

Minutes of the Lake Hopatcong Commission July 13, 2011 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Lake Hopatcong Commission was held on July 13, 2011 at the Mount Arlington Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey. At 6:05 p.m., Chair Felter called the meeting to order. The Chair stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with "Open Public Meetings Act."

Salute to the Flag: Chair Felter and all those in attendance joined in a salute to the flag.

Moment of Silence: Chair Felter asked for a moment of silence for men and women serving in our troops.

Roll Call:

Present: Betty Lou DeCroce, Tom Foley, David Jarvis, Daniel McCarthy, Joel Servoss, Richard Zoschak, Chairman Felter

Absent: Elizabeth Gantert, Kerry Pflugh

Alternates: Edward McCarthy, Ann Seibert-Pravs, Richard Keir

Mr. Zoschak introduced Richard Keir new Alternate Commissioner representing Roxbury Township. With seven members present at Roll Call, Chair Felter declared a quorum.

Commission Staffing and Funding

The Chair stated what would be discussed tonight is Commission staffing and funding available through the end of July. He reviewed the document distributed showing available funds. He stated the Commission should pass the bill list tonight which was also distributed. The report showed money that would be available for reimbursement for operating costs through I BOAT NJ grant and NJ DEP Memorandum of Agreement. The Chair stated there was money to move ahead to continue through July with harvesting operation. Mr. Zoschak questioned the Bill List of \$76,987. Ms. Macalle-Holly stated the funds available were for those funds for operating costs. She reviewed the expenditures from the Bill List payable from EPA TWG and DEP 319 grants. She explained that for the DOT I BOAT Grant the Commission has to pay those funds out and submit for reimbursement. For the TWG and 319 grants, the Commission does not pay those bills until the Commission receives the money because the Commission does not have the funds available to pay for those grant projects.

Mr. Foley asked if there is any chance that the Commission could not receive the reimbursements. Ms. Macalle-Holly stated the Commission has contracts or MOAs with the agencies for reimbursement provided that the Commission spends the funds as stipulated in the agreement. There would be \$27,873 remaining at the end of July in addition to funds that would be available from the I BOAT NJ grant for reimbursement. Mr. Foley asked the Chair if a third party has looked at the numbers. Chair Felter

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indicated the Commission has always done it themselves and there has never been a problem before.

Ms. DeCroce stated she could work with Ms. Macalle-Holly and have Bob Bartolone, DCA Internal Audit take a look at the figures. Ms. Macalle-Holly stated she was unsure if it could be done by end of July. Ms. DeCroce stated she would work with both individuals by August to have the answer.

The Chair stated the Commission needs to cancel Monday's meeting due to conflicts. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting to Monday, July 25, 2010 at 7:00 at Jefferson Municipal Building, All-Purpose Room.

D. McCarthy made a motion to have DCA Audit confirm that the Commission will not spend more than its available funds through end of July and confirm accounting trail of expenditures. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

DeCroce	Yes	Servoss	Yes
Foley	Yes	Zoschak	Yes
Jarvis	Yes	Felter	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		

Motion unanimous.

The Chair stated the Commission agrees to harvest another five to seven days and staff needs about another week to get harvesters back to Franklin. Mr. Zoschak stated Roxbury has a building with three large bays that needs a new roof so if the State has money to fix the building, the Commission can use it for its equipment. The Chair stated he would have staff look at the building.

The Chair made a motion to keep field staff on through July 29 to continue harvesting. He discussed how much was being harvested and how the harvesting is doing some good. Mr. D. McCarthy seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

DeCroce	Yes	Servoss	Yes
Foley	Yes	Zoschak	Yes
Jarvis	Abstained	Felter	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		

Motion carried 6-0-1 (one abstention).

Mr. Zoschak made the motion and Mr. McCarthy seconded to change the July meeting date to July 25 at 7:00 in Jefferson Township. The motion was unanimous.

Funding Sub-Committee

The Chair stated he would wait to address this until the July 25 meeting.

Mr. Foley discussed how another lake, which is the size of about King Cove, uses chemicals to treat their lake. The lake's homeowners association hires a company and

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they use a product called SePRO to address the Eurasian Water Milfoil. The Chair stated there should be discussion on other alternate means. Mr. McCarthy inquired how the Commission could use State funds for chemicals. Ms. Macalle-Holly reminded Commissioners that the State of New Jersey would not allow the Commission to use State funds to chemically treat the lake. The Chair stated it would have to be discussed and perhaps donations could be made for this. Ms. Macalle-Holly stated that Princeton Hydro indicated that federal regulations would be changing for uses of pesticide for agriculture and aquatic pesticides will be included in the new regulations so it may become more difficult to obtain permits to treat with aquatic herbicide. Mr. Foley provided Ms. Macalle-Holly with the contact information for Aquatic Technologies.

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Foley made the motion and Mr. McCarthy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35

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