

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2019
LHF Offices, 125 Landing Ln, Landing NJ

I. Opening of Meeting/Open Public Meeting Statement

- a. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, The Lake Hopatcong Commission has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the following:

DAILY RECORD and posted on the Lake Hopatcong Commission website (lakehopatcongcommission.org)

II. Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence

III. Roll Call

Present: Mark Crowley, Mark Fisch, Daniel McCarthy, Joshua Osowski, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Ronald Smith

Absent: David Jarvis, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Joel Servoss, Robert Tessier,

Alternates Present: Tom Sellaro, Neil Senatore, Eric Wilsusen

With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that there is no need for executive session.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion to approve the minutes, Alternate Commissioner Sellaro seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Abstain	Steinbaum	Yes
Fisch	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Abstain	Wilsusen	Abstain
Osowski	Abstain	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

The motion does not pass 5-4-0 (four abstentions).

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Fisch provides the Treasurer's report. He states that there are seven bills totaling \$7,417.90. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the list of bills, Commissioner Crowley seconds the motion.

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Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Fisch	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously

VII. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons provides a summary of the correspondence. She states that the Commission received an email from John Kurzman which provided information on the impacts of glyphosate in the watershed and lake. The second email was from Richard Romano of Indian Lake. Mr. Romano inquired about the use of weed harvesting equipment on Indian Lake. Commissioner Steinbaum states that Mr. Romano would like to pay the Commission for use of our equipment. He states that the Commission should respond that it cannot be done. Chair Smith states that Ms. Lyons should provide a response that due to the Commission's time constraints and circumstances it is not possible at this time.

VIII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane and Jessica Murphy provide updates from the Foundation. Mr. Kane provides an update on the Governor's visit. He states that the DEP will be meeting with the Commission, Foundation and local elected officials to discuss the details of the Governor's initiative. The Foundation will be filing a federal EPA grant for HABs research. Awards are up to 1 million dollars each. Mr. Kane provides a summary of the NJ Lakes group that has been meeting monthly to discuss revisions to the HAB response that can be presented to DEP. A white paper has been drafted and will be sent to DEP within the next week. Commissioner Crowley requests the meeting minutes from the Lake's Group. Jessica Murphy states that the Foundation will have a free model train exhibit over the next two weekends from the Sussex County Railroad Club. She states that Foundation's field trip program has compiled their lessons into a children's book called Lake Hopatcong Speaks Out. The book is available on Amazon and at the Train Station. There will be a signing on the second weekend of the train exhibit. Ms. Murphy expresses her thanks for donations during Giving Tuesday. She states that this year the Foundation will focus on safety issues in addition to other initiatives for Lake Hopatcong.

IX. Princeton Hydro Presentation

There is no representative available to provide an update from Princeton Hydro. Colleen Lyons states that Dr. Lubnow will provide a presentation on water quality

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presentation at the January meeting. She states that Dr. Lubnow will also provide a brief response to the glyphosate email from John Kurzman.

X. Chairman's Report

Chair Smith reports on the Governor's visit. He states that the visit focused mainly on long term solutions with some grant initiatives for projects to be implemented this summer. He states that the legislature will still be submitting a bill for annual funding to the Commission for 2 – 2.5 million dollars.

XI. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Steinbaum states that the algae bloom experienced this summer is not a one-time event and is reflective of climate change. He provides a copy of the article published in the Washington Post that discusses the effects of climate change in New Jersey. He states that we must act now to make Lake Hopatcong resilient to climate change. Commissioner Crowley and Commissioner Wilsusen applaud the leadership of the Foundation in putting together a grant application for the EPA grant, and for their leadership in putting together the Mayor's meetings. The group is working hard to find solutions to the issues affecting Lake Hopatcong. Commissioner Crowley states that the Roxbury Council approved a letter of support for the EPA grant at their last meeting. Ms. Lyons introduces a training opportunity through Rutgers University called Green Infrastructure Champions. She states that she will provide information to the Commission for anyone interested in attending. Ms. Lyons also states that she would like to have the budget and planning committees meet over the next month to discuss the FY2020 budget and planning initiatives. Chair Smith states that once the committees are established they can begin meeting.

XII. Updates

Weed Harvesting and Water Level

Commissioner Osowski provides the weed harvesting and water level update. He states that the 22" drawdown continues until December 15th. He states that State Park Superintendent Melissa Castellon has requested the final results of the pilot program from the Chief of Fisheries, Lisa Barno. They are working toward finalizing a report in the Spring of 2020. Commissioner Osowski states that currently there are two full-time employees on staff. Seasonal staff will be brought in as necessary. The disassembling process of the equipment has begun. The small harvester will be refurbished as requested by the Commission. The final total of weeds harvested in 2019 is 1,415cy. Commissioner Osowski states that he and Alternate Commissioner Castellon met with Nathaniel Sajdak of SCUMA to discuss revegetating the State Park rain garden. The garden will manage stormwater in the park and will serve as an educational tool to visitors. He states that the project will be done sometime this Spring.

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Quarry Update

Chair Smith asks Commissioner Osowski for an update on the quarry investigation. Ms. Lyons states that Doug Speeney provided an update this afternoon. Ms. Lyons reads the update. She states, during the last month DEP has conducted regular inspections of the remediated tributary. The inspections revealed that the stream remains very clear. As such DEP authorized the removal of most of the haybale dams. DEP met with Weldon on November 26th to discuss surface water discharge from the facility. Weldon expressed an interest in modifying the NJPDES permit and continuing the surface water discharge in light of the quality of the effluent. This request is under review by the NJDEP's Division of Water Quality. The report for the fish survey of the affected cove of Lake Hopatcong, conducted on October 10, 2019 has not been finalized at this point. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about the permit the quarry is requesting. Ms. Lyons states that she believes when the discharge occurred the quarry did not have a permit to discharge to surface water. Now the quarry may be interested in continuing the discharge with a permit from DEP because their effluent is clear and below all DEP criteria.

CAC Meeting

Commissioner Osowski states that he has asked his superiors to call a meeting. Commissioner McCarthy states that Commissioner Osowski's predecessors called meetings when they were necessary. Commissioner Osowski states that the meeting is coming, but he needs the approval of his supervisors before he can call the meeting. Ms. Lyons provides language from the Water Level Management which dictates the role of Commissioner's representative on the Lake Hopatcong Commission, the frequency with which the CAC should meet, and the members of the group. Commissioner Osowski states that he will schedule the meeting soon. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about the status of sewerage the state park. Commissioner Osowski states that they have been working with the municipality to start the process.

Ice Retardant Systems Committee

Commissioner McCarthy states that they are close to a final document. He asks whether they should be ready to attend the next Mayor's meeting to present the revised ordinance. Ms. Lyons states that the NJDEP may be present at the next Mayor's meeting to discuss the Governor's funding initiative. Since the funding will be the focus of the Mayor's meeting, Ms. Lyons suggests that the Ice Retardant System Committee present their ideas at the January meeting.

Committee Structure

Chair Smith presents the Committee Structure. He states that anyone would like to request a change, this should be done as soon as possible. Chair Smith asks

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Commissioner Steinbaum, Chair of the Budget Committee for a budget as soon as possible. There is a general discussion of the committee structure.

XIII. New Items

2020 Meeting Dates

Chair Smith introduces the meeting dates for 2020. Ms. Lyons states that there is one revision to the dates. She requests a change to the December meeting date from December 14th to December 7th 2020. She states that the dates will be voted on at the December meeting. Commissioner McCarthy states that the date at the bottom of the page should be changed from 2020 to 2021.

Accounting and Auditing Update

Commissioner Stevens states that Ms. Lyons cleaned up the accounting and he reviewed it. He states that the Commission can request an engagement letter from the auditor for FY2019. Chair Smith instructs Ms. Lyons to request an engagement letter.

XIV. Public Comments

Mayor Francis of Hopatcong states that the municipality has provided DEP and EPA with a proposal by Ever Blue Lakes for aeration and treatment in Crescent Cove. He states that they have also proposed a sewer extension for Hudson Ave to DEP and has asked the Governor's office for additional support.

XV. Action Items (Resolutions)

No action items to address.

XVI. Close of Meeting

Chairman Smith entertains a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fisch seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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