

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –March 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, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Bill Hirschfeld, Joshua Osowski, Thomas Sellaro

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Karen Porfido, Shawn Pottillo,

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that there will be an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Tessier 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 Tessier seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

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
Hoferkamp	Abstain	Tessier	Yes

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McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes 10-1-0 (two abstentions).

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He states that there is a the opening balance was \$456,127. He states that the Commission received \$10 in interest and the 3rd quarter statutory payment of \$125,000. He states that the 4th quarter will have weed harvesting costs taken out. Commissioner Stevens then reviews the list of bills. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	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 there was no additional correspondence.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that the Commission has transferred employees from DEP. He states that the Commission received a determination on the professional services under Public Contracts Law from Durkin & Durkin. Chair Smith states that Mike Calderio will attend Commission meetings, and the weed harvesting accident investigation is ongoing.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Steinbaum comments on the boat wake study distributed by Mrs. Lyons. Commissioner Stevens comments on where geese congregate in the winter months along open water. Commissioner Pravs states that Alternate Commission

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Porfido and she have been speaking with a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative about goose control options. Commissioner Tessier comments on the Commission transition of DEP employees. Commissioner Wilsusen comments on the recent Mayor's Meeting including a potential donation to the Borough of Hopatcong for an aeration project and other lake projects under the 319 grant and upcoming Lake's Funding Grant.

X. Administrator's Update

Colleen Lyons provides updates on her activities. She states that the Commission submitted a 319 grant application for projects in Roxbury and Jefferson at the end of February and comments on the transition of DEP employees. Mrs. Lyons provides a summary of the recent Mayor's Meeting and updates on Lee's County Park.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter and Marty Kane provides and update on Foundation projects. Mr. Richter comments on upcoming Foundation events including the Block Party on May 21st, Native Plant Sale on April 28th, Spring Clean Ups on April 16th and April 23rd. He states that the Field Trip Program is also back this season for school programs and public cruises. Marty Kane States comments on the Museum's grant request to Morris County Preservation Trust for the Hopatcong State Park Fountain.

XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that the 2022 water quality contracts were provided to the Commission including an updated contract for cyanotoxin monitoring for four cyanotoxin analysis as requested by the Commission. He states that Princeton Hydro has submitted the Stormwater Review Report and a memo for review of plans for Witten Park in Hopatcong. Dr. Lubnow states that they are working on the final report for the HABs grant and will begin the four watershed projects funded under the 2019 319 grant this spring. He states that the Mount Arlington beach restoration report is almost complete and they are also preparing for a pre-application meeting with DEP to discuss possible dredging of Landing Channel.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that refill began on March 3rd and lake level is currently at 7.47 feet. She states that the trout stocking permit for the Trout Committee is in the mail

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Commissioner Osowski is not present, but Alternate Commissioner Franek states Josh Osowski is working to set up a meeting.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier comments on the applications Mrs. Lyons and the Planner are working on. He discusses plans for Lee's County Park and that the Stormwater Report from Princeton Hydro was received. He requests that Mrs. Lyons set up a meeting of the committee.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum states that the Budget Committee met to revise the accounting, which will provide better control and understanding of finances. He provides an overview of the FY23 Budget.

Finance

Chair Stevens states that the FY20 Audit was reviewed by the committee and circulated to the Commission for approval.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley has no updates.

Planning

Chair McCarthy states that he did not attend the most recent meeting. He states that the committee met to discuss the SWOT analysis and Lake's Funding Grant project opportunities.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs comments on the opportunity for public outreach at the Block Party. The Goose Committee plans for educational materials and the upcoming Road Salt Round Table on March 31st.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that is mostly gone, and asks Mrs. Lyons to schedule an end of season meeting.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy provides an update from the Trout Committee. He states that stocking will take place on March 26th at Downs Marina at 3pm.

XIV. New Items

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FY20 Audit will be voted on later in the meeting.

XV. Public Comments

There are no public comments.

XVI. Action Items

RES 22-04 Princeton Hydro Contracts

RES 22-05 FY23 Budget

RES 22-06 State Health Benefits Program

RES 22-07 Retirement State Health Benefits Program

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve RES 22-04, RES 22-05, and RES 22-06. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

RES 22-08 Audit Agreement

Chair Smith entertains a motion to accept the FY20 Audit as prepared by Samuel Klein & Company. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion, Commissioner Senatore seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
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XVII. Close of Meeting

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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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