

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 14, 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, Blanca Chevestt, Ronald Smith, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier (7:06pm), Eric Wilsusen

Absent: Anne Seibert-Pravs, Steven Levinson, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum,

Alternates Present: Ryan Gilfillan, Marie Galate, Jacob Hamilton, Karen Porfido
Shawn Potillo, Thomas Sellaro

With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

V. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the September minutes. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Crowley seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Chevestt	Yes	Tessier	NA
Hoferkamp	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Abstain		

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

VI. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve an amendment to the July minutes. Mrs. Lyons explains that the vote to approve the Boating Safety Committee's

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recommendation to the Boating Regulation Commission was not included in the minutes. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Abstain
Chevrestt	Yes	Tessier	NA
Hoferkamp	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Abstain		

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

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He reviews payroll expenses, Princeton Hydro invoices, and other grant expenses. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion. Commissioner Crowley seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Chevrestt	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously (9-0-0).

VIII. Correspondence

Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission received land use applications which are available on the Commission OneDrive account. She states that the Commission received the Planner’s monthly report, Princeton Hydro’s monthly report, and USDA Goose Management findings.

IX. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith states that the Commission has continued discussions with Weldon Quarry and that harvester maintenance is going well.

X. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

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No Commissioner comments.

XI. Administrator's Update

Mrs. Lyons provides an update. She states that all close out documents were submitted for the HAB grant and they are under NJDEP review. She states that DEP has accepted documents they requested from the LHC under the 319 Grant. She states that they are reviewing the financial reimbursement request. Under the NFWF Grant, the Musky/Glen Brook bid document was advertised. She states that a potential bidder requested an extension for the due date, and it has been extended to October 23rd. The Commission also received \$350,000 under a 2024 NFWF Grant. All requested paperwork has been submitted. Under the Lake Restoration Grant an Alum treatment is expected to begin the week of October 21st. The Foundation included a post in their newsletter and Mrs. Lyons sent an update to the municipalities and will post to the Commission Facebook page and website. The Commission and Foundation are also meeting with municipalities to discuss possible on shore locations for the oxygenation system. A final design for the system is expected before the November meeting.

XII. Weed Harvesting Report

Mr. Calderio states that they are pressure washing the equipment. He states that seasonal staff was let go one month early. Mr. Calderio states that there were no dumping fees, which save the Commission money and he will get some additional money back when he scraps metal.

XIII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter, Executive Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that the High School field trips were featured in the Lake Hopatcong News for anyone interested in learning more. He states that the Floating Classroom is out of the water for the season. He states that 170 people signed up for the Lake Loop this year. The Foundation is continuing work on grants with Princeton Hydro.

Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose of Princeton Hydro provides an update on their activities. He states that the final water quality monitoring event was completed on September 18th. Water clarity improved and phycocyanin concentrations and cyanobacteria densities decreased except in Crescent Cove. He states that the final Landing Channel Engineering and Ecological Reports have been submitted to Roxbury. Fieldwork has been completed for the third and final year of the trout habitat study. The oxygenation study preliminary design was submitted to Princeton Hydro for review and the final design is expected before the November meeting. Mr. Rose states that

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the NFWF grant is moving forward as well as the Lake Restoration Grant. They are also working with the Foundation on two grants. He states that Princeton Hydro was awarded funding for a US Army Corps grant to evaluate measures to control and prevent HABs.

XIV. Updates

State Park Updates

Commissioner Chevrestt states that the water level is 8.47 feet. She introduces the new superintendent for Hopatcong State Park, Jacob Hamilton.

CAC Meeting

Commissioner Chevrestt states that she does not have any new information on the Water Level Management Plan, but NJDEP is currently reviewing comments.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

No update.

Budget

No update.

Finance

Committee Chair Stevens states that the auditors have made inquiries for the fiscal year 2021 audit.

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

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Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the committee and Princeton Hydro are seeking grant funding to continue monitoring.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Committee Chair Porfido states that they will schedule a meeting in the next week or two.

XV. New Items

No new items.

XVI. Public Comments

John Kurzman, Lake Hopatcong comments on the boating regulations for Lake Hopatcong

Beth Schustin, Hopatcong suggests that the community be a part of the Commission

XVII. Action Items

No action items.

XVIII. Close of Meeting

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

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