

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –May 11, 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: Bradley Hoferkamp, Steven Levinson, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Shawn Pottillo, Robert Tessier

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

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

There will be no executive session tonight.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

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VI. Treasurer’s Report

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Chair Smith provides an update on correspondence. Commissioner Stevens states that the Commission’s fourth quarter payment has been authorized.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that it is difficult to find staffing for the harvesting program, but they are getting ready to put the boats in the water. He states that the Commission’s attorney drafted a hold harmless agreement for the aeration system in Crescent Cove. Hopatcong is going to review the agreement and pending approval harvesting will be completed in the cove. There is a general discussion of the aeration system in Crescent Cove. Mike Calderio provides an update on the harvesting crew and transportation of the machines to the lake.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Crowley states that the County is doing some work along Lakeside Boulevard near Lake’s End Marina and that any new stormwater outfalls should be installed to improve water quality. Commissioner McCarthy states that a large pickerel was caught in Lake Hopatcong. Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that the Block Party is coming up and is looking for additional volunteers for the afternoon.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons is not present to provide an update.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

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Kyle Richter provides an update from the Foundation. He states that the Block Party is coming up. He states that the Foundation's floating classroom program will resume this year. He states that the Lake's Funding RFP was released and they are working with Princeton Hydro to submit a proposal for a socks for docks program. Marty Kane states that the Foundation is working to make sure that the Lake's Funding becomes an annual appropriation.

XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow presents an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that they will be conducting water quality monitoring at the end of the month. The trout study contract should have been provided to Jefferson from the Highlands Council so that work can begin. He states that the NFWF grant project planning through the Highlands Council has begun. In addition, floating wetland islands will be installed in Ashley Cove and Landing Channel under the 2019 HABs Grant and the 2019 319 grant programs. The aeration systems installed under the HABs grant will also be turned on and monitored this year. The four projects funded under the 2019 319 grant will also be completed this season. Dr. Lubnow reviews the four projects that the Commission will apply for under the Lake's Restoration Grant including an alum treatment, maintenance stormwater outfall dredging, replacement of biochar in stormwater devices and ponds, and a goose reproductive management program. There is a general discussion of the projects proposed for the Lake's Restoration Grant.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the lake level is currently at 9.72' and a no wake alert is in effect. There is one gate open at the dam to bring the water level back down. Commissioner McCarthy asks who at DEP should be contacted about the new USGS water level website. Alternate Commissioner Franek suggests posting a comment on the website.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

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 states that the Stormwater Ordinance Report provided by Princeton Hydro is excellent, the committee plans to send it to each municipality with ordinance suggestions.

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Budget

Chair Steinbaum states that the Commission does not receive enough funding and now is the time to request additional funds from the state.

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley has no updates.

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs states that she will be sending out an email with a request for Block Party volunteers.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that the committee met last week. They would like to resend the ice retardant system flyer this fall and they propose a no fee registration system for propeller driven systems.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy states that 1,000 trout were stocked on March 26th. He states that three have been caught so far.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Alternate Commissioner Porfido provides an update on the goose management flyer and passes around an example. The flyers will be printed for the Block Party.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Tim Clancy, Lake Hopatcong states that the original funding for the Commission was \$1.5 million annually and an additional \$1.5 million for startup. He states that the ice retardant system flyer should be revised where run time is listed as every hour for 15 minutes. He states that tag directions may need to be revised for the trout study.

XVI. Action Items

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No action items.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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