

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
December 15, 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 – absent
Greg Poff – absent

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

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional bill listed.

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.

Chairman Riley noted Ray Guyre present in the public and informed the Board that Ray spent a tremendous amount of time at the shed winterizing the equipment and straightening out the shed. Chairman Riley and the Board thanked Ray for all he does for them.

ACTION ON MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rattner, the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting were approved on unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications this month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – Mr. Rattner reported there were two presentations at the last MWA meeting. One was on the HAB monitoring and one was on the road salt impact study. Mr. Rattner noted it was a very good presentation. He asked to be sent a copy of the presentation and he will distribute it to the Board once received. The study was done through a grant. The volunteers participating were very active.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report

Lake Awareness – There was no report

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported Chairman Riley informed him of a notice of the DEP that suggests permits are required for probiotic administration in the lake. They have requested a meeting with State Parks Service. Mr. Hathaway expressed his opinion that in reading the law, it does not seem as if the DEP can authorize themselves to create these authorities. Mr. Hathaway stated they will wait to meet with State Parks and perhaps get a legal opinion before acting. Mr. Hathaway stated he would be reluctant to advise the Board to complete any permit application because if you fill it out, it would suggest you agree with their enforcement. Mr. Hathaway noted the DEP does not have authority to regulate this right now; but, maybe in the future. This was a notice that was general and provided by Fred

Lubnow. Chairman Riley explained how this came about. He has been involved with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and he was invited to attend a Coalition of Lakes meeting about 2 weeks ago. There were 14 people from all over the State discussing lake issues. During the meeting, Chairman Riley mentioned that Lake Musconetcong had almost no weeds this year and attributed it to 10 years of herbicide and mechanical management. Fred Lubnow stated that throughout the State, it was very light weeds on the lakes because it was a mild winter. Fred Lubnow commended the Board for maintaining the lake and our lake management process. He asked what we are going to do next season and when told, he told Chairman Riley about the advisory sent by the DEP that any natural substance going into the lake would require a permit. Chairman Riley stated he agrees with Mr. Hathaway’s recommendation of waiting until they act. Chairman Riley reported the AM2000 is being picked up tomorrow at 7:00 a.m.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. Mr. Keenan reported that he and Chairman Riley went to Fulton Bank and opened one CD account for the full \$200,000. It is a one-month CD and automatically renewable at the end of each month. The annual interest rate is 0.10%. There would have been to advantage to open several accounts with staggered maturity dates because the rate is the same regardless of the term. The Board will have the opportunity at the end of each month to renew the full amount or to withdraw a portion and keep the remainder in the CD. Chairman Riley asked Mr. Keenan to provide him a breakdown of the past year’s expenditures so he can include it in the annual report. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted and placed on file.

BILLS: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Wright 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

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed \$ 4.08

Solitude Lake Management- Lake Management Services (12/01) \$2,249.00

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hathaway - yes

Mr. Shlesinger - yes

Mr. Keenan - yes

Mr. Wright - yes

Mr. Rattner - yes

Chairman Riley – yes

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 Mr. Shlesinger, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk