

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2022**

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 20, 2022 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 - present
Earl Riley - present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communication and 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.

ACTION ON MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, the Minutes of the January 19, 2022 reorganization meeting were approved on unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: : The following communications have been placed on file:

- 01-28-22 Sussex County – Reappointment of Greg Poff to LMRPB
- 02-03-22 Daily Record – Affidavit of Publication re: annual meeting notice
- 02-11-22 Netcong Borough – Purchase Order in the amount of \$10,151.51 re: 2022 budget contribution (\$9,351.51) and 2022 herbicide treatment (\$800.00)
- 02-15-22 People First Property & Casualty Services – Accident Insurance Renewal Policy

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio 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 the MWA has asked the Department of Interior to write a letter to the Commissioner of the NJDEP and request coordination of a meeting concerning Great Egg Harbor. They also want to discuss the assignment of a NJDEP staff person to attend each of the monthly meetings, including the MWA’s meetings. Mr. Rattner also reported the State Parks Service is writing a letter to the Commissioner of the NJDEP saying the MWA needs help and funding because of the aquatic invasive species. Mr. Rattner also reported the MWA is again holding the annual film festival. Information on the festival and their other activities is on their website.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio informed the Board that she believes Stanhope Day is going to be held in September this year and she asked if they want to continue the Save the Lake Day in June or continue holding it in conjunction with Stanhope Day in September. Chairman Riley expressed his opinion that the fishing contest for the children should stay in June. The Board agreed and scheduled the

fishing contest for Sunday, June 12th. Chairman Riley will reach out to the Sportsmen's Federation and request their donation. The Board agreed if Stanhope Day turns out to be in June, they will coordinate the fishing contest with that day.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway noted the bill received from Solitude Lake Management does not indicate what payment number it is, it only indicates the month. The contract is for 20 payments, not payments every month. Chairman Riley suggested Mr. Hathaway speak to Bob at Solitude and request they clarify their billing. Mr. Hathaway agreed and noted he will be meeting with Solitude to discuss the herbicide program. Mr. Hathaway said they will have more insight once the ice is off the lake. At the next meeting or the following meeting, the Board will need to make a final determination as to the probiotic program. The Board will need to purchase some equipment, pay for the probiotic product and make an alliance with the LMCA. It was the position of the Board that the Board order the material for the LMCA and the LMCA would pay the vendor directly. Mr. Hathaway will coordinate with the vendor. Chairman Riley said he will continue to push State Parks to set up a meeting with the permitting people and NJDEP. To date he has not received a response. Mr. Hathaway expressed his opinion that when they get closer to the application date, the Board should direct their attorney to send an official communication to them that the Board intends to use the product in the lake unless they provide a reason the Board cannot. Chairman Riley noted this does not meet the permit requirement. Ms. Maio questioned, if there is no permit required right now that they are aware of, why bring it up. Mr. Hathaway stated that since the Board will be making this application, they need to make sure they have insurance coverage. Chairman Riley responded the Board has Operator and Directors insurance coverage. Mr. Hathaway said in the past the Board used the services of a licensed person to apply the herbicide and they must know they are covered for doing it themselves. Ms. Maio again asked if the Board should bring it to the attention of the DEP permitting unit. The Board does not ask them about anything that does not require a permit so why start now. Chairman Riley noted this topic came up because of a notification by the NJDEP that Princeton Hydro told him about. Mr. Hathaway expressed his opinion that the onus is on the State to notify pesticide business licensees that there has been a regulatory change. Mr. Hathaway noted he has that type of license and he has not received any notice. The Board oversees this lake and it is on the onus of the State to let the Board know if there is a change. Ms. Maio noted the information came from Princeton Hydro, not the State. The Board agreed if there is a change, the State should notify the Board and the Board should not pursue it. On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by majority voice vote, the Board agreed they should not pursue the pesticide permit for the probiotic treatment. Mr. Hathaway abstained. Chairman Riley noted he reached out and received no response so he will not reach out any further. Chairman Riley asked Mr. Hathaway if he has any plans to address the harvester on the trailer. Mr. Hathaway responded he spoke to a Netcong DPW employee, but they have not met at the site yet. Mr. Hathaway stated he believes they may have to hire a towing company. When the weather improves a little, this will be taken care of.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board. Chairman Riley asked why the amount of the member assessments is not shown. Mr. Keenan explained the amount is listed once a purchase order is received and then again when the funds are received. In future reports he will include a column indicating the assessment amount. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rattner 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. Rattner 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	\$ 550.00
Times Herald Record (NJ Herald) – legal notice re: annual meeting notice and award of contract	\$ 49.20

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 4.09
Solitude Lake Management- Lake Management Services (02/01)	\$2,249.00

ROLL CALL:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Rattner informed the Board that he checked into funding grants for the water rescue equipment discussed last month. There is a grant that NGOs can apply for; however, the deadline to apply was January 6, 2022. Mr. Hathaway stated the Netcong Fire Department received the needed funding through a number of private entities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report – Chairman Riley stated the Annual Report was emailed to the Board for review and comment. The Annual Report was prepared by the Clerk with Chairman Riley's input. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Annual Report was accepted and placed on file. The Clerk will distribute the Annual Report to the four municipalities, two counties and state.

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. Wright, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk