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Concerned Citizens of Montauk Hires Executive Director Long Time Environmental Advocate Jeremy Samuelson To Lead Organization

MONTAUK, NY – May 18, 2012 - The Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), a 40-year old non-profit dedicated to preserving and protecting the environment and ecology of Montauk, today announced the appointment of Jeremy Samuelson to the newly created Executive Director position. A recognized environmental expert, Samuelson has been a key player on many of the most significant environmental issues on the East End since 2007.

“We are thrilled that Jeremy has agreed to be our first Executive Director,” said CCOM President, Dr. Robert Stern. “Montauk’s environment is the foundation of our quality of life and economy. CCOM is working protect the natural resources that make Montauk a special place — and Jeremy is a critical part of that effort. His knowledge and professionalism are critical to CCOM’s efforts to face the increasingly complex threats to Montauk’s unique environment.”

“The challenge for CCOM and the community going forward is to create a path toward sustainability for Montauk,” said Samuelson. “Clean drinking water, habitat protection, swimmable bays and beaches are all vital to keeping Montauk Montauk. CCOM is proud to play a leading role in ensuring the viability of our community.”

Samuelson has been working for CCOM as an environmental advocate for since 2009, under a unique partnership agreement between CCOM and the Group for the East End (GEE). Prior to

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his work with GEE, Mr. Samuelson covered ecological issues for the New York Times and the East Hampton Star. He has also worked in the East Hampton Town Planning Department, as a spokesman for the Suffolk County Police Department, and as a pound trap fisherman. A graduate of Southampton College, Mr. Samuelson earned his degree in Cultural Ecology. He also studied and worked on creating buffer zone management plans with communities living near national parks and protected areas of Kenya, India and Nepal. He lives in East Hampton Town with his wife and two young children.

ABOUT CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MONTAUK (CCOM) - Since 1970, CCOM has worked to preserve and protect the environment and ecology of Montauk through education, advocacy, and grassroots citizen action. CCOM represents the environmental concerns of more than 1,000 members and is a New York State registered environmental non-for-profit. For more information visit our web site www.PreserveMontauk.org.

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