

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Reorganization Meeting
January 20, 2016**

The Clerk 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 22, 2015 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS: Mr. Riley administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Graham

ROLL CALL:

Daniel Bello - present
Thomas Bruno - present
Frances D'Auria - present
George Graham - present
Robert Hathaway - present
Joseph Keenan - present

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

Chairman: Ms. Maio nominated Earl Riley as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keenan. Mr. Hathaway motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Graham. Earl Riley was elected as Chairman on unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chairman: Mr. Graham nominated Mr. Hathaway as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bruno. Mr. Keenan motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Maio. Robert Hathaway was elected as Vice-Chairman on unanimous voice vote.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ms. Maio nominated Joseph Keenan as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Hathaway. Joseph Keenan was elected Secretary/Treasurer on unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions

Chairman Riley offered by following resolutions which were read by title.

Resolution #1 Meeting Notice: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Graham, Resolution #1 was approved on unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #2 – Annual Notice: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio, Resolution #2 was approved on unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #3 – Notification of Meetings: On motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, Resolution #3 was approved on unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #4 – Clerical Personnel: On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, Resolution #4 was approved on the following unanimous roll call vote.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Bello – yes	Mr. Hathaway - yes
Mr. Bruno – yes	Mr. Keenan - yes
Ms. D’Auria - yes	Ms. Maio - yes
Mr. Graham – yes	Mr. Wright - yes
	Chairman Riley - yes

Resolution #5 – Consultants: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bello, Resolution #5 was approved on the following unanimous roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Bello – yes	Mr. Hathaway - yes
Mr. Bruno – yes	Mr. Keenan - yes
Ms. D’Auria - yes	Ms. Maio - yes
Mr. Graham – yes	Mr. Wright - yes
	Chairman Riley - yes

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Riley made the following committee appointments:

Canal Society – Mr. Graham
Site Plan/Stream Encroachment – Mr. Rogalo
Audit Committee – Ms. Maio
Musconetcong Watershed Association – Chairman Riley
Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio and Ms. D’Auria
Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Bello, Mr. Bruno and Mr. Rogalo
Operating Budget – Mr. Keenan and Chairman Riley

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no modifications to the agenda.

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.

ACTION ON MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio, the Minutes of the December 16, 2015 Meetings were approved on majority voice vote. Mr. Bruno, Mr. Graham and Chairman Riley abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:
01-11-16 Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders – appointment of Steven Rattner
01-13-16 Van Den Huevel & Fountain – Group Accident Insurance Renewal Application
01-15-16 Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders – appointment of George Graham

On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Bruno 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 about a fuel oil spill into the stream on Route 57 in Mansfield that leads into the river. He received a call about the incident and monitored the river two roads below the area of the spill. There were 2 to 3 hazmat groups on site and they had the spill contained within a day. The spill did not do too much damage to the river.

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

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio welcomed Ms. D’Auria as co-chair of the Lake Awareness Committee.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported they received a proposal from the contractor for a biological treatment in a 10 acre area in the lake. The cost is \$9,000 per month. Mr. Hathaway stated the cost last year was approximately \$500 per acre. Chairman Riley expressed concern with the quote noting last year the concentration of bacteria was higher in a lesser area. The contractor is using less of the bacteria per acre, but increased the price. Mr. Hathaway will solicit a quote from another contractor. Chairman Riley spoke about a different process done by another company. The bacteria come in 25 pound pails. You mix it with lake water yourself and disperse it yourself. The Board could do 8 to 9 weeks of treatment using this method at a cost that would be under \$9,000. Chairman Riley expressed his opinion that the Board could do 10 acres in the area of Musconetcong Park for less than \$9,000. Chairman Riley will follow up with this other company. Chairman Riley will also speak to Wayne Wojcik of Organic Earth Solutions about the pricing. Mr. Hathaway noted extra funds were requested from the four towns and two counties. The Board may want to consider doing a 5 acre area with Wayne as an alternative; however the quote he gave requires further investigation. Mr. Hathaway also reported the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Boroughs of Netcong and Stanhope contacted him about trees being removed and heavy equipment being on the Netcong shoreline. Mr. Hathaway visited the site and confirmed what the EMC told him. He contacted Melissa at State Parks who sent enforcement to the site and summons were issued. The site was near where the harvester is parked. Mr. Hathaway believes the tree was on State property. The company involved operates a firewood company. Mr. Hathaway provided an update on the grant being written by Pat Rector. She is in the finishing stages and it should be ready to be introduced to the Board at the next meeting. After review by the Board, they would need to approach the Borough Councils and ask for their participation and “buy-in” relative to storm drain cleaning which will be a cost to the towns. Chairman Riley noted the grant would provide a large amount of money to enable them to purchase a large machine. Operators would need to be trained and the machine must be maintained. They would also need a tilt trailer and a truck from the Borough of Netcong or Stanhope to get the machine in the water. The total cost involved would be approximately \$380,000.

(Mr. Graham and Ms. Maio left the meeting.)

Operating Budget – There was no report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Keenan noted the Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted and placed on file.

BILLS: Mr. Keenan questioned a \$107 payment to Sam's Club. Mr. Hathaway clarified the Board approved the \$45 membership renewal fee. When he went to renew the membership he was informed that the Board could upgrade at a cost of \$107. The upgrade would give the Board a credit for purchases made which would result in no charge for the membership. The Board agreed to the upgrade and authorized the additional \$62.00 to be included on the bills list. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bello 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 E. Horak re: Clerk's Monthly Compensation	\$ 500.00
Selective Insurance – insurance premium	\$1,201.00
Van Den Huevel & Fountain – group accident ins. renewal	\$ 200.00

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L re: electric at shed	\$ 2.85
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Debit/Credit Card

Sam's Club – renewal upgrade (difference)	\$ 62.00
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ROLL CALL:

Mr. Bello – yes	Mr. Keenan - yes
Mr. Bruno – yes	Mr. Wright - yes
Ms. D'Auria - yes	Chairman Riley - yes
Mr. Hathaway – yes	

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Budget – Chairman Riley distributed a proposed budget for the Board's review. Chairman Riley gave an overview of last year's budget. The budget was \$40,120 and actual expenses were \$47,119.94. The overage was the bacteria experiment (sludge reduction) which was \$7,500 of the overage. The Board conducted a line item review of the budget. There is an increase in the budget of approximately 2% over last year's budget. The budget went from approximately \$31,000 to \$39,000. The Board is also requesting an additional \$1,000 from the four towns and two counties under line item miscellaneous contributions to fund another bacteria experiment. The final budget would be \$45,945.00. After a brief discussion it was agreed to change the line item name to "sludge reduction."

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board accepted the 2016 Budget, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Bello – yes	Mr. Keenan - yes
Mr. Bruno – yes	Mr. Wright - yes
Ms. D'Auria - yes	Chairman Riley - yes
Mr. Hathaway – yes	

Annual Report – Chairman Riley noted the Annual Report was emailed to the Board. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by unanimous voice vote the 2015 Annual Report was accepted, as presented.

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

Ray Guyre asked about using the bacteria in Byram Cove. Chairman Riley responded the answer would depend on the overall cost. The new company he was researching treats lakes and the other company treats ponds. Mr. Guyre noted the harvester cannot get in Byram Cove and there is heavy sludge in that area. Chairman Riley stated the cost would be the determining factor. Mr. Wright spoke about a woman he's worked with whose company uses bio-packs. He would like the opportunity to contact her and see what she has. Chairman Riley agreed it would be beneficial for Mr. Wright to follow up on the bio-packs.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Bello, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk