

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes –February 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, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs

Alternates Present: Laura Franek, Karen Porfido, Shawn Pottillo, Thomas Sellaro, Ryan Gilfillan, Bill Hirschfeld, Steven Levinson

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

Chair Smith states that there will be an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to re-enter the public session. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

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	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes

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Franek	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Stevens provides a review of the list of bills. He states that the Commission received about \$100,000 in HAB reimbursement payments and anticipates the 3rd quarter statutory payment. He reviews expenses paid this month. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Franek	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	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 resolutions from Jefferson and Mount Arlington in support of the Commission. Senator Bucco provided a copy of the 2023 Senate Lakes Bill. Tim Clancy provided a letter thanking Live The Lake for their donation to the trout study. The Commission also received a quote for the harvester engine from Aquarius, a review letter from Princeton Hydro for Witten Park, the Land Use Monthly Report from Ken Nelson and notification of the Commission’s third quarter statutory payment.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith states that a committee was appointed to review staffing for the weed harvesting program. The tentative date to be out on the water is May 15th.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

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Commissioner Wilsusen states that the next Mayor’s Meeting will be held in March. He states that there has not been any update on the sewer funding.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that the Commission received the HAB grant reimbursement, and forwarded MOU’s for transfer of the aeration systems installed under the grant. She states that the next progress report for the 319 grant is due on February 15th. She will also be meeting with Princeton Hydro to discuss the NFWF grant in the coming weeks. She states that on February 15th Hopatcong Council will be holding a public hearing about upgrades to Roland May-Eves Park. On March 21st Hopatcong Land Use Board will hold a public hearing about their area in need of redevelopment.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Chair Smith states that he and Mr. Calderio met last week. Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that he is investigating a bid for a new pick-up truck with the Borough of Hopatcong. He states that there are supply chain issues for trucks. He is working on ripping apart and replacing parts on the machines. The motor for the damaged harvester is on order and will ship on Friday. He also plans to go to motor vehicle to re-plate the equipment.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. Mr. Richter states that he will be testifying in front of the State Senate Environment Sub Committee in support of Lakes Funding. He is still working to establish a shrink wrap recycling program for this season and has found an end user to accept the material. He states that the Foundation is hosting a zoom presentation with Fred Lubnow on the results of the 2022 Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro’s activities. He states that they are working on the remaining 319 grant projects and have submitted a proposal to Roxbury for dredging Landing Channel. If approved it will be submitted to the Highlands Council for funding. He states that Princeton Hydro submitted their review of the Borough of Hopatcong’s Witten Park design. Princeton Hydro has also submitted a proposal for an aeration feasibility study to Morris County for review and approval. Once approved they will submit the proposal to the Highlands Council for funding. They are also wrapping up the addendum to the HAB grant final report and the O&M manuals for the near-shore aeration systems.

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State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that the water level is 7.21 feet.

CAC Meeting

Alternate Commissioner Franek states that a meeting was held on January 31st. HABs were the main topic, the next meeting is on March 1st.

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 60% of the total budget in many categories.

Finance

Chair Stevens has no updates.

Bylaws

Chair Crowley has no updates.

Planning

Chair McCarthy has no new updates.

Public Outreach

Chair Pravs has no updates.

Ice Retardant

Chair McCarthy provides an update on the January 10th draft and states that it will be discussed in committee.

Ad-Hoc Trout Stocking

Chair McCarthy states that the committee will meet on February 22nd and stocking is scheduled for March 26th. They have received the permit. Before tonight's meeting they drew the winners of the \$100 gift cards that were donated by Live the Lake. They are Les Barbire of Rutherford, Kevin Cool of Flanders, Lou Marcucci of Mt. Arlington, Jim Salerno of Hopatcong and Bob Smith of Oxford

Ad Hoc Goose Management

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Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that there will be a program with the USDA on March 9th at the train station. She requests approval to print additional goose flyers. The cost is \$224 for 400 copies. The Commission agrees.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Tim Clancy comments on water quality and the importance of the trout study. Commissioner McCarthy asks Dr. Lubnow for an approximation of cost to continue the study. Dr. Lubnow states \$5,000 for two events or \$15,000 for weekly events.

XVI. Action Items

RES-23-03 Princeton Hydro Contracts

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

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Franek	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

RES- 23-04 FY24 Budget Approval

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the FY24 Budget as presented by the Budget Committee. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion, Alternate Commissioner Franek seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
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Senatore	Yes		
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XVII. 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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