

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –September 12, 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: Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Mark Crowley, Bill Hirschfeld, Joshua Osowski, Karen Porfido

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Shawn Potillo, Thomas Sellaro

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states there is no need for an executive session.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call:

Franek	Abstain	Steinbaum	Abstain
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Potillo	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Abstain		

The motion passes 8-3-0 (3 Abstentions)

VI. Treasurer's Report

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Commissioner Stevens provides a review of the list of bills. He reviews the expenses and states that the balance is \$405,179.42. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Colleen Lyons provides an update on the Commission correspondence. She states that land use applications are available on the Commission’s OneDrive. The Commission received inquiries on water level, drawdown timing and a letter from Jefferson’s Code Enforcement Officer Joe Macaluso. She states that Mr. Macaluso has been successful in identifying dilapidated lakefront structures and urges other municipalities to address them as well.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that the LHC was involved in a meeting with Senator Booker’s office on availability of federal funding for sewerage in Jefferson. He states that the weed harvesting program was successful this season.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Pravs asks about how Jefferson’s violation process. Commissioner Wilsusen provides details. Commissioner Hoferkamp states that Byram Cove noise is starting to calm down as the season winds down. He states that NJ State Police issued over 200 violations this summer. Commissioner Steinbaum comments on Byram cove and the citations issued. Commissioner Wilsusen states that he participated in the quarterly mayor’s meeting and phone conference with Senator Booker’s office. On September 17th he will attend the quarterly meeting with NJDEP, the LHF/LHC and mayors.

X. Administrator’s Update

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Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that DEP released an RFP for \$10 million in grants for stormwater management. The Commission and Foundation will apply for projects in Roxbury and Jefferson that were not funded under the 2022 319 grant program. The grant is due on September 14th. She states that she contacted the Division of Parks and Forestry regarding outflow reduction at the dam. Outflow was reduced on September 10th to 8.2cfs. Mrs. Lyons states that there will be a USDA presentation on Goose Management at the LHF Train Station on Thursday September 29th at 6:00pm hosted by the LHF and LHC.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that 1,089cy of weeds were harvested. Through dewatering he estimates that there was a 4:1 reduction in volume that reduced disposal costs. He states that they will begin pulling the harvesters out of the water tomorrow September 13th. Commissioner McCarthy asks whether there are weeds available for others interested in composting to come look at. Mike states that there are 100cy in Jefferson.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. Mr. Richter states that the LHF public cruises finished on August 29th. He states that the Lake Loop is on October 2nd and urges people to participate. He will also be presenting at the NJ Rivers Conference on September 17th.

XIII. Princeton Hydro Updates

In Dr. Lubnow's absence Colleen Lyons reads an update provided by Princeton Hydro. She states that Princeton Hydro conducted water quality monitoring and noted all stations were below or at the targeted total phosphorus TMDL with the exception of Stations 3 and 10. She states that bottom water TP concentrations were high at 0.18mg/L during August sampling. High deep-water concentrations of TP help fuel HABs during the summer. Lower water clarity has been contributing to the lower amount of rooted aquatic plants in the lake. She states that the addendum to the HAB report will be issued after the September in-lake water quality sampling event is complete. A summary of the results of the GreenClean treatment conducted in Crescent Cove will be presented at the October meeting. Highlands Council proposals for Jefferson and Roxbury will be submitted next week. Lake Restoration grant awards are expected soon.

XIV. Updates

State Park Updates

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Alternate Commissioner Franek states that water level is at 7.8 feet and outflow has been reduced to 8.2cfs.

CAC Meeting

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 30th at 10am via Microsoft Teams.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier states that he is working on developing a format for monthly reporting of land use applications. He states that he would like to hold a committee meeting soon.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum provides a budget update and states that the document included in the meeting packet is a table of the year-to-date budget vs. actual expenditures.

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley is not present

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs has no updates.

Weed Harvesting

This update was provided earlier in the meeting.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy has no updates, but would like to get mailers out this fall.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

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Commissioner Pravs states that the committee has been meeting with local beach clubs to make them aware of the problem. There will be a goose management presentation on September 29th.

XV. New Items

Jefferson Update on Dilapidated Docks & Boat Houses
This agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

XVI. Public Comments

John Kurzman comments the CAC meeting and water level management plan.

XVII. Action Items

RES-11 Human Resources Consulting

Commissioner Levinson provides an overview of the Commission’s needs for Human Resources consulting services. Ms. Kouyoumjian will assist with development of full-time contracts as well as an employee handbook. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Potillo	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

XVIII. Close of Meeting

Chairman Smith thanks the Commissioners for their work toward a successful harvesting season. He 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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