

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026
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, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Ronald Smith

Absent: Blanca Chevrestt, Karen Porfido, Eric Wilsusen,

Alternates Present: Marie Galate, Ryan Gilfillan, Jacob Hamilton, Phil Harvey, Steven Levinson, Shawn Pottillo, Thomas Sellaro

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

No executive session.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the February minutes. Commissioner Stevens comments that sergeant is misspelled and the committee update should show Commissioner Steinbaum was in attendance. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Senatore	Abstain
Hamilton	Abstain	Steinbaum	Yes
Harvey	Abstain	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Gilfillan	Yes	Smith	Yes
McCarthy	Yes		

The motion passes 8-0-3 (four abstentions)

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VI. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He reviews the quarterly payment and payroll credit. Commissioner Stevens reviews the payments including payroll, Princeton Hydro invoices, administrator, attorney, Weed Harvesting Program costs, OPMA notice for meeting dates, bookkeeping, and planner. He states that there is \$546,000 remaining after paying the bills. Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes; Alternate Commissioner Harvey seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Senatore	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Harvey	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Gilfillan	Yes	Smith	Yes
McCarthy	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. She states that the Commission also received an email from David Broderick regarding the proposed ICE Facility in Roxbury.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith provides an update on the weed harvesting and states that the program will start on May 15th. He states that there is a resolution tonight to hire two seasonal employees. He states that Mr. Calderio will interview candidates for the full-time seasonal dump truck driver.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Stevens states that he has already spotted geese on open grass areas near Adam’s Bagels where snow recently melted.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that since the last meeting she advertised for the weed harvesting truck driver position. Mrs. Lyons

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states that she also sent Form 12A's for the USDA goose egg addling program to property owners where nests were reported in the past. She states that she contacted CAC member municipalities and organizations for their appointments to the committee in preparation of the upcoming meeting. Mrs. Lyons provides an update on grant activities. She states that she responded to NJDEP requested revisions to the 2025 319 Grant proposal for the Roxbury Basin Project. A reimbursement request for the 2021 NFWF Grant for the Glen Brook and Musconetcong River projects was submitted in December, she submitted revisions and is awaiting approval. She states that the Commission received approval for the scope change that includes two planting projects in Hopatcong State Park and along Mount Arlington Boulevard across from Shore Hills Beach Club. Mrs. Lyons states that the 2024 NFWF Grant for Witten Park stormwater improvements will go out to bid this week.

XI. Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio states that he will interview candidates for the truck driver position this week. He states that they received an order from Aquarius and will begin installing parts tomorrow. They are on track to start the season on May 15th. Tomorrow start installation and on track for May 15th. Chair Smith requests Mrs. Lyons set another committee meeting.

XII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update for the Foundation. He states that the Block Party is on May 16th. He states that the education program has 2,300 students signed up. Mr. Richter states that the Foundation is hiring two summer interns to assist with an aquatic invasive species project. Next week he will go to Washington DC for the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed Hill Day to advocate for funding for the Delaware River Basin.

XIII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities as outlined in their meeting memo. He states that the Witten Park is a great project to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to Lake Hopatcong.

XIV. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that the water level is at 7.36 feet. We would normally be starting spring refill but need for ice to melt along the shore. Commissioner Steinbaum cautions against allowing the level to drop. Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that they are trying not to let the lake drop back down to the 22" level. Commissioner McCarthy states that he will watch for melt

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and write him when ice has receded from the shoreline. He asks about the park being open 24/7 for fishing. Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that for safety reasons they close the gates at sundown.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Committee Chair Tessier reviews Russell Stern's March 4th report. He notes the Roxbury Township application on for their April 13th meeting. Commissioner Tessier asks about the ICE Facility and sewer facility allocation at Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews spending against the Commission's budget through end of February. He states that spending is on track at 66% of budget and the Commission has received their quarterly payment from the State.

Finance

Committee Chair Stevens states that the auditors have the FY24 books. He hopes to have a draft for next meeting.

Bylaws

Committee Chair Crowley no update.

Planning

Committee Chair McCarthy states that Mrs. Lyons sent a list of committee members. He asks that a meeting be scheduled.

Public Outreach

Committee Chair Porfido is not present.

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy states that there is nothing to report. He will schedule a meeting after the ice melts and request data from local zoning departments.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

Committee Chair Steinbaum no update.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy nothing new to report. Pat Rose has the Trout Study Report and Fish and Wildlife is supposed to report their findings to the

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Commission. The Committee would like Fish and Wildlife to present first before wrapping up the Trout Study.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Committee Chair Porfido is not present. Commissioner Tessier asks that Mrs. Lyons send the Goose Facts sheet from Princeton Hydro.

CAC Meeting/WLMP Update

Committee Chair McCarthy states that Mrs. Lyons will send out an email for the first meeting.

XV. New Items

Commissioner Steinbaum asks about an update on the Weldon Settlement. Mrs. Lyons states that each municipality has responded to Weldon's agreement request. She will reach out to Weldon's attorney this week.

XVI. Public Comments

David Broderick, Roxbury – comments on the environmental impacts of the ICE Facility in Roxbury. He is concerned that they will not abide by environmental laws and that the facility may try to use the remaining sewer allocation.

Sasannah Oliverre, Landing - Comments on the ICE Facility. She states that Roxbury cannot support increase in sewer and water. She is concerned about the financial responsibility being passed to taxpayers.

Adam McGovern, Parsippany - Comments on the ICE Facility. He requests that the LHC comment on the potential environmental impacts.

Aatish Gupta, Newton – Comments on the ICE Facility. He states that he is the cochair for the Democratic socialists of NJ. He requests the LHC submit a letter opposing the facility.

XVII. Action Items

RES 26-06 Appointing Part-Time Seasonal Laborers

RES 26-07 Advertising the Bid for the Witten Park Project

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolution 26-06 and Resolution 26-07 as a block. Commissioner Hoferkamp makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

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The motion passes unanimously.

XVIII. Close of Meeting

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

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