

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2018

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 18, 2018 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

ROLL CALL:

Mark Crowley - absent
George Graham - absent
Robert Hathaway - present
Joseph Keenan – present

Rosemarie Maio - present
Steven Rattner - present
John Rogalo – present
Lester Wright – present
Earl Riley - present

Chairman Riley noted Mr. Graham’s lengthy absences from meetings. He contacted Mr. Graham last night but has not received a response back from him yet. Chairman Riley would like to give Mr. Graham a chance to respond to him before designating his seat vacant.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communication and bill listed.

Mr. Rattner stated the budget issue with Morris County has been resolved. The Board must submit their request by October so they have it when they begin budget discussions in November. Morris County agreed to have the shortage from this year included in next year’s contribution.

Chairman Riley added a contract addendum from Solitude Lake Management to the communications. The addendum is to treat water chestnut in Byram Bay. The LMCA will pay the Board the \$750 contract price.

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

Yonnie Guyre, LMCA Treasurer, asked if the LMCA should pay the Board or Solitude to which Chairman Riley responded they should pay the Board. Ms. Guyre informed the Board that the parks have been treated. They are not satisfied with some of the areas and those areas will be re-treated. Stanhope park has many water lilies and they do not react to the herbicide being used. Ms. Guyre reported the LMCA spent a total of 295.25 volunteer hours for the months of May and June.

Seeing no one further from the public wishing to speak, Chairman Riley closed the public portion of the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES: Mr. Rattner noted a correction to the minutes. Under Musconetcong Watershed Association, the amount of the grant is approximately \$3 Million Dollars, not \$50,000. Mr. Hathaway noted a correction under Lake Management. The minutes read “The goose addling will take place on June 30th”. The word “addling” should be changed to “round-up”. On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, the Minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting, as amended, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

06-25-18 Olivia Glenn, NJS Parks & Forestry – response to Board’s April 16th letter re: hydro-raking
06-28-18 Fred Lubnow, Princeton Hydro – Quality Assurance Project Plan (QUAPP)

- 06-28-18 Chris Mikolajczyk, Princeton Hydro – Service Report from Monitoring Event
07-03-18 Deena Leary, Morris County – Executed Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution
Authorizing Payment of \$5,092.00 re: 2018 Budget Contribution
07-17-18 Morris County – Check in the amount of \$5,092.00 re: 2018 Budget Contribution
07-18-18 Solitude Lake Management – Contract Addendum re: water chestnut treatment

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – There was no report, however, Mr. Rattner mentioned another \$3 Million Dollars was given for the Columbia Dam in Warren County.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio had no report. Mr. Rogalo presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$300 from the Sportsmen Foundation for the fishing derby. Mr. Hathaway reported the Firemen’s Challenge will be held on August 19th. Ms. Maio will update last year’s flyer. Chairman Riley will get the trophy and have a plaque made for the Netcong Fire Department. The challenge is again between Netcong and Stanhope Fire Departments. They would also like to get Byram and Roxbury Fire Departments involved. Mr. Hathaway said he has been speaking to Netcong and Stanhope Fire Departments about how to do the event with the additional fire departments. It will help make the event last longer. Mr. Hathaway suggested having the event exclusively on the Stanhope side of the lake. They would set up in the parking lot and run a cable to the hydro rake on the lake and then run some timed races. The hydro rake will be anchored in the lake. Ms. Maio reminded the Board the parking area that belongs to the Borough is only the driveway and the rest belongs to Bait & Boat. Mr. Hathaway will speak to the owner of Bait & Boat. Mr. Hathaway also said it will be better to run it from one spot because going across the dam created a disadvantage to one of the fire departments. Mr. Hathaway will work out all the details. The tickets for the 50/50 are being printed.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported he, Chairman Riley and Ms. Maio attended a meeting with representative from the DEP at which they discussed a variety of things including funding for the Board, the hydro rake and the position of the DEP that the hydro rake will require a permit; however, they are unsure what kind of permit will be required. Getting the permit will be an involved process. Mr. Hathaway noted it would be optimistic to think the Board will be using the machine this year. The hydro rake is presently being used to eliminate debris from the lake. Mr. Hathaway also reported there is a bloom of weeds left in the water in the backend of Byram Bay. There is about 25 to 30 acres of weeds, mostly being coontail. It will take a week or two to remove them all, after which the lake will look the best it has since he has been on the lake management committee. Mr. Hathaway added this is as good as it is going to get with what they have to work with. The probiotics put in the lake are still working. If the Board can get funding from the State they can look into probiotics for next year. The water clarity is better than it has ever been. Mr. Hathaway stated a few repairs have been made to the harvester. They will need to change the fluid this fall or winter and go to the recommended fuel which will come at some expense to the Board. They need to use hydraulic fluid and a cleaner. They are presently using vegetable oil, which is improper.

Chairman Riley stated it will take a while to cleanse itself. Mr. Hathaway said the cost will be about \$3,000. Mr. Hathaway added that some of the problems they have been having is due to the use of the vegetable oil. Mr. Rogalo explained the process used by Caterpillar to cleanse the lines. Mr. Rogalo will look into the process for the Board's machine and the expense. Ms. Maio asked if there is a maintenance schedule for the hydro rake. Chairman Riley responded in the affirmative noting it is contained in the information packet received from Alpha Boat. Chairman Riley stated Olivia Glenn is the new Commissioner of State Parks and she has committed to look at approving the Board to receive \$16,000 in funding which will definitely help. Chairman Riley commended Assemblyman Bucco who was a major proponent for the Board's needs and pushed NJ DEP to get things done for the Board.

Operating Budget Committee – There was no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board. Mr. Keenan said the report does not include the \$5,092 check from Morris County. Mr. Keenan also reported they have not yet received the 2018 budget contribution from Byram or Roxbury. The Clerk will send a reminder letter to Byram and Roxbury. Mr. Wright will attend the Roxbury meeting and Chairman Riley will attend the Byram meeting and bring this to their attention. The total balance in the report is \$15,420.67. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rogalo and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and placed on file.

BILLS: Ms. Maio questioned the bill in the amount of \$214 for the post office box. The Board agreed this is a large increase. Ms. Maio offered the use of Stanhope Borough Hall for the mailing address for the Board. On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Hathaway and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized the change of address from the post office box to Stanhope Borough Hall at 77 Main Street. A change of address will be submitted to the post office. Ms. Maio will create letterhead for the Board with the new address. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rogalo and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the following bills are to be paid if and when funds are available. The bill from the U.S. Postal Service in the amount of \$214.00 was removed from the bills list.

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak - Clerk's Monthly Compensation \$ 500.00

Lake Management Account:

Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services \$2,575.00
Aquarius Systems – fuel tank sending unit \$ 91.52
JCP&L – electric at shed \$ 3.31
Rockaway Auto Resources, Inc. – NAPA Auto Parts \$ 4.20
Aquarius Systems – limit switch \$ 188.98

ROLL CALL:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2018-01

PARTICIPATION IN UPDATING THE RESTORATION PLAN AND EXPANDING IT INTO THE WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (WIP)

WHEREAS, the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board (the LMRPB), located in Stanhope, Sussex County, NJ, are recognized as the stewards of Lake Musconetcong and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Hopatcong Commission (the Commission) has received funding to update the existing Restoration Plan for the Upper Musconetcong River Watershed (which includes both Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong) from the New Jersey Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, updating the Restoration Plan and expanding it into a Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) will increase the LMRPB's chances of receiving State and Federal funding for the design and implementation of lake and watershed restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, the LMRPB has been requested to participate in updating the Restoration Plan and expanding it into a WIP for both Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong; and

WHEREAS, the LMRPB does not need to provide any monetary support or contributions toward the development of the updated WIP; and

WHEREAS, the LMRPB is willing to provide in-kind (time) contributions toward the development of the updated WIP, which will include providing input on 2018 Lake Musconetcong water quality / aquatic plant monitoring program, the potential selection and consideration of watershed locations for project implementation, field survey work associated with identifying potential watershed project locations; and

WHEREAS, the LMRPB will review the updated WIP once the draft report is available in February 2019 and endorse it so it can be used to secure potential State and/or Federal funds to implement watershed-based projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE MUSCONETCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD that on this the 18th day of July, 2018, the LMRPB will work with the Lake Hopatcong Commission under the NJ Highland Council project to update the existing Restoration Plan for the Upper Musconetcong River Watershed and that the LMRPB's contribution will be in-kind only and will not include monetary contributions.

Chairman Riley stated he and Mr. Hathaway attended the meeting and they recommend the Board adopt the resolution. There is not much in this for the Board. Ms. Maio stated she cannot support this because in the long run, the Board will get used. Mr. Hathaway said he agrees with Ms. Maio's comment; however, if they do not sign on, the Board will no longer have the 319 grants available to them. Chairman Riley said the resolution does not commit the Board to anything except for supporting the creation of the WIP.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by the following majority roll call vote, the aforesaid resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hathaway – yes
Mr. Keenan – yes
Ms. Maio – no

Mr. Rattner - yes
Mr. Rogalo – yes
Mr. Wright – yes
Chairman Riley – yes

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

Ann Gail, Port Morris resident, agreed with Mr. Hathaway’s comment about the clarity of the water. She was in a situation where she had to put her foot on the bottom of the lake and it was solid. There was no muck, it was sand and clear water.

Seeing no one further from the public wishing to speak, Chairman Riley closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak