Ms. Lozanov introduced the members of the Commission, Recording Secretary and Staff. She asked if Mr. Goeschel had any information for them and then asked that the applicant or their representative present their information.

Mr. Goeschel cited the Exhibits (List attached) noting that he had received the Certificates of Mailing and that the legal ad had run.

Tom Davis, Applicant for Pattagansett Lake Association said that the plan is to remove the nuisance aquatic vegetation on the lake – mostly in the northwest cove area.

Harry Ogden, 6 Pattagansett Drive said that he is the Secretary of the Pattagansett lake Association and that they would like to continue the permit as the one that they had before.

Ms. Lozanov asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

Mr. Clarke asked the number of properties covered by this permit. He said that he had counted 62. Mr. Davis said that the permit is for all of the properties and that there are around 65. He added that usually not everyone gets involved.

Ms. Lozanov called for comments from the public.

Todd Whittaker, 190 Upper Pattagansett Rd. said that they are taking it upon themselves to keep the area open and from turning into a swamp.

Pat Whittaker, 190 Upper Pattagansett Rd. said that the north cove area is starting to fill in.

Harry Ogden, 6 Pattagansett Drive said that the homeowners put out their own money to do this.

Mr. Goeschel explained that the reason why they have to submit for a new permit is because the previous permit had expired and it was beyond the date before they realized it.

Mr. Bender asked if they have a contractor/company in mind to do this work.

Tom Davis said that Solitude Lake Management would do the work – they are the same company as was hired to do Paul Millers' property in a previous permit they granted.

Dan Czikowsky, 11 Heritage said that after learning of this that he is definitely in support of it and is on-board with whatever needs to be done.

Frank Hoagland, 176 Upper Pattagansett said that he was the first to build there some 37 years ago and he had 5' of water in back of his property then – now he barely has a foot and the channel has to be maintained as it is a struggle to even get a kayak out there.

Harry Ogden, 6 Pattagansett Drive said that he thinks that more people will get on board with this. He said that people using kayaks and canoes face a big issue with this and of getting caught in the aquatic weeds and flipping over.

Ms. Berger noted that there were a number of people who had looked at the lake and asked what they had to say was the best method to use.

Mr. Ogden said that hydro-raking was the preferred method.

Ms. Berger asked about using less fertilizer.

Mr. Ogden said that they have tried to educate the people there early on regarding fertilizer use and send out brochures on it.

Don Danila, 24 Pattagansett Drive said that he is a lakeside resident in an extremely weed choked area and asked Mr. Davis where the spoils are going to go as he does not have any place for them to go on his property.

Mr. Davis said that normally they go on the person's property and it is their issue to dispose of them properly.

Mr. Danila said that the area off of his house was hydro-raked and that it is not a long-term solution; as this is a continual problem.

Larry Rutledge, 154 Upper Pattagansett said that it is a shame that they have to clean this up themselves as the State did a study of this and in the 1980's were going to put it on the Hathaway property and then that all fell apart. Money has been slated over the years and then moved to other projects instead. It is a State owned lake and it is really too bad that the State does not take care of it. He said that Rogers Lake is putting chemicals in to take care of this same problem.

Ms. Lozanov suggested that there could possibly be grants out there available to help with this.

Mr. Davis said that he would like them to stay focused on this application.

Todd Whittaker, 190 Upper Pattagansett Rd. said that once the lake gets shallower than 5 feet that the extra light coming through exponentially causes the weeds to grow faster.

Richard Mingo, 34 Pattagansett Drive said that he has been on the lake since 1949 and finally got his house there in 1974. He synopsised the various events by the State that did not bring anything to fruition regarding monies to do the work necessary on the lake.

Paul Miller, 172 Upper Pattagansett said that he has his permit for the hydro-raking and that he is all for the beautification of his property and the enjoyment of his back yard. If this is not done, between the mosquitoes and the weeds, he could not enjoy the water or his back yard.

Ms. Lozanov asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the application.

Hearing no one –
Ms. Lozanov asked if the Commissioners had any further questions –
Hearing none –

Ms. Lozanov called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Clarke moved that this Public Hearing be closed.

Mr. Bender seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

Pattagansett Lake/HydroRaking

Exhibit List

as of 5/5/2016

#	Description	Submitted By	Date
A	Application	Tom Davis	3/11/2016
B	Legal Publication of Public Hearing in The Day	Gary Goeschel, II, Inland Wetland Agent	5/2/2016
C	Notice to the Applicant of Public Hearing dated 4/15/16	Gary Goeschel, II, Inland Wetland Agent	5/2/2016
D	Memo from Inland Wetlands Agent to Commission	Gary Goeschel, II, Inland Wetland Agent	5/2/2016
E	Certificate of Mailings	Applicant	5/2/2016

Exhibits

Attachment IWA Public Hearing 5/2/16