

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes –November 8, 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: Mark Crowley, Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Bill Hirschfeld, Bradley Hoferkamp, Joshua Osowski

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Karen Porfido, Thomas Sellaro

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

**IV. 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	Abstain	Steinbaum	Yes
Senatore	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Franek	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Sellaro	Abstain	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		

The motion passes 8-3-0 (three abstentions).

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that the bill list totals \$47,961. Chair Smith requests a motion approve the list of bills. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

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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 complaint regarding fecal matter in the lake near Brady Bridge. She states that she met with representatives from Jefferson Township and the stormwater drains have since been cleaned. There have been no additional complaints.

**VII. Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Smith states that he was on a meeting with DEP to transfer the employees and weed harvesting machines. He states that the target date for transfer is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

No comments from the Commissioners.

**IX. Administrator’s Update**

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that before the October meeting there was a report of an oil sheen on the Lake near Hudson Ave. She states that NJDEP did not find a source after inspecting all surrounding properties. She states that DEP placed sorbent materials until the sheen dissipated and will continue to monitor the situation. She states that she contacted Morris County regarding the lights on Brady Bridge. The lights were fixed in mid-June and were damaged within a month. They are working with the state police to discuss other repair options. Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission and Foundation were nominated for a NALMS Lake Management Success Story Award for their work on HABS. She thanks the municipalities, counties, Rutgers and the state for their collaboration on the grant. Mrs. Lyons states that there a meeting has been set to discuss plans for Lee’s County Park with Morris County Park Commission. She states that she continues to attend the Mount Arlington Council meetings and that Jefferson and Roxbury have openings for Alternate Commissioner’s.

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**X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Marty Kane provides an update from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. He provides details on the recent election results. Mr. Kane states that the LHC/LHF and Mayors will meet with Commissioner LaTourette by zoom in mid-December. He states that the Foundation is working on a shrink wrap recycling program and provides an update on the State Park Fountain. He states that work on the Landing Bridge will begin soon and that the LHF 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendars are available for purchase.

**XI. Princeton Hydro Updates**

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. Dr. Lubnow states that they have completed the water quality monitoring report and submerged aquatic vegetation report. He states that all monitoring for the HABs grant is complete except for the aeration units. Dr. Lubnow states that staff are analyzing data collected under the bathymetric survey completed under the 319 grant. He states that the internal nutrient load has increased and may be the reason for a sustained HAB in 2019. Princeton Hydro will provide recommendations on how to manage the internal load. He provides an update on the NFWF grant activities and Mount Arlington Beach Restoration Plan. Commissioner Tessier comments on the Stormwater Report and Commissioner Steinbaum comments on the need for a lake recreational carrying capacity study.

**XII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the 22" drawdown begins this week. She does not have an update on the CAC meeting.

**NJDEP/LHC MOU**

Commissioner Osowski is not present to provide an update.

**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Tessier comments on the upcoming meeting with the Morris County Park's Commission.

**Budget**

Chair Steinbaum has no updates.

**Finance**

Chair Stevens has no updates.

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**Bylaws**

Chair Crowley has no updates.

**Planning**

Chair McCarthy states that the committee is waiting for the results of the SWOT analysis and he states that Commissioner Pravs provided information from an earlier Foundation survey.

**Public Outreach**

Chair Pravs thanks the Commissioners for helping with the Block Party Booth.

**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 again on November 10<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions on trout.

**XIII. New Items**

**Recreational Carrying Capacity Study**

Commissioner Steinbaum provides information on a recreational carrying capacity study.

**Accounting Software – Q-box**

Colleen Lyons suggests the purchase of accounting software for easy of access to the Commission's books.

**XIV. Public Comments**

John Kurzman of Lake Hopatcong comments on the restoration of the fountain at Hopatcong State Park and its potential impacts on water level.

**XV. Action Items**

**RES-09 General Liability Insurance**

Colleen Lyons states that the Commission received a renewal for the general liability insurance of \$1,300. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion to approve the renewal. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

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The motion passes unanimously.

**XVI. Executive Session**

Chair Smith states that the Commission will enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. He states that no action will be taken when the Commission re-enters the public session. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Steinbaum 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 McCarthy makes a motion. Commissioner Pravs seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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