

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –December 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: Mark Crowley, Daniel McCarthy, Bradley Hoferkamp, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Ronald Smith

Absent: Joshua Osowski, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Bill Hirschfeld, Karen Porfido, Thomas 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 Senatore seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	McCarthy	Yes
Franek	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Gilfillan	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Abstain	Stevens	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes 9-1-0 (one abstention).

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that there is a balance of \$371,496 and the bill list totals \$33,642.81. Chair Smith requests a motion approve the list of bills. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

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Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons states that the land use applications are available on the OneDrive Account.

VII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that he received a letter from the Senators requesting a meeting with DEP to discuss the weed harvesting insurance.

VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Crowley states that Roxbury will appoint an alternate commissioner at their next Council meeting. Commissioner Hoferkamp states that there has been an uptick in COVID cases and masks are now required in Hopatcong buildings and the schools.

IX. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that representatives of the Commission, Foundation and Mount Arlington met with the Morris County Parks Commission to discuss improvements at Lee’s County Park Marina. She spoke with Robin Madden of NJDEP and they are on target to transfer employees and equipment on January 1st. Mrs. Lyons states the next Mayor’s meeting with DEP is scheduled for tomorrow December 14th to discuss activities on Lake Hopatcong this season. She states that NJDEP indicated that DEP will transfer the first and second quarter statutory funds to the Commission this week. She, Marty and Kyle provided updates to the Morris County Commissioners on results of the HAB grant which they provided a \$25,000 monetary match. The Road Salt Impact Study through the Watershed Institute that began last season will continue this year with volunteers organized by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. She states that the Ice Retardant Committee completed the update of the flyer and it has been advertised on the Lake Hopatcong News website and will be distributed around the lake.

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X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane provides an update from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. He states that the Foundation will work with volunteers on the Road Salt Study. The NJDEP Commissioner will attend tomorrow's Mayor's Meeting and Kerry Kirk-Pflugh is retiring on March 31, 2022. He states that they are hoping to see Lake's Funding in the Governor's Budget, but will wait to see whether it is included. He states that the Hopatcong Park Fountain restoration is going better than expected. Mr. Kane provides updates on the Public Lake's Alliance of New Jersey and Lee's County Park Meetings.

XI. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. Dr. Lubnow states that they submitted the interim report for the HABs grant and have started the final report. He provides an update on the 319 grant and NFWF grant activities. He states that they are beginning internal meetings on the Musconetcong River stabilization project and are finalizing the Mount Arlington Restoration Plan. Dr. Lubnow states that he is working with NALMS on reinstatement of Funding set out in Section 314 of the Clean Water Act. He has also contacted a graduate student on the NALMS committee who specializes in economic studies. He states that an economic study on Lake Hopatcong's economic influence would be beneficial for requesting additional funding and grants.

XII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the drawdown is on target and they are 0.10 feet from reaching the drawdown level. She states that once they reach 22 inches they will maintain 12cfs outflow.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski is not present to provide an update.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier is not present to provide an update.

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.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs states that Mount Arlington Green Committee is active and she would like to see other municipalities have active committees. She states that she and Alternate Commissioner Porfido are looking into goose management.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that a new handout was prepared and he would like to send out a press release.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy provides an update from the Trout Committee and requests \$3,000 from the Commission, Foundation and Knee-Deep Club to fund a study on trout carry over. Commissioner McCarthy will provide additional information prior to the January Meeting.

XIII. New Items

2022 Meeting Dates

Colleen Lyons states that she included the 2022 meeting dates in the meeting packet and requests that the Commissioners review the dates in advance of next month's reorganization meeting.

XIV. Public Comments

No public comment

XV. Action Items

There are no action items.

XVI. Executive Session

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

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Chair Smith entertains a motion to re-enter the public session. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion. Commissioner Senatore 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 Steinbaum makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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