

Lake Hopatcong Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10th, 2018
Mount Arlington Civic Center

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 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, Mark Fisch, Daniel McCarthy, Joshua Osowski, Anne Seibert-Pravs, Fred Steinbaum, Todd Stevens, Robert Tessier, Ronald Smith

Absent: David Jarvis, Joel Servoss

Alternates Present: Thomas Sellaro, Eric Wilsusen, Melissa Castellon

With eleven members present, Chairman Smith declared a quorum.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith entertains a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Crowley	Yes	Steinbaum	Yes
Fisch	Yes	Stevens	Yes
McCarthy	Yes	Tessier	Yes
Osowski	Yes	Wilsusen	Yes
Pravs	Abstain	Smith	Yes
Sellaro	Yes		

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

V. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Fisch gives the Treasurer's Report, he states that the total list of bills includes five bills totaling \$9,443.19. He reviews the list of bills. He states that the bank statement for the month was not delivered in time for the meeting. Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion to approve the list of bills, Commissioner Fisch seconds the motion.

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Sellaro	Yes		

The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Correspondence

Colleen Conover gives an overview of correspondence received by the Commission. She states that she is now uploading all Land Use applications to the one drive account which is available to all of the Commissioners for review. She states that there are no new applications for Jefferson, the Bridge Marina Application has been pushed back to February 11th. She states that on January 14th Jefferson will be hearing the use variance request for the unapproved marina on the Dankwerth property. She states that the Commission audit has been pushed until after the new year so that all of the paperwork can be prepared. Chair Smith states that the Commission also received a request for input on updated plan for Lee’s County Park. Colleen states that they have also received a request from Mount Arlington for input on an updated Economic Development Plan. She states that she is looking for input from the Commissioners, and she emailed copies of the questions from both Mount Arlington and Morris County to the Commissioners. Marty Kane states that Morris County has budgeted \$800,000 towards restoration of the building at Lee’s County Park. He states that they have not started any engineering work and are looking for an additional \$400,000 for restoration of the pavilion. He states that the reason for the meeting is that there is no general agreement as to what the pavilion should be used for in the future.

VII. Benecke Economics

Robert Benecke gives a presentation on his report for identifying additional sources of funding for the LHC. He states that the Commission could choose to move forward with a plan of action to implement one or two of these items. He states that there are four methods that they see for the Commission to raise funds to meet their mission. He gives a brief overview of each of the four options, which are creation of a special improvement district, utilization of redevelopment area fee system, land based boat licenses, or Highlands Council grants. There is a general discussion of the Benecke Economics Report.

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VIII. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Updates

Marty Kane had to leave early and will send an update to the Commission by email.

IX. Princeton Hydro Updates

No one is present from Princeton Hydro.

X. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Steinbaum states that the Commission should begin working on what they would like to see in the updated WLMP. He states that he wants to ask the Foundation to partner with the Commission to work on the 12cfs portion of the plan.

XI. Comments from the Audience (*on agenda items only, if applicable*)

Chair Smith opens the meeting to the public.
There are no comments from the audience.

XII. Chairman's Report

Chair Smith states that there will be a conference call Wednesday with NJDEP, which will probably be an answer about the grass carp trial.

XIII. Updates

Weed Harvesting and Water Level

Commissioner Osowski gives an update. He states that all equipment is at the Franklin Building and being disassembled for repairs for next season. He states that the water level is at 4.04 feet as of this morning and the lake discharge is at 58.4cfs. The refill will begin on December 15th if there is no ice on the lake.

Memorandum of Agreement

Commissioner Osowski states that they are reviewing the comments from the Commission and they are currently under legal review. He states that they will have something prepared prior to the next meeting. Chair Smith asks Commissioner Osowski to assess the condition of the small harvester when the other harvesters are being assessed. Commissioner Osowski states that the Commission will need to make decisions on how to spend the remaining money, they can either spend it on equipment or staff for next year etc.

Ice Retardant System Committee Updates

Commissioner McCarthy states that he has no new updates. Colleen Conover states that she was in Mount Arlington to pick up a land use application and she spoke with Construction Official Tom Mahoney. She states that there are shared services between Jefferson and Mount Arlington, and it may be beneficial to hold a meeting with Andy Diamond and Tom Mahoney since Andy was unable to attend the last

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meeting in Jefferson. Commissioner Steinbaum presents photos from last year which show how an ice retardant system opened up a large area on the lake. He states that the open area created a safety issue for ice boaters on the lake and he damaged his boat when he hit the opening in the ice.

Insurance Updates – Fairview Insurance DO & Liability

Ms. Conover states that Fairview Insurance is rolling both policies into one which will renew on December 19, 2018. This was included in the list of bills.

Township Land Use Applications

Colleen Conover states that there are many land use variances being granted around the lake, and going forward the Commission may want to make a recommendation to the townships about reviewing the intent of their ordinances. Commissioner Tessier states that many variances are granted regardless of need, such as lake set-backs etc. Commissioner Steinbaum states that this borders on another topic that the Commission should ultimately address, which is the over utilization of the lake. There are many improvements going on around the lake, and little adherence to standards. There should be additional consideration for the water quality and safety on the lake.

XIV. Action Items (Resolutions)

Setting the Time and Date of 2019-20 Regular Meetings for the LHC RES (18-14)

Commissioner Steinbaum states that he does not believe that the train station will be large enough for the Commission meetings. Commissioner Fisch makes a motion to pass the resolution. Commissioner Tessier seconds the motion.

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The motion passes unanimously.

XV. Public Comments *(please refer to Section V “Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:”)*

Commissioner Steinbaum makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McCarthy seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

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