

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – June 12, 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](http://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, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Laura Franek, Steven Levinson, Joshua Osowski, Shawn Potillo

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

With ten 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 Tessier makes a motion. Commissioner Pravs 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 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.

**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	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes

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Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		
Steinbaum	Yes		

The motion passes 9-0-1 (one abstentions).

**VI. Treasurer’s Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides an overview of the monthly cash report. He states that the Commission received the fiscal year 2023 quarterly statutory payment from NJDEP. He states that payroll costs have increases because the seasonal and one full-time harvesting operator are on payroll as of mid-May. He states that the cost of the brochures are also on this month’s cash report. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
Senatore	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 monthly updates from the planner and Princeton Hydro.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Smith comments on the Foundation Block Party and distribution of the Commission’s new brochure. He states that the harvesting program is running smoothly, but there have been a lot of complaints. The new full-time employee is doing a great job, as well as the seasonal harvester operators.

**IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

Commissioner Crowley states that the Commission brochures look excellent. Commissioner Wilsusen states that he called into a radio program on 101.5 after

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hearing that the host had a good stay on Lake Hopatcong. He hopes they will host a show at the lake.

**X. Administrator's Update**

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states for the HAB grant she received the aeration MOU back from Shore Hills and sent information to East Shore about the aeration unit to be transferred from Lake Forest Yacht Club. She states that additional reports were submitted to DEP for the HABs grant and she is waiting for a response. The 319 grant is moving along, Dr. Lubnow will provide additional information. There is a glitch with the reporting system, so the Commission is about three weeks behind on reporting. For the NFWF grant progress is being made on planning aspects of the streambank stabilization. A no cost time extension was submitted. The commission is still waiting for the lake's funding grant agreement. As a result the Commission will target a fall alum treatment instead of spring.

**XI. Weed Harvesting Report**

In Mr. Calderio's absence, Chair Smith provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that there were a lot of complaints in King Cove, but the area has been harvested and there have been less complaints. Mrs. Lyons states that the harvesters have moved to Ingram Cove and to the north shoreline of Bertrand Island. There are still many complaints, but logistically it would be inefficient to try to harvest each location this season. Chair Smith states that the committee will discuss options for next season.

**XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. He comments on the Block Party and field trips. He states that the shrink wrap recycling program is winding down as most boats are out of storage. They will try to expand the program next season. He states that the Foundation held their annual meeting last week. Marty Kane provides an update on lakes funding. He states that if the legislation is not passed this month it will be revisited in December. He states that the HSP fountain project is moving forward, construction on Landing bridge has started and will last about 2.5 years. The antique boat show is this weekend, and fireworks on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Princeton Hydro Updates**

Dr. Fred Lubnow provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities including all grant activities including the HAB, 319, NFWF and Lake grants. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about HAB conditions. Dr. Lubnow states that increased weed growth and cooler temperatures should improve clarity and lower algae growth. He

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states that Princeton Hydro will be sampling tomorrow and will have additional information.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

There is no DEP representation to provide an update.

**CAC Meeting**

There is no DEP representation to provide an update. Commissioner McCarthy comments on the CAC meeting. He states that DEP provided information on the pilot annual drawdown program. DEP will continue to follow the 2011 plan until a new plan is adopted.

**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

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

**Budget**

Commissioner Steinbaum provides an update on the Commission's spending. He states that the Commission is on target in most categories.

**Finance**

Chair Stevens states that the auditor conducted their field visit on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Commission is waiting for a draft report.

**Bylaws**

No updates.

**Planning**

Chair McCarthy has no new updates.

**Public Outreach**

Commissioner Pravs comments on the Commission's brochure.

**Ice Retardant**

Chair McCarthy states that he forwarded the draft ordinance to the municipalities for comment.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat**

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Chair McCarthy states that the committee met last week. Mr. Clancy provided a report to the committee from 1956 on alewife populations in the lake.

**Ad Hoc Goose Management**

Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that she spoke with USDA last week and would like to schedule a meeting to discuss volunteers for next year. She states that the Commission was also invited to have a booth at Hopatcong Days events.

**XIV. New Items**

Commissioner Steinbaum introduced a study on wake boats by the University of Minnesota and summarized the findings of the study. He suggests wake boats be allowed to operate at distances of 600 feet from the shoreline. Marty Kane states that the Boating Regulation Commission has been reviewing data and will propose 200 feet from the shoreline. The BRC will meet at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**XV. Public Comments**

Willa Scantlebury of Crescent Cove asks why harvesting cannot begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair Smith states that the weed harvesting committee will discuss changes for next year including an earlier start date

Sam DeAlba comments on the water level management plan and how more water can be retained in the lake.

**XVI. Action Items**

Chair Smith introduces a resolution for adoption of the full-time administrator's contract. He requests a motion to approve the resolutions. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

**RES-23-17 Full-Time Administrator Contract**

Roll Call:

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Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
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**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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