

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 8, 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, Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Karen Porfido, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Eric Wilsusen

Absent: Ryan Gilfillan, Shawn Pottillo, Ronald Smith

Alternates Present: Marie Galate, Jacob Hamilton, Phil Harvey (7:05p), Steven Levinson, Thomas Sellaro,

With ten members present, Acting Chair McCarthy declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

No executive session.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Acting Chair McCarthy entertains a motion to approve the November minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

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

VI. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer's report. He states that the second quarter statutory payment was received as well as the final payment for the 319

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Grant. He reviews the expenses including payroll, Princeton Hydro invoices, website, FY23 audit, NFWF Grant, the Commission planner, and the Commission administrative consultant. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about the portion of the administrator’s fee that is applied to grants and how it is classified. Acting Chair McCarthy entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion. Commissioner Steinbaum seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Senatore	Yes		
Porfido	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. They also received the monthly planner’s report and Princeton Hydro’s monthly report.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Acting Chair McCarthy has no comment.

IX. USDA Goose Management Presentation

Amanda Halser from the US Department of Agriculture provides a summary of the 2025 Goose Management Program. The program consisted of a egg addling program and survey of geese on the lake. In 2025 USDA addled eggs every other week from March – June. She states that the benefit of addling is to maintain the population, but it does not reduce the population. She states that 45 nests and 192 eggs were treated. The survey found 393 Canada geese and 6 mute swans. Commissioner Senatore asks whether USDA has treated other lakes this size. Ms. Halser states that they have not but did treat on Greenwood Lake. There is a discussion of the goose management program costs for 2026.

X. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

No comments.

XI. Administrator’s Update

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Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that she attended the NJ State Police end of season meeting with local police on November 20th. She provides an update on grants. The Commission is waiting for a contract from NJDEP for the 2024 319 Grant for restoration of stormwater basins in Roxbury. She states that she will submit the 2021 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant amendment before the end of the year. Mrs. Lyons states that the 2024 NFWF Grant for stormwater management in Witten Park is in the planning stages.

XII. Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio provides an update on weed harvesting activities. He states that they harvesting staff is taking apart the machines and will be ordering parts soon.

XIII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane, Board Chair of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that the Foundation is working to set up a meeting with the Governor-elect to advocate for lakes funding. He states that they have organized a meeting with the new state assemblywoman in the 25th district, Marissa Sweeney. He provides an update on museum activities and states that the state park fountain is running but needs to be cleaned.

XIV. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose from Princeton Hydro provides an update on their activities as outlined in their monthly memo. Commissioner Tessier asks if Princeton Hydro can provide a summary for the goose committee on the negative impacts of geese on the lake.

XV. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that the water level is at 7.43 feet. He states that they plan to open the gates toward the middle or end of the week.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Committee Chair Tessier reviews recommendations from the Planner's December 8th report.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews spending to date and states that spending is at about 41% which is accurate for being five months into the fiscal year. He states that two quarters of statutory funding have been received as well of interest income and \$8k from the Commission's grants was used to cover administrator fees.

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Finance

Committee Chair Stevens states that the FY23 Draft Audit has been received. The Finance Committee met, the opinion is clean with no findings. The Committee recommends accepting the audit.

Bylaws

No update.

Planning

No update.

Public Outreach

No update.

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy reminds residents to watch for runaway systems.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

No update.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

The study is complete and Princeton Hydro will make the final presentation in the spring.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Goose Management was discussed during the USDA Presentation.

CAC Meeting/WLMP Update

Committee Chair McCarthy states that a meeting will be set.

XVI. New Items

No new items.

XVII. Public Comments

Sam DeAlba, Lake Hopatcong asks about progress on the CAC meeting. He comments on the lake level and lake level management.

Brendan Chuprinko, Lake Hopatcong comments on the impacts of herbicide and pesticide treatments. He asks about DEP pesticide notifications and permitting requirements for weed harvesting. Acting Chair McCarthy states that there is no permitting requirement for weed harvesting.

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XVIII. Action Items

RES 25-14 Approving the FY23 Audit

Acting Chair McCarthy entertains a motion to approve the FY23 Audit. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Senatore	Yes		
Porfido	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

XIX. Close of Meeting

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

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