

***Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 14, 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:

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, Jacob Hamilton, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Blanca Chevrestt, Marie Galate, Shawn Potillo, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Robert Tessier

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

With ten 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 March minutes. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Abstain	Senatore	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Stevens	Abstain
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes (8-0-2), two abstentions.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that the weed harvesting program received some money for recycled scrap metal and the

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Commission also received money from grant reimbursements. He reviews payroll, Princeton Hydro invoices and other monthly payments. 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
Hoferkamp	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Porfido	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 planner's monthly report. She states that the Commission also received a response from the New Jersey State Police about the offshore power boat races that included an invitation to their next meeting.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Chair Smith discusses the weed harvesting staffing needs. Mr. Calderio states that the program will need to hire one additional part-time seasonal employee.

IX. LHC Commissioner's Comments

No Comments.

X. Administrator's Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that the HAB grant report has been approved and DEP is sending the final reimbursement. She states that a reimbursement was also received for the 319 grant and the Lakes Grant. She states that she is waiting for approval on the latest NFWF reimbursement report.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Mr. Calderio states that personnel are putting the machines back together. He states that they will begin bringing the equipment to the lake in two to three weeks.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

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Marty Kane provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that there is a Native Plant program at the station on April 24th at 7pm followed by the native plant sale on April 25th. Pick up for the plants is on May 3rd. He states that the Hudson Farm hike to benefit Hopatcong charities is on May 10th beginning at 7:30am. The Block Party is May 17th and the Annual Gala is on July 17th.

Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that water quality monitoring will start in May. He provides an overview of the Commission's and Foundation's grants. Princeton Hydro is finalizing the Early-Detection Aquatic Invasive Species Plan funded by the NJ Audubon to the Foundation. He states that the US Army Corps ERDC grant was approved on April 11th and spring treatments in Ashley and Crescent Cove will begin during the week of April 28th. They are also working with Jefferson Township to submit a proposal to the NJ Highlands Council to conduct an aquatic plant survey of the lake in August 2025.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Commissioner Hamilton states that the current water level is at 9.0 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

In Committee Chair Tessier's absence Colleen Lyons provides an overview of recent land use applications in the watershed.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews the budget against spending to date. He states that spending is at about 75% for the year.

Finance

Committee Chair Stevens requests that Mrs. Lyons follow-up with the auditor regarding the FY22 audit.

Bylaws

No update.

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Planning

No updates.

Public Outreach

In Committee Chair Pravs' absence Commissioner Porfido requests that Mrs. Lyons send a request for Block Party volunteers for the Commission booth.

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the committee met prior to the Commission meeting and discussed banning all propellor systems but decided to continue to support the ordinances as proposed to the municipalities.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

No update.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the final report for the trout study is being prepared, but that any trout reported this season should also be included in the report. He comments on the lack of weeds and fish. He states that Fish and Wildlife will be completing a fisheries study on the lake. He asks that Pat Rose request that Fish and Wildlife report any tagged trout.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Committee Chair Porfido states that USDA has begun addling. She states that on April 1st and 2nd they addled 11 nests and 9 eggs.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

XV. Public Comments

Sam DeAlba, Lake Hopatcong comments on the Knee-Deep Club
Marty Kane comments that David Goulan replaced Lisa Barno at Fish and Wildlife.

XVI. Action Items

No action items.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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