

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –November 14, 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, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Bill Hirschfeld, Steven Levinson, Joshua Osowski, Thomas Sellaro, Neil Senatore

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Ryan Gilfillan, Karen Porfido, Shawn Potillo

With ten 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 Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes 7-3-0 (1 Abstentions)

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides a review of the list of bills. He reviews the expenses and states that the balance is \$435,293. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion, Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

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Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Yes	Smith	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 an update from Joe Macaluso on dilapidated lakefront structures in Jefferson Township, information on turbidity at the quarry stream, a request for a letter of support from the Borough of Hopatcong, and note of support of the Commission’s mailers from Larry Orlans. Commissioner Sellaro also provided an email update on the storm drain marker program.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that inspectors from the State came up to look at the damaged harvester again. He states that the Commission’s statutory funding is held up in Treasury, but the Governor’s office is looking into it.

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 Ice Retardant System Mailers were sent shortly after the October meeting. She states that the State is reviewing HABs grant reports, but has not approved any. She will continue to follow-up on approvals. The NFWF contract was finalized and she is working on some required paperwork for the grant. She states that she requested a quote from Princeton Hydro for winterization of the aeration units installed at three beaches.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

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Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that they have begun working on repairs. He states that an engine for the damaged harvester is on backorder. Chair Smith suggests ordering the motor now. Mr. Calderio states that the engine will cost \$12,000 - \$15,000 and \$30,000-\$35,000 to fix the machine.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. Mr. Richter states that the field trip program is open for next spring and 1,400 students are signed up. He states the Block Party will be on May 20th 2023. Marty Kane states that the LHC and LHF have been making legislative visits. He will set a briefing with Congressman-elect Tom Kean.

XIII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that they are currently working on the 2022 Water Quality Summary Report and are moving forward with the 319 grant municipal projects in the spring of 2023. Mr. Rose provides an update on the trout study and Highlands Council grant applications for Landing Channel and the economic report. He states that Princeton Hydro received the signed contract for review of Hopatcong's Witten Park design.

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.

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. The Commission supports receiving the full financial reports each month as presented in a year-to-date format.

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Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley is not present

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs discusses plans for the Commission brochure and notes that in the past an ice safety program was provided at the four municipal elementary schools.

Weed Harvesting

This update was provided earlier in the meeting. Commissioner McCarthy states that the Commission has requested herbicide notifications from NJDEP before permits are issued.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy provides an overview of the example ordinance and reviews changes.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy requests a committee meeting.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Chair Porfido states that April from USDA will attend the December meeting. She states that she will request a cooperative service agreement.

XV. New Items

No new items.

XVI. Public Comments

Lynn Owens, 14 Papoosee Trail comments on the goose management program.
John Mabb – comments on the HABS on Lake Hopatcong and requests additional information.

XVII. Action Items

RES – 22-12 Creating Positions of Maintenance Supervisor and PT Seasonal Laborer
RES – 22-13 Appointing Michael Calderio Maintenance Supervisor

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Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolution 22-12 creating positions of Maintenance Supervisor and Part-Time Seasonal Laborer and Resolution 22-13 appointing Michael Calderion to the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner Tessier 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

The motion passes unanimously.

XVIII. Close of Meeting

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

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