

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –October 12, 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, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith
Absent: Mark Crowley, Bill Hirschfeld, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Tom Sellaro

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Karen Porfido

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 Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Senatore	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that the Commission has a cash balance of \$478,582. He states that the reason for the increase from last month is because the 319-grant advance payment and the last two quarterly payments from FY21 were received. He states that the bill list totals \$80,735. Commissioner McCarthy asks about an invoice for Rutgers University for the rain garden program. Chair Smith requests a motion approve the list of bills.

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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
Porfido	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 a draft of the Stormwater Ordinance Review from Princeton Hydro, and a sent a request for a meeting with the Morris County Parks Commission.

VII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith congratulates the Foundation on a successful Block Party, and thanks the Commissioners that volunteered at the Commission booth. He comments on the improvements at Lee’s County Park.

VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Tessier comments on Lee’s County Park. Commissioner McCarthy states that the Lake’s Bill was updated and \$750K that was guaranteed to Hopatcong and Greenwood was removed from the final bill.

IX. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that she has received no additional updates from NJDEP on weed harvesting, but did receive a call from PEOSHA. They were unable to say when the investigation would conclude. She states that she attended the Mount Arlington Council meeting last week. The Commission received a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant and Governor Murphy signed the \$10M Lake’s Funding Bill. She states that she met with Greenwood Lake Commission Chair, Paul Zarillo with Marty Kane and Kyle Richter. HIGLIN will attend the Commission November meeting to present on their weed harvesting program. She requests that SWOT surveys be returned by Friday and provides information on HABs.

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X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Lake Hopatcong Foundation activities. He states that the Foundation hosted the block party on October 2nd. Over 2,000 people and 150 vendors were in attendance. He states that the HABs volunteer project with MWA is over for the season and MWA is compiling results. Marty Kane provides an overview of the Lake's Bill.

XI. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow and Pat Rose of Princeton Hydro provide an update on the HAB's projects and the Bathymetric Survey being completed under the 319 grant.

XII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the water level is over the dam at 9.13 feet. She states that the Water Level Management Plan update is on hold until they receive a response from the HAB task force.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski is not present to provide an update.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier requests that a meeting be scheduled prior to the next Commission meeting to discuss the draft Stormwater Management Report.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum comments on the Commission's statutory requirements, lack of adequate funding and upcoming Lake's Funding Bill.

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley is not present to provide an update.

Planning

Chair McCarthy requests that each member of the Commission fill out a SWOT survey.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs is not present to provide an update.

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Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that a new handout was prepared and he would like to distribute it to homeowners.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy states that the committee will meet to discuss trout populations and stocking in the lake.

XIII. New Items

Curtis Mulch Plaque Dedication

Colleen Lyons states that the dedication was held on September 18th and was well attended. She states that Curtis was dedicated to the lake and the plaque is a reminder of all he did.

XIV. Public Comments

Earl Riley of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board states that the Commission and LMRPB should seek joint funding through the \$10M Lake's Funding Bill.

XV. Action Items

No action items.

XVI. 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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