

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –October 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: Daniel McCarthy, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Mark Crowley, Bradley Hoferkamp, Steven Levinson, Joshua Osowski, Shawn Potillo Anne Seibert-Pravs, Neil Senatore,

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

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

Roll Call:

Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Abstain	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	Yes	Smith	Yes
Steinbaum	Yes		

The motion passes 8-1-0 (1 Abstentions)

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides a review of the list of bills. He states that the Commission received their first quarterly payment of \$125K. He reviews the expenses and states that the balance is \$474,331. Chair Smith entertains a motion

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to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Franek	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Sellaro	Yes	Smith	Yes
Steinbaum	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 also received an update from Joe Macaluso on dilapidated lakefront structures in Jefferson Township, information on turbidity at the quarry stream, Commissioner McCarthy provided a draft ordinance on ice retardant systems and information on herbicide treatments, memo update from Princeton Hydro, and an email from John Kurzman regarding the CAC meeting.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that he and the LHF met with the NJDEP. He states that it was a good meeting, but he requested the harvester be returned. They are looking into the legal aspects of returning the damaged harvester.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

There are no Commissioner comments.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that the Commission also discussed how to expedite HAB treatments in the future. Notification requirement that cannot be waived, however they may be able to allow notification via website and social media rather than newspaper. She states that the DEP will also schedule a follow-up discussion on jurisdiction over the sewer discharge at 407 Lakeside Boulevard. The NJDEP HABs summit is scheduled for March 2023. Mrs. Lyons states that the CAC meeting was held on September 30th, she also attended the Public Lake’s Alliance of NJ (PLANJ) meeting. She states that the Watershed Institute will hold a Road Salt Seminar on November 11th and the MWA

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will present on the HAB Monitoring Volunteer work October 18th via Zoom. Mrs. Lyons provides an update on each of the Commission’s grants.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that all equipment has been removed from the lake, pressure washed, and stored at the Franklin Building. He states that he and the crew are assessing what needs to be repaired. He states that 1,178cy of aquatic weeds were removed from the lake. After dewatering the total amount was 226cy delivered to the Morris County MUA. Commissioner McCarthy asks if the weed harvesting operators plan to return next summer, Mr. Calderio states that they are.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. Mr. Richter states that the Foundation hosted a goose management presentation on September 29th. He states that the LHF will provide information to Roxbury soon on dredging Landing Channel and that they are also working on draft ordinances for noise and house boats. Mr. Kane states that the Foundation is scheduling legislative meetings and continues to advocate for public lake’s funding. He provides an update on the Fountain Project and Lee;s County Park.

XIII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro’s activities on the lake. He states that the final water quality monitoring event for 2022 was completed in October and will be presented at the December 2022 meeting. He shares results of the HAB grant, progress on 319 grant projects, and submission of a grant for the NJDEP Stormwater RFP. Princeton Hydro is working with Roxbury Township on a Highlands Council grant for Landing Channel and Jefferson Township on an economic study.

XIV. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that water level is at 7.8 feet and outflow is 8.4cfs. She states that she attended the Lake Loop and it was good to see everyone at the event.

CAC Meeting

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the CAC meeting was held on September 30th to get everyone back together. She states that the HAB Expert Team will attend the next meeting.

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Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Chair Tessier provides an overview of land use applications in the watershed over the past month.

Budget

Chair Steinbaum provides an overview of financial statements

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley is not present

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs is not present. Chair Smith asks about the Commission brochure. Mrs. Lyons will schedule a meeting.

Weed Harvesting

This update was provided earlier in the meeting.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy provides an overview of the example ordinance and reviews changes. Mrs. Lyons states that the ice retardant and goose management mailers will be mailed this month.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy provides an update, and requests a committee meeting.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Chair Porfido states that 26 people attended the goose management presentation. She provides additional information on goose management options for next year.

XV. New Items

- a. Herbicide Treatments – Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner McCarthy states that notification of permits should be provided to the Commission by NJDEP as they were in the past. He states that the Commission should comment on treatments.

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b. Quarry Stream Turbidity

Mrs. Lyons states that she received a complaint about turbidity in the quarry stream. She states that NJDEP investigated the complaint and the quarry discharge is running clear. The property south of the quarry along the stream has a dirt driveway that is contributing sediment to the stream.

XVI. Public Comments

Lynn Owens, 14 Papoosee Trail comments on the noise in Byram Cove and presents a petition from residents of Byram Cove.

XVII. Action Items

No action items

XVIII. 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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