

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021
Lake Hopatcong Train Station, 125 Landing Rd, 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 the NEW JERSEY HERALD and posted on the Lake Hopatcong Commission website (lakehopatcongcommission.org)

II. Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence

III. Roll Call

Present: Neil Senatore, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Mark Crowley, Ryan Gilfillan, Joshua Osowski,

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Bill Hirshfeld, Tom Sellaro

With ten members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Senatore	Yes	Steinbaum	Abstain
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes

The motion passes 8-0-2 (one abstention).

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that the bill list totals \$19,821.00. He states that after the list of bills is paid the Commission will have \$197,550. He states that the first two invoices on the list were approved at the last meeting. Chair Smith requests a motion approve the list of bills. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion. Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons states that the land use applications are available on the OneDrive Account. She states that the Commission received an amended insurance quote, a letter of support requires from the Morris County Parks Commission, the final NJPDES Permit for Weldon Quarry, a Weed Harvesting Quote from Northern Lights LLC, and the August Cyanotoxin Monitoring Report from Princeton Hydro.

VII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill visited the lake on the floating classroom with other state legislators. He thanks the Foundation for hosting the visit. Chair Smith states that there was an accident involving a jet ski on Sunday night, and the Jefferson fire boat assisted in putting out the fire. He states that the Commission has received no additional information on the weed harvesting accident.

VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Tessier states that there has been an incremental increase in the use of the lake over the years and this should be followed by an increase in police and other budgets. Commissioner Pravs notes that the plans provided by Lee’s County Park represent an increase in boat docking capacity to double the current allotment. Commissioner Wilsusen states that he attended the meeting with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and thanks the Foundation for hosting the visit.

IX. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. Ms. Lyons states that she sent out information from a homeowner near Raccoon Island with a quote from Northern Lights to address the issue of floating weeds at this location. She states that the insurance broker provided an updated quote that lowered the cost based on reduced workman’s compensation if the harvesting starts later in the season. Next year the price will go back to the original price. Ms. Lyons states that she has received an update on the harvesting equipment transfer and they are working

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internally to transfer equipment and will assist with registration of the machines. She states that she attended the Mount Arlington Council meeting again in September and they announced the appointment of Karen Porfido as their alternate Commissioner. Ms. Lyons states that she and representatives of the Foundation, Roxbury and Hopatcong met in August to discuss projects identified in the Watershed Implementation Plan. HIGLIN, the environmental group from Green Pond is interested in hosting a second demonstration meeting of their harvesting operations. Ms. Lyons provides a recap of HABs this summer and the efforts by DEP to assist the community through HABs surveillance and monitoring, grant programs, and quarterly meetings.

X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Lake Hopatcong Foundation activities. He states that the Foundation organized tours on the lake with several federal, state and local legislators. He states that they have concluded their public cruises for the season and all but one sold out. He states that there will be a guided paddle trip with Mayor Stanzilis in October as well as the Lake Hopatcong Block Party, and Lake Loop. He states that the Foundation has made a formal request for a meeting with Morris County to discuss plans at Lee's County Park with all stakeholders.

XI. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update from Princeton Hydro. He provides an overview of cyanotoxin and water quality monitoring on the lake this season. He states that he and Pat Rose will conduct water quality monitoring tomorrow on the lake. He states that total phosphorus has been lower in the lake this season when compared with 2019 and this leads to better protection against HABs. Dr. Lubnow provides an update on HABs grant projects around the lake. Commissioner Tessier requests a copy of the Stormwater Ordinance Review before the next meeting. Dr. Lubnow provides an update on 319 grant activities and upcoming round of funding.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum Fountain Presentation

Marty Kane provides a presentation on the Lake Hopatcong Fountain at Hopatcong State Park and preliminary plans to restore it.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the State Park will host the Block Party and Lake Loop Party in October, and the Power Boat Race will be October 23-24th.

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Commissioner Osowski is not present to provide an update.

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Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier provides information on the improvements at Lee's County Park Marina. There is a general discussion. Commissioner Steinbaum states that there should be a study on utilization of the lake.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum suggests a meeting to discuss the budget.

Finance

Chair Stevens states that the reimbursement vouchers are in process and will be submitted to the state shortly.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley is not present to provide an update.

Planning

Chair McCarthy requests a meeting.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs provides information on the Lake Hopatcong Block Party and passes around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy requests that a meeting be scheduled after updates are made to the ice retardant system handout.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair Smith states that they are working on scheduling a meeting.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Charlie Corby of Jefferson Township comments on weeds in his cove. He states that floating weeds are very bad in his area of the lake and he works every day to remove them so he can use his lakefront.

Michael Heely of Hopatcong comments on the noise in Byram Cove. He states that he reports the noise to the state police all the time. Chair Smith states that the

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Commission does not have enforcement action but has requested meetings with law enforcement.

XVI. Action Items

No action items.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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