

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 13th, 2020
Remote Virtual Meeting

I. Opening of Meeting/Open Public Meeting Statement

- a. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law (N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1), The Lake Hopatcong Commission has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof via electronic notification to the following:

The Lake Hopatcong Commission website (lakehopatcongcommission.org)

II. Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence

III. Roll Call

Present: Mark Crowley, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Ronald Smith,

Absent: Mark Fisch, Eric Wilsusen, Tom Sellaro

Alternates Present: Melissa Castellon, Ryan Gilfillan, Bill Hirshfeld, , Neil Senatore, Richard Zoschak

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that the Commission will enter executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Crowley makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to re-enter the public session. Commissioner Crowley makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes for the August meeting, Commissioner Stevens seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Abstain	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Senatore	Yes

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Osowski	Yes	Gilfillan	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Steinbaum	Yes		

The motion passes 10-0-1 (one abstention).

VI. Treasurer’s Report

In Commissioner Fisch’s absence Colleen Lyons presents the Treasurer’s Report. She states that as of September 30th the amount in the Commission’s bank account was \$384,462.54. She states that there are eleven bills totaling \$34,056.24. Commissioner Crowley makes a motion to approve the bills, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Gilfillan	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Steinbaum	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons states the Commission land use applications are available on the OneDrive account. She states that the Commission received a Weed Harvesting Supply List & Personnel estimate for the remainder of the fiscal year. She states that Melissa will provide additional details later in the meeting. Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission received a letter from Weldon Quarry in response to a letter sent by the State Senators on behalf of the Commission and Lake Hopatcong community. Commissioner Pravs comments on the letter sent by the quarry. There is a general discussion of blasting by the quarry.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that he spoke with the Commission’s Administrative Consultant about their contract, which will be discussed later in the meeting. He states that he and Commissioner McCarthy visited the Franklin Building to see where the damaged harvester is being stored. He states that if the harvester can be moved indoors they may be able to salvage the engine, but if it is left outside over

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the winter they will not be able to save the engine. Chair Smith states that he will contact someone in Trenton to request the harvester be moved. There is a general discussion of the harvesting investigation and moving the harvester indoors.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Zoschak and Commissioner Crowley state that they have to leave the meeting to attend the Roxbury Council meeting.

X. Morris County Parks 319 Grant Presentation

Chair Smith introduces Dave Helmer of Morris County Parks Commission to provide a presentation on the 319h Grant they were recently awarded. Mr. Helmer states that funds from the grant will be used by the Park Commission to improve stormwater management on the property. The project will be implemented through several phases. There is a general discussion of the Morris County Park Commission project.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane provides an update from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. He states that the Foundation’s founding Executive Director has left the organization. She will remain an active volunteer. He states that until they hire a new Executive Director he and Mr. Bob Hamburger will fill the role. He states that boating safety was a big concern in 2020 and they will address this in the future. Mr. Kane discusses the Foundation initiatives including the quarterly Mayor’s Meetings and the NJ Lake’s Group Meeting.

XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

In Dr. Lubnow’s absence Colleen Lyons provides an update. She states that the HABs grant projects are moving along. Princeton Hydro was out last week working on the aeration installations and completed another treatment of Phoslock in Ashley Cove. She states that Dr. Lubnow is working on finding more sources of funding for stormwater projects through GreenVest and NJDEP’s supplemental environmental project program.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Castellon’s provides a state park update. She states that the DEP is reviewing the application to lower the lake 22 inches. She states that the weed harvesting crew is working on grounds maintenance and repairs. Ms. Castellon states that there has been communication about moving the harvester indoors. She states that she submits a report to the Commission for the proposed program costs through the winter and spring. Commissioner Stevens expresses

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concern about moving the harvester indoors before the first hard freeze. Melissa states that the mold remediation in the State Park building will begin on Monday.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski states that Citizen Advisory Committee met last week. He states that they are scheduled to meet again next month.

Grant Updates

Reported on under Princeton Hydro Updates.

HIGLIN

Colleen Lyons states that the Commission submitted the signed agreement for demonstration of DASH boats and radar by HIGLIN on Lake Hopatcong. The group has indicated that they will wait until next year to demonstrate the technologies.

Land Use Committee Update

Commissioner Tessier states that the Land Use Committee is reviewing the current regulations around the lake and then will talk to Princeton Hydro to discuss how to improve the ordinances and stormwater regulations. The Planners are also looking at how the Commission can receive the applications at the same time as the Land Use Board professionals.

Ice Retardant System Committee

Commissioner McCarthy states that a powerpoint presentation was sent out to the Commission with the packet for review. He states that he would like to have the Commission approve the document and presentation before they go on to the municipalities to present their ideas. Commissioner Hoferkamp states that he has some concerns with the Zoning Officer's ability to go out on people's properties and feels that ice retardant systems should be regulated by the State. Commissioner Steinbaum and McCarthy state that the idea is to register devices so that ice can be safer and useable for recreation in the winter months. There is a general discussion of ice retardant systems. There is a suggestion that he committee present their ideas at an upcoming Mayor's Meeting.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Chair Smith opens the meeting to the public.

Donna Macalle-Holly a resident of Lake Hopatcong states that Ashley Cove looks really good. Mrs. Macalle-Holly states that when she worked for the Commission

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in 2010 former Commissioner Art Clarke forwarded photos of the lake where propeller driven systems had opened up large areas on the lake. She states that not only is this a recreational issue, but it also presents an issue when trying to manage aquatic vegetation. Ice cover and snowfall prevent sunlight from reaching the lake bottom and slows early season weed growth.

Mayor Francis of Hopatcong provides an update on Crescent Cove. He states that the Council will award a contract for sewerage Hudson Ave at the next meeting. He states that he and others from the lake had a meeting with DEP about the biological treatment for Crescent Cove, and will continue working to get approval for the treatment.

XVI. Action Items (Resolutions)

RES 20-13 CLC Consulting Contract Renewal

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the contract for CLC Consulting for administrative consulting services between July 1, 2020 through June 30th, 2021 in the amount of \$66,150.00. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley		Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Gilfillan	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Steinbaum	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

RES 20-14 Tolling Agreement

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Tolling Agreement with Weldon Quarry for 120 days retroactive to the date it was drafted. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion to approve Tolling Agreement. Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
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The motion passes unanimously.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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