

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –June 13, 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, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson,

Alternates Present: Bill Hirschfeld, Karen Porfido, Shawn Potillo, Thomas Sellaro

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 Senatore 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 Hoferkamp 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 Wilsusen makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Senatore seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Abstain	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Abstain

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Osowski	Abstain	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes 7-4-0 (four abstentions).

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Stevens states that the statutory payment of \$79,783 and the Foundation contribution to the trout study of \$3,000 have now been deposited. He states that disbursements include Princeton Hydro, weed harvesting expenses, consultants and payroll. The balance after payments are made is \$569,752. Commissioner Crowley makes a motion, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons provides an update on the Commission correspondence. She states that the Land Use applications are available on the Commission OneDrive. The Commission received correspondence from Tim Clancy regarding increased turbidity at the Quarry Stream. Mrs. Lyons has reported the issue to NJDEP who is investigating possible sources. She states that the Commission received a determination regarding the Commission’s eligibility for State insurance. There have been several aquatic weed reports around the lake, and the Commission also received a stormwater complaint from a resident on Squaw Trail in Hopatcong.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that Congresswoman Sherrill is working to fund sewers for Jefferson Township. There is a general conversation about sewerage Jefferson. Chair Smith thanks everyone who participated in the Block Party and states that he is working on a brochure that provides information on everything the Commission does.

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IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Pravs applauds the Block Party. Commissioner Tessier is disturbed by the silt in the quarry cove. Mrs. Lyons will follow-up with the Commission’s legal counsel and NJDEP. Commissioner Wilsusen states that the Colonel of the New Jersey State Police is scheduled to visit the lake to discuss safety issues. He states that Jefferson passed an ordinance to regulate Airbnbs and Roxbury and Hopatcong are doing the same.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She provides an update on harvesting activities and the Commission’s lake’s funding grant proposal. She states that she met with Princeton Hydro to address issues with the Mount Arlington nano-bubble aeration system, and participated in floating wetland island plantings.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update from the Foundation. He states that the Block Party was a great day. The last field trip is tomorrow and the program hosted 1,300 students this year. He states that public cruises will begin in July. The Commission and Foundation installed floating wetland islands in Landing Channel and Ashley Cove and volunteers continue to monitor HABs this season. Marty Kane states that the NJ Legislature is considering an additional \$10M in the budget for lakes this year and the Foundation applied to the 2022 Lakes Funding Grant for a Socks for Docks program. He states that the annual gala is coming up and will celebrate the Foundations ten-year anniversary.

XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro’s activities. He states that following the monthly water quality monitoring the lake looks good with an average secchi depth of 1.5 meters, however plant densities are up. He states that total phosphorus is below 0.03 ug/L, SRP is slightly elevated but the cyanobacteria cell count was low. He states that Princeton Hydro is working on the final HABs grant report and trout study, 319 grant projects will be completed by the fall and they assisted with submission of grants for both the Foundation and Commission under the lake’s funding grant. He states that Princeton Hydro will be on the lake weekly in July and August with increased monitoring for the trout study and is working on logistics and planning for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant projects.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

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Commissioner Osowski does not have an update on water level.

NJDEP/LHC MOU

Commissioner Osowski states that DEP is wrapping up comments and meetings will begin in September. Commissioner Steinbaum provides comments on Hopatcong State Park Beach and lake conditions after the boat races in the spring.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier states that the committee will look at how the stormwater ordinance report can be applied to municipal ordinances.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum has no updates.

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley has no updates.

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs states that the Block Party was a success and the goose committee is planning presentations to lake associations.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy states that the committee will be meeting to discuss a proposed ordinance.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy states that there will be additional water quality monitoring this summer and several 14” trout were caught already.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Alternate Commissioner Porfido is unavailable to provide an update.

XIV. New Items

2022 \$10M Stormwater Management Projects

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This topic was covered earlier in the meeting.

Damaged Harvester Legal Opinion

Commissioner Wilsusen contacted the Department of Labor and the harvester could be released. There will be a meeting with NJDEP.

Weed Harvesting Program LHC/State Insurance

The Commission received a response from NJDEP about how they can appeal for state insurance eligibility. There is a general discussion.

XV. Public Comments

No public comments.

XVI. Action Items

Weed Harvesting Hold Harmless Agreement with the Borough of Hopatcong
Chair Smith provides background information about the need for a hold harmless agreement between the Borough of Hopatcong and the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion that the Commission approve the Hold Harmless Agreement. Commissioner Pravs seconds the motion. There is a general discussion on harvesting in Crescent Cove near the aeration system.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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