

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2021**

Chairman Riley opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Notice which was sent to the Daily Record and New Jersey Herald on January 21, 2021 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

ROLL CALL:

Robert Hathaway – present
Joseph Keenan – present
Rosemarie Maio – present
Greg Poff – absent

Steven Rattner - present
Rudy Shlesinger – present
Lester Wright - absent
Earl Riley - present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no modifications to the agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Riley opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Chairman Riley closed the public portion of the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rattner, the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting were approved on majority voice vote. Mr. Keenan abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:
10-26-21 Selective Insurance – check in the amount of \$54.00 re: account credit

On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Rattner and carried by unanimous voice vote, the communications were accepted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – Mr. Rattner reported he received an email from Christa Reeves, the Water Quality Program Coordinator for the MWA, in which she informed him there was a bad odor on Furnace Bridge. Mr. Rattner contacted the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority (the “Authority”) to check it out and he informed the Administrators of Netcong and Stanhope about the reported odor. Mr. Rattner said when he got to the bridge, Netcong’s Administrator’s car was there as well as the Authority’s truck. Stanhope’s Administrator also came and no one could detect any odor. Mr. Rattner thanked everyone for their response and when he informed Christa that there was no odor, she said it was actually a couple of days ago. Mr. Rattner applauded the response of everyone involved, noting it was a tremendous and timely response.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio said she has no report but noted she has a thought about sailing vehicles to be “Celebrate the Lake.”

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported the lake drawdown was cut short due to the heavy rain storm. Mr. Hathaway noted he received a call from State Parks informing him of the reason why. Mr. Hathaway spoke of an improved relationship he believes the Board will now have with State Parks.

Mr. Hathaway stated he has not yet worked on the agreement with the LMCA. It is not necessary to have it done right now, so he will take care of it after the first of the new year.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. Mr. Keenan reported the \$300 check to Ag Choice approved last month was never received by Ag Choice. Mr. Keenan wrote another check and Chairman Riley hand delivered it to Ag Choice. About a month after the check was mailed, it was returned as “Undeliverable” for unknown reasons because it had the correct address. Mr. Rattner stated at the last meeting he was asked to look into depositories for the Board’s money from the sale of the equipment. He checked with Freedom Bank and their savings accounts are only for personal, not business and they would consider the Board a business account. They have a checking account but they would have to go to Maywood. Mr. Rattner also looked into Fidelity Bank. Mr. Rattner noted interest rates have gone down a quarter of a percent since last month. Mr. Rattner spoke about various CD’s available including bump-up CD’s which start at .65%. Mr. Rattner noted there is minimal difference in interest rates for short-term CD’s, i.e. 1-month, 6-month. Mr. Rattner recommends splitting the money into 4 or 5 CD’s. Mr. Hathaway stated they will need \$36,000 available about February. Mr. Rattner stated interest rates will start to go up and he recommends getting three \$50,000 one-month CD’s and the remaining \$65,000 in another one-month CD. The Board agreed with depositing the money in one-month CD’s. Mr. Rattner said he also looked into Sovereign Bank, which is a local bank and their rates are similar to the other banks he looked into. All CD’s up to 6-months have the same interest rate. The Board discussed the various options. Ms. Maio suggested leaving about \$15,000 in the existing account and go with four \$50,000 one-month CD’s. The Board agreed they would go through Fulton Bank since this is local and the Board’s existing accounts are all in Fulton Bank. On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Rattner and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board authorized purchasing four \$50,000 one-month CD’s through Fulton Bank and leaving the remaining \$15,000 from the sale of the equipment in the long-term savings account.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hathaway - yes	Mr. Rattner - yes
Mr. Keenan - yes	Mr. Shlesinger - yes
Ms. Maio - yes	Chairman Riley – yes

On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Mr. Hathaway and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted and placed on file.

BILLS: On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Hathaway and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the following bills are to be paid if and when funds are available:

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak - Clerk’s Monthly Compensation	\$ 500.00
Fulton Bank – safe deposit box rental	\$ 63.97

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 3.72
Solitude Lake Management- Lake Management Services (11/01)	\$2,249.00

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hathaway - yes
Mr. Keenan - yes
Ms. Maio - yes

Mr. Rattner - yes
Mr. Shlesinger - yes
Chairman Riley – yes

Ms. Maio asked what is in the safety deposit box. Chairman Riley responded the titles to the various equipment and other items are in the box. Mr. Rattner suggested trying to negotiate getting the safety deposit box for free when opening the CD's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Am 2000– Chairman Riley noted the AM 2000 has not been picked up yet and is still at Stanhope's Wells 3 and 4 site. The equipment is paid for and the Board has the money for it. There is a truck shortage. The purchaser had a problem with the truck they need to haul the equipment. The particular truck has all of the necessary permits to transport large equipment.

FJZ (Netcong Land Use Board Application – 128 Allen Street) – Chairman Riley noted Cliff Lundin drafted an incredibly detailed and thorough response on the Board's behalf. The hearing is scheduled for November 22nd for completeness review. The Board was impressed with Cliff's response letter.

Lake Hopatcong Commission – Chairman Riley noted discussion at last month's meeting about his attendance at the Lake Hopatcong Commission's October meeting. The minutes of that meeting have been distributed to the Board.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Riley opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Chairman Riley closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk