

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2024
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, Ronald Smith, Fred Steinbaum, Robert Tessier
Absent: Anne Seibert-Pravs, Karen Porfido, Thomas Sellaro, Neil Senatore, Todd Stevens, Eric Wilsusen

Alternates Present: Marie Galate, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Shawn Pottillo,
With eight members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the March minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	McCarthy	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Osowski	Abstain
Gilfillan	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Levinson	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes 7-1-0 (one abstention).

VI. Treasurer's Report

Colleen Lyons provides the Treasurer's report. She states that the total monthly expenses are \$72,178.80. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Monthly Cash Report. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

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Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	McCarthy	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Osowski	Yes
Gilfillan	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Levinson	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Ms. Lyons states that the Commission received land use applications which are available on the Commission OneDrive account. She states that they received Princeton Hydro’s monthly report and the monthly land use memo. They also received an annual letter of support Jefferson Township.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith reports that the Weed Harvesting Committee met before the meeting to discuss replacing the full-time employee that resigned. He states that the Committee will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Steinbaum comments that over the past few years, low water has not been an issue. Commissioner Levinson states that the policy and procedure manual is under legal review.

X. Administrator’s Update

Mrs. Lyons provides an update on current grants. She states that the Commission received several payments from the statutory funding and grant reimbursements. She states that she will be attending annual municipal council and county commissioner updates with Marty Kane and Kyle Richter.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Mr. Calderio states that the machine that was in the accident is back together and running. The dump trucks have been serviced. The machines will be on the water the first week of May and the program will run a north and a south team.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane provides an update on behalf of the Foundation. He states that the Foundation and Commission have been attending County and Municipal meeting to provide their annual update. He states that they have also scheduled meetings with state legislative representatives to advocate for additional Lakes Grant funding. He states that the DEP will sign off on use of the State Park Police boat

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for use by the Borough of Hopatcong to patrol Byram Cove. Mr. Kane states that the shrink wrap recycling program will have two locations this year which is more convenient for marina owners and there will be a public drop off on May 4th from 9a – 1p at the Jefferson recycling center. The Native Plant Sale, Hopatcong Hudson Farm Walk and Block Party are all coming up in May.

Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose of Princeton Hydro provides an update on monitoring and grant projects. He states that Princeton Hydro continues to work on the NJ Highlands Council grants which include the Landing Channel Floating Island project, oxygenation project and the Trout Study. He states that they are also continuing work on the NFWF grant, which consists of three streambank stabilization projects at Witten Park, Glen Brook and the Musconetcong River. He states that the Trout Study Report and 2024 proposal have been provided to Jefferson Township. He states that Princeton Hydro is also working on the Lakes Restoration Grant. The alum treatment will be completed in fall 2024 rather than this spring. Mr. Rose states that projects under the LHC 319 grant are wrapping up. A scope change amendment was recently submitted to reallocate funds for the Hopatcong project for a socks for docks program that would provide homeowners with biochar socks. Stormwater monitoring for the Filterra units in Jefferson was completed on April 3rd. Water quality monitoring will begin in May and cyanotoxin monitoring in July. Princeton Hydro will reach out to Roxbury Township to discuss a Highlands Council proposal for the planning phase of retrofitting two stormwater basins. Princeton Hydro is assisting Roxbury Township and the Borough of Mount Arlington with Congressional Community Funded Project submissions. Mr. Rose states that Princeton Hydro is also submitting a grant application under the US HAB Control Incubation Technology program to assess the effectiveness of various innovative technologies for HAB control.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Commissioner Osowski provides an update on the search for a State Park Superintendent. DEP is recertifying the list to reintroduce some candidates that they didn't interview last round. They hope to have a new hire by Memorial Day.

CAC Meeting

Commissioner Osowski states that the draft Water Level Management Plan will be available for public comment on their website soon.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

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Committee Chair Tessier provides an update on several applications throughout the watershed.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum states that the Commission has been receiving 4% interest. He reviews the Budget vs Actual report and states that spending is about 92% of the budget but should be closer to 75% in April.

Finance

No update.

Bylaws

No update.

Planning

No updates.

Public Outreach

No updates.

Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy states that he will schedule a meeting.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

Committee Chair Steinbaum states that they have scheduled a meeting with Sgt. Buro next week to review concerns. He states that the proposals for the Boating Regulation Commission meeting will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy states that stocking will be on April 13th and reminds everyone to report all catches to LHCtrout.com.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Colleen Lyons provides an update on the USDA Goose Management Program.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

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Ron Sorenson from Lake Hopatcong Marine states that high water and wind damage docks. He asks Commissioner Osowski if Parks can be more aggressive about controlling high water at the dam.

Sam DeAlba Lake Hopatcong states that proactivity is missing from the WLMP. He states that time of year is important in terms of when to be proactive in controlling water level.

XVI. Action Items

No action items.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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