

Town of East Hampton  
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting, May 21, 2018

Present:

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**Advisory Board Members:** Christine Ganitsch, Jim Kiley, Philip O'Connell, Rav Friedel

**Town Employees:** Scott Wilson, Brian Frank, JoAnn Pahwul, David Lys

Meeting called to order by Philip O'Connell at 4:00 PM.

A motion was made by Philip and seconded by Rav to accept the **minutes** of April 16, 2018 as presented. The motion passed.

Rav mentioned that all the water bodies in town should have outreaches. He asked how many vacant parcels are still available and Scott said it was around 2,600. We have had outreaches in the past and we need to continue to do so. Finances will be needed and bonding of \$50,000,000.00 was discussed. A letter from the AB to the Town to obtain a Bond and this would be done prior to any outreach

Rav asked for an update on the Southern Pine Beetle problem. Scott mentioned we are still waiting for confirmation from DEC re new beetle emergence and will evaluate the issue as soon as possible. We are still receiving calls to inspect properties but no new infestations found thus far. The AB was shown map images of decimated spots. There was a brief discussion with additional questions and answers from the AB.

Chris was concerned about the high nitrogen issues that are harming the water ways and killing the finned fish. There was a brief discussion with assorted questions and answers from the AB.

Rav supports Chris' concerns about the high nitrogen issue but concerned about the fact that toxic chemicals are not being either studied or dealt with. The tick spraying from people's lawns are killing shellfish, lobsters, and crabs. The methoprene spraying in marshes like Napeague are killing the micro-organisms and poisoning birds. Philip said he sees the spraying when he drives to Montauk to go surfing.

Philip asked what Peter's Run was. Rav explained that it's one of the historic streams flowing into the west side of Lake Montauk. It starts in the wetlands in and around Montauk Downs State Golf Course, which uses "Integrated Pest Management." We don't know how heavy handed the "Pest management" is.

Rav said that even though these poisons persist, we can't ban them in the HPOD without a NY State law. Chris asked whether the HPOD was big enough and should it be over the entire watershed? Brian mentioned that the state representatives need to be approached to make any progress on keeping toxins out of the marine environment. That would further our goal of Community Preservation. Brian added that we would need an alternative to the chemicals. Spraying is the result of landowner complaints and fears regardless that West Nile has not been discovered here.

The **next meeting** was set for June 25, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

Philip made a motion to go into **Executive Session**; seconded by Rav and carried.

A motion was made by, seconded by, and carried to **adjourn** the meeting at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Dawn S. Donohue