

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes –February 7, 2022**  
**125 Landing Rd, Landing NJ 07850**

**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, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Ryan Gilfillan, Bradley Hoferkamp, Steven Levinson, Shawn Potillo,

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Bill Hirschfeld, Karen Porfido, Thomas Sellaro

With ten members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum. Commissioner Robert Tessier arrives at 7:25p.

**IV. Executive Session**

Chair Smith states that an Executive Session is not needed.

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McCarty makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Stevens seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	NA
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Abstain
Sellaro	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Abstain		

The motion passes 8-2-0 (two abstentions).

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**VI. Treasurer’s Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He states that there is a the opening balance was \$561,228.00. He states that the third quarter statutory payment is expected. The Commission has started payroll, which is reflected on the report. He states there are twenty-six (26) bills totaling \$99,587.

Roll Call:

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Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	NA
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

**VII. Correspondence**

Colleen Lyons states that the land use applications are available on the OneDrive Account. She states that the Commission received an email from John Kurzman after the January meeting and the Trout Stocking Permit from the Trout Habitat Committee.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Smith states that he plans to meet with Mike Calderio about the weed harvesting program, staffing and schedule for the upcoming season. Commissioner Steinbaum suggests Mike attend the March meeting. Chair Smith states that Mrs. Lyons and Commissioner Stevens have been working to finalize the audit with the auditors.

**IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

Commissioner Crowley states that Mrs. Lyons, Princeton Hydro, Marty Kane and Kyle Richter met with representatives from Roxbury Township to discuss ongoing and proposed projects for Roxbury. Commissioner McCarthy states that the Commission should request herbicide application permits from the State so they can coordinate with the weed harvesting program.

**X. Administrator’s Update**

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that she has been working with Princeton Hydro, the Foundation and the municipalities on the 2020-

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2022 319 grant application. She states that they are currently considering two projects in Roxbury and Jefferson. She states that the HABs grant will end in March 2022 and she is working on the grant reporting for this grant and the 2019 319 grant. She states that she, Commissioner Stevens, Commissioner Steinbaum and Karen Buchanan met to review the Commission finances. She states that she and Karen have put together a new timesheet for weed harvesting employees. Mrs. Lyons states that the ice retardants system flyers have been mailed. She states that she also attended the Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership Meeting last week to discuss the NFWF grant project in the Musconetcong River.

**XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Marty Kane provides an update on Foundation projects. He states that they will be meeting with the Commission and elected officials from District 24 on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Federal funding through Build Back Better has been announced and is available to municipalities for waste water and drinking water projects. Mr. Kane states that he and Kyle met with the Commission and Bridge Marina to discuss lake's issues. He notes the Block Party will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> and that the fountain restoration project continues to move forward.

**XII. Princeton Hydro Updates**

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that Princeton Hydro submitted the internal total phosphorus load report last week, and will provide a formal presentation soon. He states that surface total phosphorus concentrations are on the decline due to watershed work over the past twenty years. Mr. Rose states that Princeton Hydro had an internal meeting on the four small watershed projects under the 2019 319 grant. He states that these projects will be complete by the end of 2022. He states that the final HAB grant report is almost complete and they are wrapping up the stormwater report. Commissioner Stevens requests that contracts be based on the Commission's fiscal year rather than the calendar year. Mr. Rose will discuss with Dr. Lubnow. He also mentions that Princeton Hydro is scheduling a preapplication meeting with DEP to discuss the floating island project in Landing Channel.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that we received two inches of rain and water level is up two tenths of a foot. She states that the gauges are open to lower the lake to normal levels. Commissioner McCarthy states that the water level is too high and suggests water be released in advance of predicted storms. Alternate Commissioner Franek states that this procedure was followed, but the lake level still increased.

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**NJDEP/LHC MOU**

Commissioner Osowski is not present, but Alternate Commissioner Franek states that a CAC meeting will be scheduled for March or April.

**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Tessier states that the committee is waiting on a the Stormwater Report from Princeton Hydro and then they will schedule a meeting to discuss.

**Budget**

Chair Steinbaum states that they had a meeting to revise the accounting. He states that he would like to have a zoom meeting with the budget committee in the next few weeks.

**Finance**

Chair Stevens states that the final audit should be ready for approval at the March meeting..

**Bylaws**

Chair Crowley has no updates.

**Planning**

Chair McCarthy states that there will be a meeting Friday to discuss the SWOT survey results and possible projects for lake's funding.

**Public Outreach**

Chair Pravs is not present to provide an update.

**Ice Retardant**

Chair McCarthy states that the lake is mostly frozen. He provides an overview of enforcement in Hopatcong Borough, and states that the flyers have been mailed. There is a general discussion on ice retardant systems and a committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking**

Chair McCarthy provides an update from the Trout Committee. There is a general discussion on trout permitting and signage.

**XIV. New Items**

There are no new items.

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**XV. Public Comments**

There are no public comments.

**XVI. Action Items**

RES 22-04 Princeton Hydro Contracts

There is a general discussion of the contracts. The Commission will vote on Resolution 22-04 at the March meeting.

**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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