

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes –March 13, 2023**  
**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, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Joshua Osowski, Todd Stevens, Bill Hirschfeld,

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

With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum. Commissioner McCarthy arrives at 7:02p.

**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 Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	NA	Wilsusen	Yes
Franek	Yes	Smith	Yes
Pravs	Abstain		
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes 8-1-0 (one abstention).

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

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Colleen Lyons provides a review of the list of bills, in Commissioner Stevens absence. She states that the Commission received about their statutory payment. She reviews expenses paid this month. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion, Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Franek	Yes	Smith	Yes
Pravs	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 a copy of the Lake Hopatcong News Media Kit, the monthly land use report from the planner, and a resolution from Mount Arlington approving transfer of the aeration system.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Smith states that he attended committee meetings for personnel staffing for the upcoming season. He states that the Commission will be advertising openings for personnel and the SEP Committee met to discuss a project for the Weldon settlement agreement.

**IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

Commissioner Steinbaum states that he attended a presentation from the University of Delaware about a comprehensive economic survey of the Musconetcong Watershed. He states that this survey may be able to help with funding for the lake. Commissioner Wilsusen states that he attended the Mayor’s meeting Wednesday at 10am. There is no update on the sewers, but Marty is working with Mikie Sherrill’s office. Commissioner Crowley states that the Roxbury Council voted on an application for planning aspects of the Landing Channel dredging project and it was approved.

**X. Administrator’s Update**

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Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that Mount Arlington approved transfer of the aeration unit. She has sent additional information to the other two beach clubs and is waiting for a response. She states that there was a delay in approval for the 319 grant reports, but she will be submitting additional reports this week. She states that she will be meeting with Princeton Hydro about the NFWF projects next week. She states that NJDEP has requested additional budget information about the Lake's Grant and she will be submitting that this week. Due to delays in grant agreements for Lake's funding an alum treatment may not be possible this season.

**XI. Weed Harvesting Report**

Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that the machines are in different stages of going back together. He hopes to begin replacing the motor on the damaged harvester tomorrow.

**XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. Mr. Richter states that an additional round of Lake's Funding unanimously passed out of committee. He and Marty Kane traveled to Washington DC for Hill Week advocating for increased funding for the Delaware Basin. He states that funding available through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will increase from \$11 million to \$15 million. He states that he is in the final stages of planning a shrink wrap recycling program and that the Block Party has sold out.

**Princeton Hydro Updates**

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities. He states that he is working with Colleen on 319 grant projects. An aeration feasibility study and the Landing Channel planning grants were approved at the Highlands Council meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. He states that Princeton Hydro has set an April target date for the sediment study. He states that Princeton Hydro has assigned a new project manager to the NFWF grant so work will begin on that shortly. Princeton Hydro is assisting the Commission with additional budget information for the Lake's Funding grant. He states that the DEP HAB Summit will be held March 30<sup>th</sup>, and notes that with the mild winter many lakes are seeing green water and curly leaf pond weed.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the water level is 7.9 feet. The state park is also looking for life guards for this summer.

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**CAC Meeting**

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that a meeting was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the five-foot drawdown was discussed. She states that the next meeting is on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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. He states that the Commission hovers around 65-70% of the total budget in many categories.

**Finance**

Chair Stevens is not present.

**Bylaws**

Chair Crowley has no updates.

**Planning**

Chair McCarthy has no new updates.

**Public Outreach**

Colleen Lyons mentions that the committee has been working on the brochure.

**Ice Retardant**

Chair McCarthy suggest a meeting for the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat**

Chair McCarthy states that the committee will meet on Wednesday, and that stocking is set for Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**Ad Hoc Goose Management**

Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that there was a good turnout for the goose management presentation, about 30 people attended. The committee will meeting to discuss next steps.

**XIV. New Items**

No new items.

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**XV. Public Comments**

Commissioner Levinson asks what information about fertilizers is provided to residents. Dr. Lubnow states that most lawns have more than enough phosphorus, too much acidity, lime is more beneficial. He states that the LHC conducted a fertilizer campaign years ago.

Curt Swenson of Flash Marina asks about the shrink wrap program and trout release.

**XVI. Action Items**

**RES-23-05 Princeton Hydro NFWF Contract**

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Princeton Hydro’s NFWF contract for 2023. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion, Commissioner Crowley seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Franek	Yes	Smith	Yes
Pravs	Yes		
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

**RES- 23-06 Bookkeeping services**

There is a general discussion of the contract. Commissioner Crowley requests additional information about the minimum charge per month and whether the contract can coincide with the fiscal year. Chair Smith states the contract will be voted on next month.

**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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