

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2017**

Chairman Riley opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. 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 19, 2017 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

ROLL CALL:

George Graham -present (arrived @ 7:10 pm)	Steven Rattner - present
Robert Hathaway - present	John Rogalo - present
Joseph Keenan - absent	Lester Wright - present
Rosemarie Maio - present	Earl Riley - present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communications and bills listed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Riley opened the meeting to the public.

Joe Nametko, 13 Highland Avenue, Netcong and Mayor of Netcong came forward to formally present a challenge to the Mayor of Stanhope. If the Stanhope Fire Department wins the Firemen's Challenge, he will offer her a drink of her choice at Polo's and if the Netcong Fire Department wins, she will offer him a drink of his choice at Bell's Mansion. Mayor Roe Maio accepted the challenge.

Seeing no one further 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 Ms. Maio, the Minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting were approved on unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

- 7-20-17 Notice to Property Owners – notice of application for Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification re: Block 105 Lot 1; Block 106 Lots 2 & 3; Block 202 Lot 1 (Mt. Olive)
- 7-24-17 Sussex County – Purchase Order in the amount of \$5,091.75 re: 2017 budget contribution
- 7-14-17 NJS DEP – check in the amount of \$352,166.00 re: grant funds for hydro rake
- 7-31-17 Morris County – check in the amount of \$4,883.00 re: 2017 budget contribution
- 7-31-17 Pat Rector – 2nd Quarterly Report re: Grant #RP16-047 “Implementation of Total Phosphorus in Lake
- 8-11-17 Jackson Lewis – Authorization for Release of Employment Records of Keith Hollman re: Hollman v. Hatch Mott MacDonald Group, et al.
- 8-16-17 Selective Insurance Co. – updated Commercial Liability Insurance Police to include water management boat, conveyer and trailer

Chairman Riley noted the letter from Jackson Lewis, who is the attorney for Keith Hollman. He is requesting a release of Mr. Hollman's employment records. Chairman Riley stated he has no knowledge of this person working for the Board. The Secretary has spoken to Cliff Lundin and he has contacted Mr. Lewis. Mr. Hollman claims he worked for the Board from May through Oct of 2005; however, there is no record of his employment.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rogalo and carried by unanimous voice vote, the communications were accepted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – Chairman Riley reported the change of this quarterly river watch monitoring is that everything is being done electronically and we will have access from Willow Street all the way to Finesville.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – Mr. Rogalo was unable to attend the Netcong Planning Board hearing and deferred to Chairman Riley, who attended the meeting. Chairman Riley reported he has nothing to report. The hearing was carried to the next Planning Board meeting which is scheduled for August 28th. If Mr. Rogalo is unable to attend that hearing, Chairman Riley will attend.

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio reported there is sufficient coverage for the Board's table at Netcong Day. (Mr. Graham arrived.) She is trying to get someone to video tape the hydro rake in use and play the video at Netcong Day so people can see what the hydro rake can do.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported the disposal issue is still unresolved. According to Josh Osowski, he made accommodations for us; however, the location provided is not viable for the Board. There is no traversable road to the site. Chairman Riley confirmed nothing has been done since he walked the property with Mr. Osowski. Mr. Hathaway stated he had another exchange with Senator Bucco and Assemblyman Bucco, who are coordinating a meeting with himself, Chairman Riley and DEP Deputy Commissioner David Glass. Senator Bucco has assured him that the problem will come to a resolution at the meeting. Chairman Riley clarified that Josh Osowski has given the Board permission to dump our weeds at the location, but he has not given permission to put the material removed with the hydro rake at the site. Mr. Hathaway noted this is contrary to what the Bucco's represented which is why it has been suggested they have a face-to-face meeting. Hopefully, we will have the test results that can be brought to the meeting. Chairman Riley noted that the Board, at no charge to the State, is taking the State's material from the lake and offering it to the State on another one of their locations. The State owns the material on the bottom of this lake and he does not know why the State is opposed to the Board helping the status of this lake, and providing us with a location to put the material the State owns on a site the State owns. Ms. Maio stated the subject of the island should be broached again with the State. Mr. Hathaway said the State is opposed to taking anything out of the lake and putting it on the shoreline. Any action on the shoreline will decrease the holding capacity of the lake and is outside the regulations. Mr. Hathaway also reported residents continue to be displaced from swimming in the lake. The State has suggested that unless there is a lifeguard, no one can swim in any body of water in the State of New Jersey. This includes along the private shorelines. It was also noted to him that if the official wanted to, he could follow the child swimming home and issue a \$2,500 summons to the parent. Mr. Hathaway expressed frustration that people are still being displaced from the lake, including fishermen who are knee deep in the lake. Mr. Rogalo asked to be included in the meeting. Mayor Nametko, present in the public, stated he just now received an email from Senator Bucco's office, informing him that the meeting is scheduled for August 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the Netcong Municipal Building. Mr. Hathaway stated the small harvester is at the New Jersey Water Supply Authority in Annandale, New Jersey. Chairman Riley stated it is a 7-acre holding pond and it is completely clogged with water chestnut and pond lilies. He has been operating the harvester and has made 45 loads and is only about one-third of the way done. Mr. Rattner asked where the spoils are being disposed. Chairman Riley responded they are piling them on their property and they will bury them. When done, the harvester will be returned to the Board. Mr. Hathaway will then use the small harvester to get the weed beds, one being on the Stanhope shoreline and

the other being the large bloom in the back of Byram Bay. Mr. Hathaway noted both of these beds were treated with 24D last week and you can now see they changed color which shows they were affected by the application. There is a subsurface regrowth throughout the lake, but it is not significant. Chairman Riley said before the small harvester is returned, it will be washed and steam cleaned. The water chestnut they have is worse than what was in our lake and he will not release the machine from the pond until it is steam cleaned. Mr. Hathaway reported the hydro rake has been delivered and it has been on the lake. There are some design limitations and he and Chairman Riley are working with the manufacturer to make the modifications needed. The manufacturer has been here once and will be here at least one more time. Mr. Hathaway noted the performance of the machine is impressive and we will get a much greater utility out of the machine than originally reported. Mr. Rogalo asked about the manufacturer’s warranty. Mr. Hathaway will ask the manufacturer for a written statement on the warranty. The Board purchased the Sludge Judge and Chairman Riley has been on the lake with it. They have not yet had a chance to review the water column data.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Chairman Riley noted the Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. The Board received the grant check for the hydro rake in the amount of \$352,166. Chairman Riley said he asked Mr. Keenan to write a check for \$300,000 and to hold back \$52,000 from Alpha Boats. The grant received did not include delivery of the equipment to the location. The delivery charge was approximately \$3,400 and we will contribute that amount from our budget as “in-kind.” Chairman Riley said they are holding back the \$52,000 until all the engineering changes needed are done. The manufacturer has been very cooperative.

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

BILLS: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio 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	\$ 3.48
Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services	\$2,500.00
Debit/Credit Card	
Amazon – Sludge Judge	\$ 113.89
U-Name It – trophy for Firemen’s Challenge	\$ 25.00

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Graham – yes | Mr. Rattner - yes |
| Mr. Hathaway – yes | Mr. Rogalo - yes |
| Ms. Maio – yes | Mr. Wright – yes |
| | Chairman Riley – yes |

OLD BUSINESS:

Firemen's Challenge – Mr. Hathaway reported the event will be held Saturday (August 19th) and will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Lakeside Park in Stanhope. There will be a DJ, Shakey Jakes will be there serving food and the Netcong Recreation Commission will serve ice cream. Shakey Jakes will make a donation to the Board and Cliff's is donating all the ice cream. The Netcong Recreation will sell the ice cream and split the income with the Board. The DJ is donating his services. Mr. Hathaway recommended taking the donation from Shakey Jakes and giving it to the DJ. Netcong Borough is providing a stage and generator. Chairman Riley will look into having a porta-john at the event. Mr. Hathaway stated the Stanhope Fire Department will stage by the gate house and set up their hoses to propel across the dam frontage. The Netcong Fire Department will be directly across the lake on the Netcong side. They conducted a practice drill with a playing field of about 50 feet long and the area is now marked. Judges are needed for each side. Chairman Riley suggested judges from Roxbury and Byram who will be impartial parties, or ask Melissa Castellon from State Parks to be a judge. Mr. Hathaway will coordinate the judges. The event will also be a "wet-down" for the hydro rake. The hydro rake will be on the lake at center field and will drop the barrel into the playing field. Chairman Riley will operate the hydro rake. The opposing fire departments will use their hoses and try to spray the beer barrel to the opposite side of the lake. If it goes quickly, it will be a 2 out of 3 competition. Ticket sales for the 50/50 are ongoing and will also be sold at the event. Additional garbage cans are needed for the event. Stanhope Borough will provide a crossing guard on the day of the event. Mayor Nametko, present in the public, offered the Waste Management 501K boxes for the Board to use. There will be nothing set up at the Netcong Boat launch, but since there may be spectators at the site, garbage cans will also be placed at that location. Stanhope's Fire Department will be on the lake providing water security. Mr. Hathaway noted this is the first time for the event and they hope it becomes an annual event.

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. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Graham and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk