

**Lake Hopatcong Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025**  
**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:

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**II. Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

**III. Roll Call**

Present: Mark Crowley, Daniel McCarthy, Jacob Hamilton, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier (7:15p), Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Blanca Chevrestt, Marie Galate, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Thomas Sellaro, Neil Senatore,

Alternates Present: Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Karen Porfido, Shawn Potillo, With nine members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

**IV. Executive Session**

There is no executive session.

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the January minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Tessier	NA
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
		Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously (8-0-0).

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that last month the Commission's funds were very low, but they received a \$200,000 advance payment for the lake's grant and statutory funding payment of \$124,000. He

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reviews payroll, Princeton Hydro invoices and other monthly payments. 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
McCarthy	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Tessier	NA
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
		Smith	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. The Commission received Princeton Hydro’s monthly report and the 2024 Water Quality Report as well as the planner’s monthly report. She states that the Commission also received an email from David Harris about lifeguards at Hopatcong State Park.

**VIII. Chairman’s Report**

Chair Smith is concerned about the grant reimbursements, but the Commission finally received payments. He states that he would like to have a meeting about Weldon Quarry with Durkin and Durkin.

**IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments**

Commissioner Stevens comments that geese on the lake are moving between open areas of water that are caused by ice eaters. Alternate Commissioner Porfido states that a woman in King Cove, who has continued to feed the geese, will be fined by the municipality.

**X. Administrator’s Update**

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She inquired about a line of credit for the Commission. Valley Bank reviewed the financial documents and responded that when the Commission has up-to-date financials they will consider a line of credit. Mrs. Lyons provides an update on grant activities and reimbursements.

**XI. Weed Harvesting Report**

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Mr. Calderio states that personnel are putting the machines back together. He states that the parts order from Aquarius should be less than ten thousand dollars. Commissioner McCarthy asks Dr. Lubnow if the lack of weeds is due to herbicide treatments. Dr. Lubnow states that the lack of weeds is more likely due to an imbalance of algae on the lake, where algae is competing with weeds for resources. The lake is currently dominated by algae instead of weeds. Commissioner Stevens suggests that the weed harvesting contracts be updated.

**XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Kyle Richter, Executive Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that the Block Party will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and comments on the Mayor's Meeting with the DEP Commissioner. Marty Kane states that Senator Bucco would like lake funding needs to be tied to a funding source and not added to the budget. There is a general discussion on boat registration fees. Mr. Kane states that the Hopatcong State Park Fountain is running. He states that the pavilion at Lee's County Park should be open and ready by April.

**Princeton Hydro Updates**

Fred Lubnow provides a presentation on the 2024 Water Quality Monitoring Results. He states that low aquatic weed concentrations are likely due to high concentrations of algae, low water clarity and high internal load of phosphorus. He provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities over the last month and discusses the Army Corps grants which Princeton Hydro submitted applications for.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Commissioner Hamilton states that the current water level is at 7.21 feet.

**CAC Meeting**

Commissioner Hamilton states that the Water Level Management Plan is under review by the Chief of Operations and that she is finalizing comments.

**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

Committee Chair Tessier provides an overview of recent land use applications in the watershed. He states that he will call Mrs. Lyons to follow-up on the applications.

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**Budget**

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews the budget against spending to date. He states that spending is at about 60% for the year. He provides details on his proposal for a new funding opportunity through a registration fee for boats used on Lake Hopatcong. There is a general discussion of the proposal.

**Finance**

Committee Chair Stevens states that the committee reviewed the fiscal year 2021 audit, and it was approved.

**Bylaws**

No update.

**Planning**

No updates.

**Public Outreach**

No updates.

**Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant**

Commissioner McCarthy states that the committee has received feedback from Jefferson and is awaiting feedback from Mount Arlington and Roxbury. Alternate Commissioner Potillo states that they have not heard from the attorney.

**Ad-Hoc Boating Safety**

No update.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat**

Commissioner McCarthy states that it is the third year of monitoring and asks that any trout be reported. Commissioner Stevens reads the winners for the annual gift card drawing.

**Ad Hoc Goose Management**

Committee Chair Porfido states that she has been handing out business cards to residents and other people in the community.

**XIV. New Items**

No new items.

**XV. Public Comments**

No comments.

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**XVI. Action Items**

Chair Smith introduces Resolutions 25-04, approving the FY2021 Audit. He entertains a motion. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

**Roll Call:**

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McCarthy	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
		Smith	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 McCarthy seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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