

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2021
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 (arrived 7:45), Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Blanca Chevrestt, Mark Fisch, Ryan Gilfillan, Joshua Osowski,

Alternates Present: Bill Hirshfeld, Tom Sellaro (arrived 7:10), Neil Senatore

With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that the Commission will enter executive session to discuss legal matters. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Pravs makes a motion. Commissioner Steinbaum 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 McCarthy makes a motion. Commissioner Stevens 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, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Senatore	Yes	Stevens	Abstain
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes

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Pravs	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	NA	Smith	Yes

The motion passes 7-0-0.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

In Commissioner Fisch’s absence, Mrs. Lyons presents the Treasurer’s Report. She states that the Commission has not received their third quarter payment from the State of New Jersey for \$125,000, but has received information requests so that the payment can be processed. She states that there are eleven bills to be paid and the balance in the account is \$327,920 as of May 10th. She states that the Commission has spent through the advance payment for the HABs grant. Chair Smith asks Colleen Lyons to request the third quarter payment from DEP. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and List of Bills. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion to approve the bills with the exception of the two HABs grant invoices from Princeton Hydro, which will be paid once a reimbursement from the State is received. Commissioner Pravs seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Senatore	Yes	Stevens	Abstain
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	NA	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons states that the land use applications are available on the OneDrive Account. She states that the Commission received a Draft NJPDES Permit from NJDEP that Princeton Hydro will provide comment on before June 19th. Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission received a request from Commissioner Crowley regarding a memorial plaque purchase for Curtis Mulch. The Commission received a letter from NJDEP reminding the Lake Hopatcong community and visitors that the Department regulates any aquatic product application to the lake. The Commission has received herbicide notifications from Aquatic Analysts and Solitude. She states that they also received information on a new water clarifier treatment from Mayor Francis.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

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Chairman Smith states that he attended a meeting with Weldon Quarry's representatives who presented their offer, but the details cannot be discussed in public. He states that the Commission has received aquatic weed growth complaints from residents and boats in Byram Cove. He states that the lakes funding line is moving through the Assembly.

IX. LHC Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Crowley states that he has been working to put together a plaque for Curtis Mulch at Lee's County Park. He states that they have not heard from Mount Arlington, but he plans to order the plaque. He states that he hopes to set a date at the next meeting to install the plaque. He thanks everyone for their participation.

X. Administrator's Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that she met with the Commission's book keeper, Karen Buchanan and she is now preparing the monthly financial reports, paying bills and maintaining company books. She states that the Highland's Council approved the Roxbury proposal for the planning aspects of the Musconetcong River streambank stabilization project. Mrs. Lyons states that she attended the May 25th visit by NJDEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette. On May 26th the Commission had their second bid opening for weed harvesting services, but received no bids. She states that the 3rd and 4th quarter payments of the Commission's funding are being finalized by NJDEP. Mrs. Lyons states that tonight's meeting will be the last virtual meeting and the July 12th meeting will be held at the Jefferson Board of Education Building. The August 9th meeting will be moved to August 16th.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update for the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. Mr. Richter states that the Lake's Funding bill is moving through the Assembly. He states that the Foundation is working with MWA on volunteer monitoring for HABs on the lake. Volunteers will monitor 14 sites weekly through September. The Floating Classroom was used for Commissioner LaTourette's visit and they will begin public cruises on July 12th through August. He states that the Foundation has a lot of recreational opportunities coming up. He states that the Foundation has been working with law enforcement on noise and safety complaints around the lake. Commissioner Steinbaum asks if there is any projection of how much money Lake Hopatcong would receive if the \$10 million is approved. Kyle Richter states that funding opportunities would be managed through grants and Lake Hopatcong would have to apply for grants. There is a general discussion of the proposed funding Bill.

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XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro’s work around the lake. He states that Princeton Hydro has begun work on the stormwater ordinance review project and is currently reviewing the Draft NJPDES permit for the quarry. He states that the Mount Arlington Draft Beach Restoration Project is nearing completion. This season Princeton Hydro is sampling the lake twice per month once for water quality monitoring and once for the 319-grant bathymetric study. He states that June secchi depth was at 2.5meters. Cyanobacteria cell counts are low at the two stations they sampled. He states that Landing Channel has dense weed growth, which can be attributed to increased water quality from the Phoslock treatment last season. He states that Crescent Cove weed growth is about average, but has not reached the surface. Dr. Lubnow states that as part of the HABs grant Princeton Hydro will refurbish the floating wetland islands in Ashley Cove. The aeration unit in Mount Arlington should be installed in roughly two weeks, and the other two are operational. He states that the Princeton Hydro will complete an Aquatic Plant Survey this season as well.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

There are no representatives from NJDEP to provide an update.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

There are no representatives from NJDEP to provide an update.

Grant Updates

Colleen Lyons states that Dr. Lubnow covered the grant updates during his update.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier provides a summary of the Stormwater Ordinance Review that Princeton Hydro is working on and the land use application reviews.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum requests that Colleen Lyons set up a budget committee meeting.

Finance

Chair Stevens states that there is no update.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley states that there are no updates.

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Planning

Chair McCarthy requests that a meeting be scheduled.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs states that most of the public outreach is happening with the Foundation through their education program. Commissioner Pravs is working to find a volunteer to fill the Mount Arlington alternate position.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that there is nothing new to report. They will be reviewing the existing flyer and revising as needed.

Weed Harvesting

Chair Gilfillan is not in attendance.

XIV. New Items

Book Keeping

Colleen Lyons states that this was covered earlier in the meeting

Byram Cove Noise & Safety Issues

Colleen Lyons states that the Commission and Foundation will be meeting with representatives from the Borough of Hopatcong and local law enforcement to discuss issues in Byram Cove. Mrs. Lyons introduces Mayor Francis to discuss issues in the cove. Mayor Francis states that he is working with DEP on a new treatment option for Crescent Cove.

XV. Public Comments

Gary Mans of Ingram Cove asks if any grant money can be used to install aeration in Ingram Cove, and if Princeton Hydro can investigate the storm drain that empties to the cove. Dr. Lubnow states that Princeton Hydro will visit the site.

John Tucci of EverBlue Lakes provides additional information on Mayor Francis' comments about treatment with AQUOM for Crescent Cove. He states that it is an alternative to alum and phoslock and is more environmentally friendly.

MaryBeth Romendella of Ingram Cove is interested in biochar and whether some can be installed in Ingram Cove. Dr. Lubnow states that it is possible, and he will discuss the possibility with field staff.

XVI. Action Items

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Chair Smith states that the Commission has received no bids for weed harvesting services, and the State is unable to harvest. As a result, the Commission is going to take over harvesting for this season. Chair Smith entertains a motion. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion to approve the formation of a committee to explore what is needed for the Commission to take over the weed harvesting program. The committee will report back to the Commission on their findings and make a recommendation. Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Senatore	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	Yes	Smith	Yes

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 Pravs seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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