

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 11, 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, Karen Porfido, Neil Senatore, Fred Steinbaum, Robert Tessier, Shawn Potillo, Eric Wilsusen, Ronald Smith

Absent: Blanca Chevrestt, Marie Galate, Thomas Sellaro, Todd Stevens, Steven Levinson,

Alternates Present: Ryan Gilfillan, Jacob Hamilton, Phil Harvey

With ten 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 April minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The motion passes 9-0-1 (one abstention)

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VI. Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Steinbaum provides the Treasurer’s report. He reviews disbursements including payroll, PH invoices, administrator, planner, NJ Pension and Benefits expenses, weed harvesting expenses, employee expenses, polos and t-shirts, and bookkeeper. He states that there is \$516,000 remaining after expenses.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	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 the Planner’s monthly report.

VIII. Chairman’s Report

Chair Smith states that the NJDEP requested additional information related to the SEP. The Commission will prepare and send the documentation.

IX. LHC Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Senatore comments on the new Lake Hopatcong NJSP Barracks. He states that the township was not provided an opportunity to review or make comments on the plan. There is a general discussion that the State is exempt from zoning approval, but they provide a courtesy review to the township. Commissioner Wilsusen states that he attended the April 11th NJ Coalition of Lake Associations meeting as the Lake Shawnee President. He states that a lot of good information was presented.

X. Administrator’s Update

Colleen Lyons provides an update on her activities. She states that she attended the police start of season safety meeting on April 14th and the NJDEP Virtual HAB Summit on April 16th. She provides an update on grant activities. She states that the Commission is waiting for the final grant agreement for the 2025 319 Grant for the Roxbury Basin project. She states that Princeton Hydro is working on the

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federal requirements for the planting projects in Roxbury and Hopatcong State Park under the 2021 NFWF Grant. Due to issues with the design, the bid for the Witten Park project under the 2024 NFWF Grant was cancelled. Mrs. Lyons and Chair Smith met with Hopatcong's Administrator to discuss next steps.

XI. NJ Fish and Wildlife Presentation

Chris Smith and Justin Rozema of NJ Fish and Wildlife present the findings of the 2025 fish surveys at Lake Hopatcong including stocking rates and fisheries monitoring. Overall, Lake Hopatcong's coolwater fisheries appear to remain in good, strong condition. Commissioner McCarthy states that he would like the Commission and Fish and Wildlife to continue communication. He asks about the status of the alewife a primary food source for larger fish. Chris Smith states that they have not done a study on alewife. Tim Clancy provides information listed on the Knee-Deep Club website on hybrid striped bass. Pat Rose, Princeton Hydro asks if Fish and Wildlife encountered any new invasives in their survey. Mr. Smith states that they did not encounter any, but that an invasive species biologist was hired to track all aquatic invasive species. There is a QR code available that links to the reporting form. Commissioner McCarthy suggests posting this to the Commission website.

XII. Weed Harvesting Report

Michael Calderio states that there is one harvester left to be transported to the State Park. The Boston Whaler will be transported as well. They will be at the State Park for a week and then they will go up to the north end.

XIII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Kyle Richter provides an update on Foundation activities. He states that the Block Party is this weekend from 10a – 4p at Hopatcong State Park. This year field trips will reach 2,300 students. Marty Kane Board Chair of the Foundation provides an update. He states that Kelly Doucette, COO to the Governor has indicated the Governor's interest in continuing annual visits with the mayors.

XIV. Princeton Hydro Updates

Pat Rose provides an update on Princeton Hydro's activities as outlined in their meeting memo. Commissioner Steinbaum asks about the status of the oxygenation system. Pat Rose states that the grant is complete for the feasibility study. Unfortunately, is too expensive to implement on Lake Hopatcong and there is a lack of data for this specific technology. Marty Kane suggests a short presentation to go over the details.

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XV. Updates

State Park Updates

Alternate Commissioner Hamilton states that the water level is at 9.15 feet. Rain in last week has helped bring the lake to full pool.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee Update

Committee Chair Tessier reviews land use applications that occurred in April. Commissioner Tessier would like to track where rain gardens are installed. Commissioner Steinbaum asks, if recommendations were made by the Board do they follow up on whether they were installed. Commissioner Tessier states that the Zoning Officer is responsible for that and should be conducting inspections.

Budget

Committee Chair Steinbaum reviews spending against the Commission's budget through end of April. He states that spending is on track at 83% of the budget. He asks why the General Liability Insurance is higher than expected. Mrs. Lyons will get more information. Commissioner Crowley asks about the Pension Insurance costs.

Finance

Committee Chair Stevens is not present.

Bylaws

Committee Chair Crowley no update.

Planning

Committee Chair McCarthy states that they will meet prior to one of the monthly meetings.

Public Outreach

Committee Chair Porfido Block Party is Saturday

Ad-Hoc Ice Retardant

Committee Chair McCarthy no update.

Ad-Hoc Boating Safety

Committee Chair Steinbaum no update.

Ad-Hoc Trout Habitat

Committee Chair McCarthy discussed earlier.

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Ad Hoc Goose Management

Committee Chair Porfido states addling is almost complete.

CAC Meeting/WLMP Update

Committee Chair McCarthy provides an overview of the second CAC meeting held in April. They discussed the water flow study completed in 2011 and Mr. DeAlba provided some data that will be reviewed by NJDEP.

XVI. New Items

No new items.

XVII. Public Comments

Sam DeAlba Lake Hopatcong, asks Commissioner Hamilton for HAB data. Commissioner Hamilton states that it is sent in an internal report.

XVIII. Action Items

RES 26-10 Employment Agreement – Maintenance Technician (Amended)

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve Resolution 26-10 as amended. Commissioner Wilsusen makes a motion. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

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Hoferkamp	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Smith	Yes
Porfido	Yes		
Senatore	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

XIX. Close of Meeting

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

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