

***Lake Hopatcong Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 12, 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, Daniel McCarthy, Neil Senatore, Todd Stevens, Ronald Smith

Absent: Bradley Hoferkamp, Karen Porfido, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen

Alternates Present: Marie Galate, Ryan Gilfillan, Steven Levinson, Shawn Potillo, Thomas Sellaro

With eight 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 April minutes. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Senatore seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Sellaro	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Gilfillan	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Smith	Yes

The motion passes unanimously.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He reviews payments on the HABs grant and reviews expenses. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Crowley makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

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**Roll Call:**

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Sellaro	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Gilfillan	Yes
Hamilton	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.

**VIII. Chairman's Report**

Chair Smith states that the dock was removed from Lee's Park and requests that Mrs. Lyons provide a thank you note. He states that he attended a meeting of the police departments about safety for the upcoming season. He states that the FY2022 Audit was good and they're ready to move on to FY2023.

**IX. LHC Commissioner's Comments**

No Comments.

**X. Administrator's Update**

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She reviews grant work and financial reporting. She states that she attended the April Roxbury Council meeting with Marty Kane to present projects that were completed since last year. She states that the Commission and Foundation hosted the second public meeting on the proposed oxygenation system.

**XI. Weed Harvesting Report**

Mr. Calderio states that he received applications for the weed harvesting program. The machines are in good shape and ready to go in the water. He states that the aquatic weeds are starting to grow in the lake.

**XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates**

Marty Kane provides an update on Foundation and Museum activities. He states that the Hudson Farm Charity hike was held over the weekend. The Floating Classroom field trips are three days a week with 2,500 fourth and fifth graders. He states that the Fountain is running, and Lee's County Park is finishing up

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renovations. He states that the Annual Gala is on July 17<sup>th</sup>. He states that on April 29<sup>th</sup> he and Chair Smith went to Trenton to clarify the Lake Hopatcong funding language.

**Princeton Hydro Updates**

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities on the lake. He states that water quality monitoring will start on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He provides an overview of the Commission's and Foundation's grants. He states that water quality monitoring will start on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Princeton Hydro submitted the third year Trout Study report and will set a meeting to close the grant. He states that the under Lakes Restoration grant they will swap out biochar in the Aquafilters and Roxbury and Mount Arlington will also receive biochar for surface water locations. He states that the post-treatment Alum monitoring begins this month. Implementation of the NFWF grant work will begin at Glen Brook and Musconetcong next week. The Roxbury basin site renovation planning is underway under a Highlands Council Planning Grant. He provides a brief update on the Army Corps Grant.

**XIII. Updates**

**State Park Updates**

Commissioner Hamilton states that the current water level is at 9.26 feet. He states that the fountain is on and the gates are open. At 9.25 feet the fountain and gates will be closed.

**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. Chair Smith requests that Mrs. Lyons contact NJDEP to discuss the CAC.

**Committee Updates**

**Land Use Committee Update**

Committee Chair Tessier is not present.

**Budget**

Committee Chair Steinbaum is not present

**Finance**

Committee Chair Stevens states that minor changes were requested to the FY2022 Audit Report. He recommends that the full Board approve the FY2022 Audit.

**Bylaws**

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**Planning**

No updates.

**Public Outreach**

In Committee Chair Pravs' absence Mrs. Lyons states that the Commission table at the Block Party needs volunteers.

**Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant**

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the committee is waiting to hear from the municipalities.

**Ad-Hoc Boating Safety**

No update. The July Boating Regulation Commission meeting will be held at Lake Hopatcong in July.

**Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat**

Committee Chair McCarthy states that he will set a meeting.

**Ad Hoc Goose Management**

Committee Chair Porfido has no update.

**XIV. New Items**

No new items.

**XV. Public Comments**

Sam DeAlba, Lake Hopatcong comments on the Water Level Management Plan revisions

**XVI. Action Items**

No action items.

**XVII. Close of Meeting**

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

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