

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –January 10, 2022
Web-based Conference Call

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, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Ryan Gilfillan, Bradley Hoferkamp, Neil Senatore,

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Bill Hirschfeld, Steven Levinson, Karen Porfido, Shawn Pottillo, 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 Pravs makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Levinson	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Osowski	Abstain	Wilsusen	Abstain
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

The motion passes 9-2-0 (two abstentions).

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that there is a balance of \$587,870 and the bill list totals \$26,642 with twelve invoices. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about the two insurance bills. Chair Smith requests a motion approve the list of bills. Commissioner Stevens makes a motion. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

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Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	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 the Interim HAB Grant Report from Princeton Hydro, a Professional Services Agreement from Ken Nelson that reflects the pay increase requested last month. She states that the Commission received the Professional Liability Insurance quote, a letter from Senator Bucco to DEP Commissioner LaTourette regarding weed harvesting insurance, the Trout Habitat Committee Report, and a resolution from Mount Arlington in support of the LHC.

VII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that he has been in touch with the insurance company and they are going to bind the equipment. He states that we also need to transfer the equipment. Mike and Tony are working on the small harvester, but still have no information on the harvester involved in the accident. Chair Smith introduces the new Alternate Commissioner from Jefferson Township, Steven Levinson. He states that the finalized audit is expected next month.

VIII. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Crowley states that Roxbury appointed a new Alternate Commissioner, Shawn Potillo. He is also a Councilman and former Land Use Board member.

IX. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that Mike and Tony as well as the weed harvesting equipment have been transferred to the Commission as of January 1, 2022. Mrs. Lyons states that on December 14th she met with DEP Commissioner LaTourette, mayors, representatives of the Foundation and

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Commission to discuss ongoing projects and issues around the lake. She states that last week she met with Marty and Kyle to discuss projects for 2022. She states that she would like to begin preparation for maintenance dredging of outfalls around the lake during the 2023 five-foot drawdown. Mrs. Lyons states that the 2020-2022 round of 319 grant funding has been announced. Proposals are due February 28th and the LHC, LHF, and Princeton Hydro are meeting with the municipalities to discuss projects. She states that preparation for the grant began over the summer so this is a continuation of that work.

X. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. He states that they are kicking off their tenth year as a Foundation. The Block Party is scheduled for May 21, 2022. The LHF is working with volunteers on a salt study to determine the impact of road salt on our waterways. They will also be sharing results of a microplastics study. Marty Kane provides additional updates and states that the Boating Regulation Commission meeting is cancelled and won't be held until March. Lake Hopatcong will host the July 13th meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. The municipalities held their reorganization and Roxbury appointed a new mayor, Jim Rilee. He states that the congressional redistricting effected the Borough of Hopatcong moving from the 11th district to the 7th district. He states that Morris County appointed Tayfun Selin as Commissioner Director. Sussex County elected Anthony Fasano as Commissioner Director. Mr. Kane states that the Foundation has been investigating restoration of Floating Island in Landing Channel.

XI. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. Dr. Lubnow states that the final Water Quality Report was provided and water quality was better in 2021 than 2019. Dr. Lubnow provides additional updates on projects under the HAB and 319 grants.

XII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that she does not have any updates.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski states that he does not have any updates on the MOU or CAC meeting. There is a discussion about the CAC meetings and the Commission requests that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

Committee Updates

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Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier provides an update on the land use committee and provides information on Lee's County Park.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum provides an update on the budget and information on an economic study conducted on Lake Winnepesaukee and suggests that Lake Hopatcong should conduct a similar study.

Finance

Chair Stevens provides updates on the draft audit.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley has no updates.

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no new updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs provides information on Lee's Park and communication with Mount Arlington.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that the new flyer has been provided in a press release and out around the lake.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy provides an update from the Trout Committee. The committee provided a draft resolution prior to the meeting.

XIII. New Items

The planner agreement, and ice retardant system flyer were discussed earlier in the meeting.

XIV. Public Comments

John Kurzman provides comment on the CAC, weed harvesting costs and water level.

XV. Action Items

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the first two resolutions. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Pravs seconds the motion.

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- a. RES 22-01 2022-2023 Regular Meeting Dates
- b. RES 22-02 Official Newspapers

Roll Call:

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Levinson	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the first two resolutions. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Stevens seconds the motion. Commissioner McCarthy provides an overview of the Trout Study and funding opportunities.

- c. RES 22-03 Trout Study

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McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

XVI. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that an Executive Session is not needed.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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