

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 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, Blanca Chevrestt, Marie Galate (left 7:08pm), Bradley Hoferkamp, Neil Senatore, Todd Stevens, Fred Steinbaum, Robert Tessier, Ronald Smith,

Absent: Daniel McCarthy, Jacob Hamilton, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Thomas Sellaro, Steven Levinson, Eric Wilsusen

Alternates Present: Ryan Gilfillan, Karen Porfido Shawn Potillo,

With ten members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

**IV. Executive Session**

Chair Smith states that there will be an executive session to discuss legal issues. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp 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 Hoferkamp 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 October minutes. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Senatore seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Senatore	Abstain
Chevrestt	Yes	Stevens	Abstain
Galate	NA	Steinbaum	Yes

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Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes, one abstention (8-0-1).

**VI. Treasurer’s Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He reviews the quarterly statutory payment that was received and grant reimbursements. Commissioner Stevens reviews the monthly invoices including the alum treatment and 160 Driving Academy. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Chevrestt	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Galate	NA	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously (7-0-0).

**VII. 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 information from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) about assistance for local governments for the new MS4 requirements.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report**

Chair Smith states that the Commission will award a bid for a project under the National Fish and Wildlife Grant. He states that the goose management committee will investigate identifying goose nests with drones.

**IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that on October 19<sup>th</sup> she and the Mount Arlington Green Infrastructure Committee took a tour of several Morris County parks with Dave Helmer. The tour reviewed the drainage and green stormwater infrastructure at Lee’s County Marina.

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**X. Administrator’s Update**

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She reviews grant reimbursements that were received this week. She states that she met with Mount Arlington and Foundation representatives at Memorial Stormwater Pond in Mount Arlington to discuss a dredging project with Congressman Kean. Mrs. Lyons provides an overview of the Alum Treatment and Oxygenation System progress and reviews the NJDEP grant reimbursement process.

**XI. Weed Harvesting Report**

Mr. Calderio states that the dump trucks are in good shape. After a review of the harvesters, he does not believe there will be any major welding projects.

**XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Kyle Richter, Executive Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that the Foundation and their partners received an award from NJDEP for their shrink wrap recycling program. He states that the Foundation is working with Princeton Hydro on grants. The Block Party will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at Hopatcong State Park.

**Princeton Hydro Updates**

Dr. Fred Lubnow of Princeton Hydro provides an update on their activities. He states that Princeton Hydro is working on the 2024 water quality report. The Alum treatment covered under the Lake Restoration Grant was completed in late October and is showing good initial results. The Aeration Feasibility Report is under internal review and should be available to the Commission by the end of the year. Bids were received for the LHF/LHC National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant. Dr. Lubnow states that they are also working with the Foundation on two grants, and Roxbury Township on a grant for upgrading stormwater basins near King Cove. He provides an update on the Army Corps of Engineers HAB Grant and conversations with the Highlands Council about future funding.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Commissioner Chevrestt states that the water level is 7.91 feet.

**CAC Meeting**

Commissioner Chevrestt states that the Water Level Management Plan is under review by the Chief of Operations and that it has been shared with other agencies within NJDEP

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**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Tessier provides updates on land use applications around the lake. He specifically notes applications in Hopatcong and Jefferson.

**Budget**

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews the budget against spending to date.

**Finance**

Committee Chair Stevens states that the auditor is making inquiries and is moving forward.

**Bylaws**

No update.

**Planning**

No updates.

**Public Outreach**

In Committee Chairwoman Pravs' absence, Colleen Lyons provides an update on Congressman Kean's visit to Mount Arlington.

**Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant**

No update.

**Ad-Hoc Boating Safety**

No update.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat**

No update.

**Ad Hoc Goose Management**

Committee Chair Porfido states that the committee met and is recommending adding in 2025 with USDA and volunteers. They will also conduct a molt survey.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the committee's recommendation. Commissioner Porfido makes a motion. Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

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Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously (7-0-0).

**XIV. New Items**

No new items.

**XV. Public Comments**

Sam DeAlba asks whether there is a plan for drought conditions during the drawdown. Commissioner Chevrestt states that DEP is discussing options and a decision will be shared with the Commission.

**XVI. Action Items**

**RES 24-21 NFWF Musconetcong & Glen Brook Streambank Stabilization Project Award.**

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the award to Renova Environmental LLC in the amount of \$159,447.98. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

**Roll Call:**

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Chevrestt	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Galate	NA	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously (7-0-0).

**RES 24-22 Amending the Maintenance Supervisor Employment Agreement**  
**RES 24-23 Amending the Maintenance Technician Employment Agreement**

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolutions 41-22 and 24-23 amending the contracts to accurately reflect the employee benefits. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Senatore seconds the motion.

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The motion passes unanimously (7-0-0).

**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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