

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2021

Chairman Riley opened the Regular Meeting at 7:09 PM with a salute to the flag and 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:

Michael Balogh, Stanhope – present	Greg Poff, Sussex County – absent
Mark Crowley, Roxbury – absent	Steven Rattner, Morris County - present
Robert Hathaway, Netcong – present	Rudy Shlesinger, Stanhope - present
Joseph Keenan, Netcong – present	Lester Wright, Roxbury – present
Rosemarie Maio, Stanhope – present	Earl Riley, Byram – present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: An additional bill was received from the Times Herald Record (NJ Herald) for a legal notice from the April meeting change to Zoom in the amount of \$17.10. Chairman Riley added a Resolution to join the Passaic County Co-op to New Business. Chairman Riley added a bill for payment charged on the debit card for \$191.16 dated today for the purchase of a hydraulic hose. Mr. Balogh added, to Communications, a property owner notice regarding 128 Allen Street, Netcong.

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

ACTION ON MINUTES: Chairman Riley stated in the paragraph Lake Management “all repairs” should be changed to “some repairs” and in the last Open To Public “no one from” should be changed to “no one further”. On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Shlesinger, the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved by voice vote with the two amendments. Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Balogh abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

05-03-21 Morris County signed Memorandum of Understanding and check in the amount of \$6,260.00 Re: 2021 budget contribution
05-13-21 Solitude Lake Management – Service History Report
05-14-21 Roxbury Township check in the amount of \$10,815.08 Re: 2021 budget contribution (\$10,065.08) and herbicide treatment (\$750.00)

Chairman Riley stated a 200 foot notice was received regarding 128 Allen Street, Netcong which he forwarded to Mr. Balogh. Mr. Balogh explained the applicant is requesting to amend a final site plan and variance. The applicants want to park buses which range from 30 feet long to 40 feet long for repairs. Currently they can park vehicles up to 3 feet in length. They also want to repair vehicles inside the building. Mr. Hathaway stated there have been numerous violations issued for this property. There is an illegal door and the number of vehicles exceeds the permitted amount. Repairs are also being done at the location. The application is going to be amended. The existing garage door is larger than what was permitted. Chairman Riley stated it can accommodate an articulated bus. Mr. Hathaway stated the building is located by the lake and wetlands. The impact for the lake is not good. Chairman Riley asked Mr. Balogh to attend the Land Use Board meeting on May 24th on behalf of the Board. The LMRPB opposes the

expansion of the maintenance functions on that site. Mr. Hathaway stated the building was not designed with proper drains in the building for repairs to be done. Mr. Rattner asked for a copy of the letter to be forwarded to him so he can bring it to the County Engineering & Planning Board for review. Mr. Balogh stated the lot is .68 acres. Tractor trailers are being parked there. Mr. Hathaway stated the lot lines are very odd and the applicants are parking on land that is not theirs. The DEP has been called several times but nothing has been done. The land was also cleared illegally. Allen Street is a County road and the volume of buses exceeds their permissions. Chairman Riley asked Mr. Balogh to explain the Boards concerns to the LUB. The uses outside of what are listed are not acceptable. Repairs are a big concern due to unbuffered runoff from materials running into the lake. Laden vehicles are also a problem for the lake. The property was only approved for warehouse use. There are no drains or mitigation for contaminants. There should be no laden vehicles. Mr. Rattner will speak with Morris County to gather information. Chairman Riley stated he will send a copy of the letter to Mr. Rattner. Mr. Wright stated tractor trailers are washed down with an acid wash as part of their maintenance which is a problem for the lake.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – There was no report.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report.

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio stated flyers advertising the fishing contest were sent to the Administrator's of Netcong, Roxbury, Byram and Stanhope. The towns will send out Nixle messages and post on their websites. The schools will distribute the flyer but not for another week. Ms. Maio stated she will not be able to attend the contest. Chairman Riley, Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Rattner and Mr. Keenan stated they will attend. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, June 13th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Chairman Riley asked anyone who is available to attend. The Board Secretary has sent a request to Ramsey's for donations. Mr. Rogalo will provide \$200 for awards. Chairman Riley will have the fish tank. Last year the event had to be cancelled. Hopefully there will be a good turnout this year. Chairman Riley asked everyone to spread the word about the contest to friends and family. All are welcome.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway stated the Musconetcong Watershed Association has circulated fishing reports. Now that the dam has been removed there are brown trout and brook trout in the rivers. This is great news for our mission and theirs. Most of the team has been engaged in putting the AM2000 in the lake and working on the harvester which has significant challenges. The condition of the lake is being monitored. The first application of 24D to treat the water chestnut will be done by Solitude on May 26th. Additional chemicals will be utilized to provide for a clear lake. Hopefully the result will be better than last year. The drawdown affected the shoreline weeds in a good way. There are almost no weeds existing in the first twenty feet. The Community Association will treat the boat launch area on their own. Some residents in the Port Morris area have objected to the treatment. Ray is able to maneuver the equipment into certain areas that no one else can. The Board may not be able to access certain areas. The water chestnut is not under control in that area. The herbicide has been relied on. This area is the

weakest link and the absence of 24D in that part of the lake will not be good. Mr. Hathaway stated he received an email from the non-profit association and they will be treating the lake in sections. It appears nothing will be done in the Port Morris area. Mr. Balogh asked if one objection causes nothing to be done. Mr. Hathaway stated this is true for this group. The Board may have to go in and take care of the water chestnut on our own. The last time the area was treated was in 2010 when Steve Ellis was here.

Chairman Riley stated John Rogalo has raised the latching bar for the harvester which had sunk making it difficult to latch. It has been jacked up 18-24 inches and is temporarily being held with wooden chucks. Rich Parry, a welder, has volunteered to cut and weld the steel plates which were purchased two years ago. They will be welded around the latch so this will not happen again. There will be a charge incurred for the work.

Chairman Riley stated Ag Choice will charge \$11.00 per cubic yard for disposal of the weeds. Mr. Keenan asked how the weeds will be transported. Chairman Riley stated transportation is still to be determined. The harvester will be placed in the water in two weeks and then the dumpster will begin to be filled. Transportation can be determined at next months meeting. Chairman Riley stated he will ask Ag Choice what the cost would be to transport. The Morris County MUA will also be contacted for pricing. Lake Hopatcong has utilized the MUA in the past. Lake Hopatcong is going out to bid this year for weed harvesting.

Operating Budget Committee – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board today by Mr. Keenan. Mr. Keenan stated there is a deposit from Morris County for \$6,500 which was made but it is not showing up on the bank statement. Mr. Keenan has the deposit slip. Mr. Keenan has been in contact with the bank to rectify the issue. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio 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 unanimously by the following roll call vote, the following bills are to be paid.

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak – Clerk’s Monthly Compensation	\$500.00
Ellen Horak – Reimbursement of Expenses (R. Shlesinger Name Plate)	\$ 21.31
Times Herald Record (NJ Herald) Legal Notice re: April meeting change to Zoom	\$ 17.10

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – Electric at Shed	\$ 3.15
Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services (Oct.)	\$2,249.00

Debit/Credit Card:

Debit/Credit Charge for Hydraulic Hose	\$ 191.16
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Roll Call:

Mr. Balogh – yes	Mr. Poff, – absent
Mr. Crowley - absent	Mr. Rattner - yes

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

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution for the Sale of AM 2000 Hydro Rake - Chairman Riley stated the sale of the AM 2000 Hydro Rake involves the attorney and the sale is on hold. The NJDEP has not stated that the Board can sell the Hydro Rake. They did provide an email that says they have no objections, but higher approval is required to grant permission for the Board to be able to sell the equipment which we own.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for Sale of Personal Property

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the resolution for the advertisement for sale of the AM 2000 Hydro Rake was Tabled.

Resolution to Join the Passaic County Co-op – Chairman Riley stated GovDeals no longer has a State of NJ contract. The LMRPB is a municipal authority and as such needs a state contract or co-op contract with GovDeals to electronically sell equipment which we own. Passaic County has an arrangement with GovDeals to authorize sales of government equipment. There is no cost to join the Passaic County Co-op. Mr. Balogh asked if the Board can still purchase from Solitude if the co-op is joined. Chairman Riley stated a determination needs to be made as to whether or not the Board is required to use the co-op for all purchases or is it just another option. Chairman Riley stated in order to utilize GovDeals the Board has to join the co-op. Otherwise the Board would have to go to bid on their own to sell the Hydro Rake.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Balogh and carried by unanimous voice vote, the resolution to join the Passaic County Co-op was Tabled.

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 unanimously by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chirip