

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 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, Daniel McCarthy, Bradley Hoferkamp, Blanca Chevrestt, Neil Senatore, Ronald Smith, Fred Steinbaum, Eric Wilsusen

Absent: Shawn Potillo, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier

Alternates Present: Marie Galate, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Karen Porfido, Thomas Sellaro

With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

No executive session.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the June minutes. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Chevrestt	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Abstain
Hoferkamp	Abstain	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Abstain		

The motion passes 6-3-0 (three abstentions).

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Steinbaum provides the Treasurer's report. He comments Princeton Hydro's invoices for grant work and notes the Aquarius Systems invoices for the weed harvesting program equipment and safety equipment. Chair Smith entertains

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a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion. Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Chevrestt	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

Mrs. 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. The planner is on vacation, so Mrs. Lyons provided a written land use update in the meeting packet.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith states that the weed harvesting program is keeping up with the weeds and there have not been any harmful algae blooms. He states that the Boating Regulation Commission would like recommendations to come through the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Commissioner Steinbaum states that he will provide a presentation on suggested updates to the Lake Hopatcong rules.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

No comments.

X. Administrator’s Update

Mrs. Lyons provides an update on current grants. She states that she is working with Princeton Hydro to complete the HAB Grant submission to NJDEP. She states that all projects under the 319 Grant have been completed and Princeton Hydro will finish monitoring to close out the grant. She states that she and Princeton Hydro met with NFWF this week to discuss a change order. NFWF is supportive of the proposal to combine the planting project in the Musconetcong with the Glen Brook project in Memorial Park. She states that the Commission and Princeton Hydro are working with Jefferson Township on biochar installation under the Lakes Grant and the Alum Treatment Project under the same grant will be advertised on July 10st and awarded at the August 12th monthly meeting. Mrs. Lyons states that she, Kyle

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Richter, and Marty Kane visited a private lake with a similar oxygenation system to what is proposed at Lake Hopatcong. It was an informative visit.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Mr. Calderio states that weed growth has slowed and the machines will be at starting near Brady Bridge this week. He states that Dr. Lubnow will provide an update on weed growth.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter, Executive Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that 15 tons of shrink wrap were recycled through their recycling program this year, double what was collected in 2023. He states that the Eco Cruises start this week on the Floating Classroom. Mr. Richter states that all of the biochar socks for the Socks for Docks program have been distributed. The annual gala is on July 18th and the silent action begins July 11th. Marty Kane, Chairman of the Foundation Board provides an update. He states that the Boat Regulation Commission meeting is Wednesday at 10am at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. He states that the Governor will visit in August, Senator Booker may visit in August for the first time as well. He states that the Hopatcong State Park Fountain re-opening is July 16th. He thanks Mr. Gilfillan for watering the floating wetland islands in Landing Channel.

Princeton Hydro Updates

Dr. Fred Lubnow of Princeton Hydro provides an update on their activities. He states that Princeton Hydro submitted the Army Corps grant today. The projects under the grant include innovative treatments around Lake Hopatcong for HABs. He states that Trout Monitoring was completed last week, and Plant monitoring will be completed next week. He states that the lack of weeds in the lake indicates low clarity. He states that clarity was two meters in May and only one meter in June. Dr. Lubnow states that lower clarity means less weed growth and more algae. He states that the mild winters are not helping. Dr. Lubnow states that the Landing Channel engineering report has been reviewed. The site walk for the Alum treatment will take place on Thursday. He states that the Highlands Council proposal for the Wetland Basins in Roxbury was submitted to Roxbury. He states that the contracts for the bioretention project in Jefferson will be submitted to the Foundation.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

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Commissioner Chevrestt states that the water level is 8.87 feet. She states that the park has been very busy, but there were no issues over the holiday weekend. She states that the beach is currently at a watch alert level, but they continue to screen with the fluorometer.

CAC Meeting

There is no update on the CAC/Water Level Management Plan. Mrs. Lyons will ask DEP for an update.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Committee Chair Tessier is absent. Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission planner is on vacation, but that she provided a brief update in the meeting packet.

Budget

Commissioner Steinbaum provides an update on the end of the year fiscal summary. He states that Interest income for the year was \$29,000, which allowed the Commission to finish the year better than expected.

Finance

No update.

Bylaws

No update.

Planning

No updates.

Public Outreach

No update.

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the ordinance was submitted to the municipalities, and they are waiting for feedback.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

Commissioner Steinbaum presents the proposal from the committee to the Boating Regulation Commission. He asks for the support of the Commission for the proposal and that he will present the same at the Boat Regulation Commission meeting on July 10th. Commissioner McCarthy states that he agrees with the 10-

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mph maximum speed at night. He asks about hydrofoils. Commissioner Steinbaum states that they are not covered in the regulations.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to support the Boating Safety Committee’s recommendations. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Chevrestt	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy states that only one trout has been reported.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Commissioner Porfido states that she would like to hold a committee meeting. She discusses the budget for next year.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Commissioner Steinbaum asks if there are any updates about Weldon Quarry. Mrs. Lyons states that there have been no updates.

XVI. Action Items

RES 24-11 Employment Agreement – Maintenance Supervisor

Chair Smith introduces Resolution 24-11. He states that Resolution 24-11 was held at the June meeting but that the agreement will be retroactive to July 1st. He entertains a motion to approve the resolutions. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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