

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
November 15, 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	Steven Rattner - absent
Robert Hathaway - absent	John Rogalo – present
Joseph Keenan – present	Lester Wright - present
Rosemarie Maio – present	Earl Riley - present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communication and bills listed.

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

Melissa Castellon, State Park Superintendent, informed the Board that the work on the swirl chamber has been completed.

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

ACTION ON MINUTES: Chairman Riley made the following two corrections to the minutes under “Lake Management” – the eighth line should be revised to read “he will ask Bell’s Mansion to provide the food for the volunteers” and the third from last line stating “Rich Perry secured the engine cover for the conveyor” should be revised to read “Rick Perry fabricated the engine cover for the conveyor.” On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Rogalo, the Minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting, as revised, and Closed Session Minutes were approved on majority voice vote. Mr. Graham abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

- 10-25-17 Alpha Boats – Paperwork for new equipment (i.e. title, registration)
- 11-02-17 Notice to Property Owners - Site Plan Application re: proposed gas station and convenience store at Block 11703 Lots 1 & 2
- 11-02-17 Ferriero Engineering – copy of Flood Hazard Area Application (Individual Permit) re: Blk 16.01, Lots 24 & 25.01, Netcong, NJ
- 11-07-17 Stanhope Hose Co. No. 1 – 50/50 raffle proceeds
- 11-13-17 Pat Rector, Rutgers – 3rd Quarterly Report for Implementation of Reduction of Total Phosphorus in Lake Musconetcong
- 11-14-17 Aqua Pro-Tech Laboratories – testing results

On motion by Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. Graham 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.

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

Lake Awareness –Ms. Maio stated she was unable to attend the Lake Clean-Up Day. Chairman Riley reported they cleaned the area around the conveyor. There were 22 volunteers and the clean-up was held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They took out thirty 50-gallon garbage bags of debris. The debris removed from the lake included, among other things, a shopping cart, baby stroller and wheel rims. Bells Mansion again provided food and beverages for the volunteers. The Clerk will send a thank you letter to Bells Mansion on behalf of the Board. Ms. Maio suggested also sending a certificate of appreciation and she volunteered to create the certificate. Chairman Riley asked the Clerk to include the Certificate of Appreciation with the thank you letter.

Lake Management – In Mr. Hathaway’s absence, Chairman Riley reported the machines are out of the water. Stanhope Borough has provided storage space at Wells 3 and 4. The AM2000 is winterized. Chairman Riley thanked Rich Dellasandro and his son who shrink wrapped he entire cab of the AM2000 and the trailer motor for the winter, at no charge to the Board. Chairman Riley added that Rich Perry made the cover for the conveyor. The conveyor, trailer and AM2000 are all winterized and in storage. Chairman Riley registered the 3 new pieces of equipment. Chairman Riley also reported the lake is down 2 feet and been since October 25th. It will remain down until the end of this month. Melissa Castellon, present in the public, said she is waiting to hear from Fish and Wildlife on whether or not the lake will be left down because the dam repair may not happen until January/February. She will inform the Board once she receives a response from Fish and Wildlife on if the lake will be kept lowered until the dam repair. Chairman Riley expressed concern that no one involved in the dam repair project has approached the Board and he asked anyone who knows those people, to ask them to notify the Board on anything having to do with the dam. Melissa Castellon stated she will take on that responsibility and ask that they communicate with the Board. Chairman Riley stated the Board supports leaving the lake lowered. Chairman Riley also said the maintenance shed is in dire need to organization. He reached out to Ray, Wayne, Al and Mr. Hathaway to help him organize the maintenance shed. It will take a day to separate the spare parts and organize the contents of the shed. Chairman Riley added they need a group of volunteers to help and he will inform the Board of the date when scheduled.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Chairman Riley noted the Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. On motion by Mr. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted and placed on file. Mr. Keenan noted the Board received a check in the amount of \$3,255 from the Firemen’s Challenge. The Board had agreed to share the proceeds with both the Netcong and Stanhope Fire Departments receiving 20% of the proceeds and the Board receiving 60% of the proceeds. Ms. Maio stated she donated the cost of the tickets she had printed. The Board agreed the cost of the trophy should be a Board expense. Netcong Mayor Joseph Nametko, present in the public, stated the proceeds include a \$500 donation he made which was to be distributed equally between the two fire departments. Mr. Keenan deducted the \$500 from the amount and added it to the amount due each fire department. Twenty percent of the proceeds plus \$250 will be sent to each fire department. On motion by Mr. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Graham and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board authorized a check in the amount of \$801.00 be sent to the Netcong Fire Department and Stanhope Fire Department.

ROLL CALL:

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

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
Selective Insurance Co. – Commercial Liability Ins. (installment paym't)	\$2,518.00
Sam's Club – annual membership renewal	\$ 100.00
Fulton Bank of NJ – safe deposit box	\$ 64.12

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 3.54
Aqua Pro-Tech Laboratories – testing of lake material	\$ 740.00

Debit/Credit Card

Lowe-s – parts	\$ 27.77
Dunkin Donuts – Clean the Lake Day	\$ 67.74
Sam's Club – Clean the Lake Day	\$ 46.87
NAPA Auto – parts	\$ 26.20
NJ Motor Vehicle – title/registration for trailer, conveyor & hydro rake	\$ 180.00

ROLL CALL:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Riley reported he received the lab test results of the samples he took from the lake. He took samples in front of five different parks. He then combined the samples into a single mason jar and took it as a composite sample to APL Laboratories which is a laboratory that is sanctioned by the State and DEP. Chairman Riley called APL and asked them to tell him what the results said. The representative at APL suggested we compare the results to NJDEP Ground Water Residential Standards. She added that anything that would show up on the report as a “red” mark in their comparison is something the Board should be concerned about. Chairman Riley noted no “red” markings came up in their report. Mr. Rogalo said he will speak to a consultant who is familiar with the material and would know how to read the results. Mr. Rogalo offered to bring this person to the next meeting to discuss the results. Mr. Rogalo also questioned speaking to someone in Land Use Regulation. Chairman Riley stated nothing in the entire report exceeds the limits. Chairman Riley sent the report to Cliff Lundin, who said the report looks good. There was discussion on if the Board should pursue this given what they have been told. Mr. Rogalo would like to compare this report to the written standards of the State. Chairman Riley said, according to the APL, it depends on what you are doing with the material and there was nothing “out of spec” for any use that they could see. Mr. Rogalo asked to see a list of which is acceptable under ground water standard. Ms. Maio suggested asking Cliff Lundin if he has access to the list. The Clerk will contact

Cliff and ask if he can provide the list to the Board with comparable numbers that the Board can compare the results to. Mr. Wright also has access to the list and will compare the Board's results with his company's results. Chairman Riley will also ask Mr. Rattner, as a member of the MSA, if he has access to the list.

Mr. Keenan asked if the check in the amount of \$180 payable to the DMV should be taken from the grant account. Chairman Riley responded in the negative, adding it should be taken from the Board's account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Riley stated he received a note from Russ Rader, the Board's grant manager, requesting a recent copy of the Certificate of Insurance. The Clerk will contact the insurance company and request the certificate of insurance.

Chairman Riley also stated the insurance for the small harvester should be dropped from the policy and put back on when the Board gets the machine back from the State. The Board should not pay insurance on the machine since it is being stored on State property.

Chairman Riley reported he and Mr. Hathaway met with Melissa Castellon to discuss a number of topics, including the water lowering, monthly status of funding of disposable weeds, the boat launch, State vacancy on the Board and other items. A copy of the synopsis of the meeting is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Chairman Riley stated they will try to hold quarterly meetings to make sure State Parks Service and the Board are on the same page.

Ms. Maio stated Stanhope Borough is starting their budget process and they will need to know the contribution to the Board. Chairman Riley said in the past he prepared the draft budget. This year Chairman Riley, Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Keenan will meet and formulate the budget for next year. He hopes to have the budget done by the end of the year.

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

Yonnie Guyre, LMCA member, asked if the testing was done on the water or soil. Chairman Riley responded the testing was done on the "muck" taken out with the hydro rake.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk