

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 13, 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: Bradley Hoferkamp, Daniel McCarthy, Karen Porfido, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Shawn Potillo, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Mark Crowley, Blanca Chevrestt, Marie Galate

Alternates Present: Ryan Gilfillan, Jacob Hamilton, Phil Harvey, Steven Levinson, Thomas Sellaro

With eleven members present, Chair Smith declares a quorum.

IV. Executive Session

An executive session will be held at the end of the meeting.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the March minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hoferkamp	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Abstain	Wilsusen	Yes
Potillo	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes 10-0-1 (one abstention)

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VI. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Stevens provides the Treasurer’s report. He reviews receipts including interest, NFWF \$35,000 reimbursement. He reviews disbursements including payroll, PH invoices, administrator, planner, USDA goose management, advertising, weed harvesting expenses, employee expenses, and bookkeeper.

Roll Call:

Hoferkamp	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Potillo	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	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 Princeton Hydro’s monthly report and Alum Report for the 319 Grant. The planner is away, so Mrs. Lyons provided a brief written update on recent land use applications.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith states that the Commission has received the documents for the Weldon SEP. NJSP Police start of season safety meeting tomorrow at Jefferson Township.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Tessier states that the Department of Community Affairs is working with Mount Arlington Borough to develop a trail system with municipalities. There is no cost to the municipalities.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She provides an update on grant activities. She states that NJDEP requested additional revisions to the 319 Grant proposal for restoration of a stormwater basin in Roxbury Township. She states that a scope amendment was approved for the 2021 NFWF Grant and will include plantings in Hopatcong State Park and along Mount Arlington Boulevard in Landing. She states that the bid for work on a regenerative stormwater conveyance in Witten Park was extended to May 1st.

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Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio states that most of the parts have been installed on the harvesters and they should be done with everything this week. He states that the part-time seasonal employees will begin on May 4th. They will begin by going over the safety manual and having each employee sign off.

XI. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane provides an update for the Foundation. He states that the Block Party is on May 16th. He states that the Foundation is continuing their shrink wrap recycling program. The NJDEP hosted HAB Summit will be held on April 16th. He states that this is the last year they will do it virtually. Mr. Kane states that the Foundation's Native Plant Sale is coming up. Dr. Fred Lubnow provided a program on water quality which is available virtually on the Foundation website. He states that Senator Booker advanced the Landing Channel dredge project as one of his community funding projects. He states that it has a decent chance of moving forward. Mr. Kane met with Greenwood Lake to discuss ways of getting state funding to public lakes. Senator Bucco put in a bill for Lake Hopatcong to raise boat licensing fees to bring in an additional \$250,000 for Lake Hopatcong. They are also looking at other options for other public lakes through boating fees. Mr. Kane states that the museum suffered some damage this winter and they have been working with NJDEP on applying for grant funds for the repairs.

XII. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities as outlined in their meeting memo.

XIII. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that the water level is at 8.70 feet. They are having discussions about reducing outflow. It still needs to be approved by managers within DEP.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Committee Chair Tessier states that the Planner is away. Mrs. Lyons provided a summary of the Commission's land use review letters for the month.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews spending against the Commission's budget through end of March. He states that spending is on track at 75% of the budget.

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Finance

Committee Chair Stevens no update.

Bylaws

Committee Chair Crowley not present.

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 requests volunteers for the block party.

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy states that complaints of ice damage were requested from the municipal zoning officers. He states that there were very few complaints.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

Committee Chair Steinbaum states that he went to the Power Boat Grand Prix Planning Meeting. He states that the race will take place over September 19th and 20th.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy states that the Trout Study presentation will follow Fish and Wildlife's presentation at the May Commission meeting.

Ad Hoc Goose Management

Committee Chair Porfido states that she gave a presentation on goose management at the Lake Hopatcong Rotary.

CAC Meeting/WLMP Update

Committee Chair McCarthy provides an overview of the first CAC meeting held in March. He states that there was an in-depth discussion about refill and ice. Next meeting will be held virtually on April 28th. He states that there was some concern from DEP staff that emails be sent through one point of contact. There is a general discussion of how to move forward.

XIV. New Items

No new items.

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XV. Public Comments

Sam DeAlba Lake Hopatcong, comments on dry conditions and lake levels.

XVI. Action Items

RES 26-06 Appointing Part-time Seasonal Laborers (AMENDED)

RES 26-08 Authorizing Bid of Aquarius Nearshore Conveyor

RES 26-09 Employment Agreement – Maintenance Supervisor

RES 26-10 Employment Agreement – Maintenance Technician

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolution 26-06 (Amended), 26-08, 26-09, and Resolution 26-10 as a block. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Hoferkamp	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Porfido	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Potillo	Yes	Smith	Yes
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

Chair Smith states that the Commission will enter executive session to discuss legal matters. Action will be taken after the executive session. He entertains a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith entertains a motion to re-enter the public session. Commissioner Tessier makes a motion. Commissioner Wilsusen seconds the motion. All those in favor signified by saying “aye” those opposed said “no”. The motion passed unanimously.

RES 26-11 Approving the Weldon Quarry SEP

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolution 26-11. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion. Commissioner Hoferkamp seconds the motion.

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The motion passes unanimously.

XVII. Close of Meeting

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

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