

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
June 20, 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	Rosemarie Maio - present
George Graham - absent	Steven Rattner - present
Robert Hathaway - present	John Rogalo – present
Joseph Keenan – present (arrived @ 7:23pm)	Lester Wright – present
	Earl Riley - present

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional bill listed.

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

Yonnie Guyre, LMCA Treasurer, informed the Board that the funds due from Roxbury Township have not been received to date. The LMCA will be spending \$15,843 this year for the herbicide to treat the lake. Mr. Hathaway asked Ms. Guyre to provide the Board with the number of acres to be treated. Ms. Guyre stated she will get that information for the Board.

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 Mr. Wright, the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

- 06-01-18 Morris County – Memorandum of Understanding and Voucher in the amount of \$5,092.00 re: 2018 budget contribution
- 06-05-18 Stanhope Chamber of Commerce – Vender Check-In Instructions for Stanhope Day
- 06-07-18 Solitude Lake Management – Survey Report
- 06-14-18 Stanhope Chamber of Commerce – Stanhope Day Rescheduled for rain date (June 24)

On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Hathaway 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 Musconetcong Watershed Association had short notice regarding an opportunity to apply for a Federal Grant. The grant was filed immediately, introduced at 9:00am, on the floor by 3:00pm and by the next morning the grant was unanimously approved. The amount of the grant is approximately \$50,000. This is the 50th year for the wild and scenic program. The federal parks have preliminary budgets for next year and it appears the budgets will remain the same as they have for the last three to four years. The wild and scenic program needs support from the municipalities.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – There was no report

Lake Awareness – Mr. Hathaway reported the Junior Fishing Contest will be held this Sunday from 9-11am in conjunction with Stanhope Day. The Stanhope and Netcong Fire Departments will hold the Fireman's Challenge on August 19th. The start time will be 11am or noon. The Stanhope Fire Department will be conducting a raffle. Mr. Hathaway stated volunteer help is needed for the event. The Goose Addling Program USDA reports have been filed. The goose addling will take place on June 30th beginning at 5am. This will include the island, Stanhope's park, Roxbury's park and other areas based on time available.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway suggested a reminder letter be sent to Netcong Borough regarding the \$2,300 payment which is due and asked to have the Mayor of Netcong copied on the letter. Mr. Hathaway reported the dumpster was lost and found again. Mr. Rattner has worked out the dumpster issue and Mr. Riley or Mr. Hathaway will retrieve the dumpster from Stoll Street. Mr. Hathaway asked Mr. Rattner if he could find out if the dumpster is available for purchase. Mr. Hathaway reported Jetur Riggs placed hazard marker buoys in the lake. Mr. Riley stated he has purchased hardware and materials were donated for another 17 markers. This will complete the Towpath and significant areas by next week or the week after. The operators have been tasked with the clean-up of tires. A total of 19 tires have been removed from the lake with the hydrolake. Stanhope Borough has disposed of the tires. The operators will begin removing stumps which have been marked out. Mr. Riley suggested once the front conveyor is working, the water chestnut harvesting should begin. The LMCA will spray the bloom in Byram Bay and they have asked to do so under the LMRPB license. All the fees will be paid for by the LMCA. If approved, it will take 2-3 weeks for the herbicide to take hold. The bloom of approximately 20 acres on the west side of the island should be pulled as soon as possible. The rest of the lake looks good. Spraying the lake with the two groups of chemicals has worked well.

On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Mr. Rogalo, and unanimously carried by voice vote approval was granted for the LMCA to spray the lake under the LMRPB license and the LMCA will pay the required fees.

Princeton Hydro – Mr. Hathaway reported he, the Netcong Mayor, Brian McNeilly and Earl Riley attended a meeting with Princeton Hydro to quantify impacts to the water quality. The previous plan needs to be reviewed in order to weigh in on the new plan and the use of herbicides needs to be quantified. There will not be a great benefit to the LMRPB by joining this organization however, there is a concern that decisions made may not be in the Board's best interest. Mr. Hathaway is of the opinion the Board needs to be part of the group in order to voice any concerns. Ms. Maio does not feel comfortable with Princeton Hydro. Mr. Riley is checking on the stormwater management which is a requirement of the 319 grants. This must be done every three years at a minimum. Mr. Riley is concerned the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) is concerned with removing phosphorous from the lake.

(Mr. Keenan arrived at 7:23pm.)

Mr. Rogalo stated the phosphorous is coming from Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Riley agreed and stated the bloom mass is as well and a starting point for the level of phosphorous needs to be determined. Ms. Maio stated Lake Musconetcong will not show any improvement if nothing is done to Lake Hopatcong. Much discussion took place regarding the issue. Phosphorous levels are not high due to

the fact the weed harvesting and treatment has lowered the levels considerably. There is concern that scientific methods are not being used to make determinations. Mr. Riley stated a WIP needs to be in place in order to obtain future 319 grants. Mr. Riley asked Fred Lubnow to attend tonight's meeting but he was unable to attend. He will ask again for Mr. Lubnow to attend a meeting.

DEP – Mr. Hathaway anticipated receiving a letter from DEP authorizing the use of the hydrorake. The letter has not been received. Mr. Riley spoke with Senator Oroho's office yesterday. Mr. Hathaway stated why the approval is being held up is unknown. We are working on a little over 1% of the lake. There is no regulation stating DEP presides over this however we now have to follow the directive until we receive the release. The Board has the equipment and is being prevented from using it for the purpose intended. Right now it is being used to pull tires and stumps from the lake. Mr. Rattner stated the hydrorake in Morris County is currently in use. The hydrorake is an unregulated use and no permission is needed. Discussion took place regarding the waste removal. The Board has a signed contract with Tilcon to dispose of the waste through the end of the year. After this year, free disposal will not be available.

Operating Budget Committee – There was no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board. The balance in the lake management operating account is \$19,508.33. 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 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 re: insurance premium installment payment	\$1,844.00

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 3.15
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Debit/Credit Card

Ramsey Outdoor – fishing contest prizes	\$ 176.13
Ramsey Outdoor – fishing contest trophies	\$ 69.00

The LMCA has already received funds to treat the lake but Roxbury's portion has not been received to date. The Board agreed to pay the LMCA \$350 for Roxbury's portion of the treatment of the lake. The Board will receive reimbursement from Roxbury.

The \$2,300 owed to the Board from Netcong Borough has not been received to date.

Mr. Keenan stated the \$1,844 insurance payment was not included in the total. The new total balance is approximately \$17,700.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mr. Riley stated there was an error with the Amazon account. Mr. Riley maintains the Board's Amazon account and one of his own. The card for his personal Amazon account had expired and Amazon defaulted to the Board account for two orders he had placed for \$6.39 and \$12.99. Mr. Riley provided the Board with cinder blocks which exceed the value of the approximate \$20 mix up and asked the Board to call the issue even. On motion by Mr. Hathaway and seconded by Mr. Rogalo, the Board agreed to accept the financial exchange.

ROLL CALL:

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

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS:

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 20th day of June, 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.

After a lengthy discussion regarding participation in the Restoration Plan, the members of the LMRPB made the decision to table the resolution at this time.

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

Yonnie Guyre, LMCA Treasurer, asked if the Board has any requirements the LMCA must follow. Mr. Hathaway stated the Board does not have to oversee the LMCA and Pat Marsico has been advised. When the LMCA determines who the low bidder is they are free to use them. Mr. Hathaway offered his assistance if needed.

Melissa Castellon, NJ State Park, asked if the LMRPB is waiting for approval to use the hydrorake. Mr. Riley confirmed this. Senator Oroho's office has said the hydorraking has been approved and the disposal has been approved but the Board is still waiting for the letter of approval. Ms. Castellon stated she will be attending a meeting next Thursday and she will inquire. Mr. Riley stated the Board would like approval prior to August 1st. Disposal is going to be difficult next year. Ms. Castellon stated she will look for a copy of the Restoration Plan and she will send an email regarding the letter.

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 Ms. Maio, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chirip