

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Reorganization Meeting
January 17, 2018**

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 19, 2017 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS: The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Riley and Mr. Rattner

ROLL CALL:

George Graham -absent	Steven Rattner - present
Robert Hathaway - present	John Rogalo – present
Joseph Keenan – present	Lester Wright - present
Rosemarie Maio – present	Earl Riley - present

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

Chairman: Mr. Hathaway nominated Earl Riley as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rattner. Mr. Rattner motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Keenan. Mr. Riley asked to make a statement before accepting the nomination. In the past year there have been some instances where he believes his integrity had been questioned. As an officer of this Board, there are times in between meetings where decisions have to be made for the good of the Board and the good of the lake. Under those circumstances, if we continue this process, he needs to be able to make those decisions, i.e. he and the Treasurer recently met with the insurance agent and a decision was made to remove a piece of equipment that was costing the Board \$1,200 per year to be insured and, was not in the Board’s possession (small harvester). He believes the officers of the Board need to be able to make these types of decisions. Mr. Riley said, under those conditions, he will gladly accept the position of Chairman. Mr. Rattner suggested the Board attorney prepare a resolution outlining what can be done and decisions made by the officers. Mr. Riley responded that there are too many occasions that come up to list them all. He does not believe a resolution is needed. Mr. Riley gave another example, being the Watershed Implement Plan (“WIP”) that is being reviewed by Princeton Hydro for Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Riley stated he told Mr. Lubnow that Lake Musconetcong should be part of that process. It will open up 319(h) grant opportunities for the lake. Those are the type of decision that the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman or officers of the Board should be able to make in between meetings. Each instance cannot be defined in a resolution. Mr. Rattner stated any decision an officer makes on behalf of the Board must be memorialized by the full Board, after the fact. Mr. Riley stated, as Chairman, he has a responsibility to the Board and the municipalities and he has felt in the past year, his integrity has been questioned by other Board members. Ms. Maio stated it is not a question of integrity, it is a question of procedure. Decisions that have been made should still come back to the Board for approval or denial. Earl Riley was elected as Chairman on the following unanimous roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Vice Chairman: Mr. Rogalo nominated Mr. Hathaway as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keenan. Ms. Maio motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Rattner. Robert Hathaway was elected as Vice-Chairman on the following unanimous roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Hathaway nominated Joseph Keenan as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Rattner. Mr. Rogalo motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Wright. Joseph Keenan was elected Secretary/Treasurer on the following unanimous roll call vote

ROLL CALL:

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

Resolutions

Chairman Riley offered by following resolutions which were read by title. Chairman Riley stated Resolutions #1 through Resolution #5 will be acted on under one motion.

Resolution #1 Meeting Notice:

WHEREAS, the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board is required to select a public place for the posting of all notices of regular and special meetings of the Board, and

WHEREAS, said Board must provide notice of all regular and special meetings of the Board to at least two (2) newspapers, one of which must be designated as the official newspaper of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the public place for the posting of all notices of regular and special meetings of the Board shall be the bulletin board within the administration building of the Borough of Netcong Municipal Building, located at 23 Maple Avenue, Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **New Jersey Herald** is designated as the official newspaper of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board for the year 2018.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **New Jersey Herald** and the **Daily Record** are hereby designated to receive all notices of Board meetings in 2018 as required under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolution #2 – Annual Notice:

WHEREAS, the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board must provide annual notice of all regular meetings of the Board to be held during a calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the schedule of all regular meetings as listed below, be and hereby is declared to be the official list of all dates of the regular meetings of said Board for the year 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m. and will be scheduled to end no later than 10:00 p.m. with all meetings to be held at the municipal building of the Borough of Netcong, 23 Maple Avenue, Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey, unless otherwise noted

MEETING DATES

February 21, 2018	August 15, 2018
March 21, 2018	September 19, 2018
April 18, 2018	October 17, 2018
May 16, 2018	November 21, 2018
June 20, 2018	December 19, 2018
July 18, 2018	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Reorganization Meeting for the calendar year 2018 will be the third Wednesday of the month.

Reorganization & Regular Meeting January 16, 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said meetings will observe the following tentative Agenda:

Salute to Colors	Reports of Committees
Call to Order	Treasurers Report
Compliance to Sunshine Law	Approval of Bills
Roll Call	Unfinished (Old) Business
Modifications to Agenda	New Business
Open to the Public	Open to the Public
Action on Minutes	Adjournment
Communications	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all special meeting dates and agendas shall be published according to law.

Resolution #3 – Notification of Meetings:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., known as the “OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT” provides for the fixing of a reasonable charge to be paid by any person requesting notification of meetings and minutes of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the said Board that the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) is hereby fixed as the fee to be paid by any person or organization requesting that notice of meetings and minutes of the Board for the calendar year 2018 are mailed to same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as provided by N.J.S.A. 40:4-19, no charge shall be made to any newspaper or municipality, named board or agency, county or state that requests the mailings of such notice(s) and/or minutes of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board to its business office.

Resolution #4 – Clerical Personnel:

WHEREAS, there exists a need within the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board for the retention of personnel to perform such clerical duties and office work as required by the Board’s job description to hold a monthly public meeting, at the monthly compensation of \$500.00, and in addition, other such work as deemed necessary by the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board at a \$15.00 hourly rate or other rate negotiated per task, and

WHEREAS, the funds for such duties and services are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the said Board that it hereby appoints Ellen Horak, as the Clerk, to be retained on a month-to-month basis, as an independent contractor, for the balance of the calendar year 2018 to perform such duties and office work, outlined previously, with reimbursement for all expenses, such as postage, phone bills, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that if the Clerk should not be available during the year for the above services, she is to provide for coverage.

Resolution #5 – Consultants:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the retention of consultant(s) by the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the funds for such services are available; and

WHEREAS, Section 40:55-71D of the Municipal Land Use Law states that said Board may employ or contract for, and fix the compensation of legal counsel and experts, and other staff and services, as it may deem necessary, not exceeding the amount appropriated by said Board for its use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:1101 et seq., requires that the resolution authorizing the awards of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by said Board that the Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Clifford R. Lundin, Esq., of 378 Maxim Drive, Andover, New Jersey for the furnishing of professional services as needed, at a rate of \$85.00 per hour to said Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that it hereby retains Marvin Joss as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the sum of \$1.00 annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that it hereby retains the firm Nisivoccia & Company, Five Emery Avenue Randolph, New Jersey, Certified Public Accountants, as auditor for the Board if needed, at a negotiated rate, whose rates are not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the year, per proposal dated November 4, 1993, which is in the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board files, all such work being subject to the specific prior approval of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by said Board that these contracts be awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the law because such services are of a qualitative nature as will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or receipt of competitive

bidding; and that a copy of this resolution be published in the official newspapers of said Board as required by law within (10) days; and that this resolution take effect immediately.

On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Ms. Maio, Resolution #1 through #5 were approved on the following unanimous roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Musconetcong Watershed Association – Mr. Rattner

Lake Awareness –Ms. Maio

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway – Mr. Hathaway made the following statement prior to accepting the appointment: “Thank you for this appointment. In my experience this position is operated as a committee with the LMRPB. Within the committee system as I understand it, between regular meetings I am to conduct the business of the LMRPB as authorized by the Board. When questions arise in between meetings as they often do, noting that the answers to these questions are often time sensitive, I ask the Board Chairman and usually one other for opinion and move forward as consensus would direct. Convening a quorum obviously is not permissible without notice to the public. I never commit funds or policy without the Board’s permission. I do often and intend to continue, to offer opinion to inquiries as to what the Board’s likely opinions or action may be on issues as they arise. I often negotiate on the Board’s behalf in an attempt to broker deals or relationships for the Board to either ratify or reject. I intend to continue this practice. I make day to day administrative decisions on the dispensation of the Board’s assets on and off the lake without consulting anyone. I often use the facilities of the Borough of Netcong including its administration and political influence to assist in these processes. I intend to continue this practice. I am available to any of you at any time to answer questions or concerns. I object to members of the Board working on issues of lake management without my knowledge. I dislike the name calling and berating that I have been subjected to by some members on this Board. If you do not like my administration of this position then object tonight and I will step down for another. However, if I am expected to continue I will expect all of you to conduct the business of this Board as respectfully and openly with me as you would expect for yourselves.” Chairman Riley stated Mr. Hathaway has his full support as the Lake Management Committee Chairman.

Operating Budget – Mr. Keenan

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communications.

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

Kevin Quan, Cquan Insurance Agency, offered his services to the Board. He and his father own an insurance company in Denville and they have worked with various different organization, and non-profits with respect to their insurance needs. He would like to ask the Board a few questions to see if there is the possibility of working together. The first question he asked was how long as Selective Insurance been insuring the Board. Chairman Riley responded it has been over 15 years. Mr. Cquan asked when was the last time the Board reviewed their policy. Chairman Riley responded he and the Treasurer reviewed the policy with their insurance agent this past Monday. Mr. Cquan provided his contact information and stated he is willing to help the Board or answer any questions they may have. Chairman Riley asked the Board's permission for him and the Treasurer and possibly the Vice-Chairman, to meet with Mr. Cquan and go over the existing policy. The Board agreed. Chairman Riley noted they are only "fact-finding" because of the addition of the new equipment has increased their insurance to over \$10,000. Chairman Riley added, there are savings to be made, notably by removing the small harvester, they saved \$1,200. It was the consensus of the Board that the referenced meeting should be held with Mr. Cquan. Chairman Riley asked Mr. Cquan to contact the Clerk and schedule the meeting.

Joseph Nametko, Mayor of Netcong and newly elected Vice-President to the LMCA, thanked the Board for the work they have done on the lake. He hopes to have quarterly meetings between the Mayors of the communities and the Board's lake management representative and that the entities keep in touch. Mayor Nametko stated he had reached out to Assemblyman Bucco and Senator Bucco about an application of the LMCA that was being held up and today the President of the LMCA had a 50-minute telephone conversation with Mark Texel. Mayor Nametko noted that reaching out to their elected officials helped make that contact happen. Mayor Nametko added that this is the type of relationship they should have and that they need to consolidate things for the one goal they all have – being the lake. There are great ideas and hard workers on both the Board and the LMCA. Mayor Nametko stressed the need to continue the quarterly meetings. Chairman Riley asked that, when reaching out to the legislators, there be coordination between Netcong and Stanhope and that both Mayor's reach out to the State legislators at the same time about the same issue. A coordinated effort by both Mayors will be helpful.

Pat Marsico, President of the LMCA, said she does not think it was inappropriate for Mayor Nametko to reach out to Assemblyman and Senator Bucco because he was not reaching out as Mayor, he was reaching out as a member of the LMCA for the benefit of their application. Ms. Marsico spoke about the supportive telephone conversation she had with Mark Texel, during which he said he would like to meet with both boards together. He understands we cannot operate as one entity and he understands the difference in the treatments done by each board. Chairman Riley suggested within the next week or two they establish a date for the next quarterly meeting and invite Mark Texel to attend.

Melissa Castellon, State Parks Superintendent, said she has been in communication with Josh and he has had a conversation with David Grey about this year's weed disposal. He does not have an official answer, but is expecting to hear something soon.

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 Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Rattner, the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting were approved on majority voice vote. Mr. Hathaway abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:
11-30-17 Morris County – Request for financial statements, goals & objectives and narrative report

- and/or strategic plan re: 2018 budget contribution
- 11-30-17 Mt. Olive Township – Notice of Public Hearing on Ordinance 24-2017 re: change in classification and/or boundaries of a zoning district
 - 12-08-17 Notice to Property Owners - Site Plan Application re: proposed gas station and convenience store at Block 11703 Lots 1 & 2
 - 12-11-17 Notice to Property Owners – Amend Site Plan approval to amend drainage plan and Affordable housing provision re: 2 Flanders Road, Netcong (Blk 19 Lot 14)
 - 12-14-17 Notice to Property Owners - Site Plan Application re: proposed gas station and convenience store at Block 11703 Lots 1 & 2
 - 01-10-18 Van Den Heuvel & Fountain – Group Accident Insurance Renewal Form
 - 01-16-18 Clifford Lundin, Esq. – copy of tax forms submitted to the IRS on behalf of the Board
 - 01-16-18 Sam’s Club – notice of store closing

The Board discussed the closing of Sam’s Club shortly after their annual renewal. Chairman Riley noted there is a procedure for obtaining a refund check. The Clerk will coordinate the refund of the Board’s annual renewal fee in addition to any reward money that may have been earned.

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 – Mr. Rattner reported the water was frozen for a short time, but is now flowing. The two new sensors are working well. They are recording data, which data is stored in its own device.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – Mr. Rogalo stated there is nothing to report. The only application received is for a gas station which is down stream and will not affect the lake.

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio stated there is nothing to report. Mr. Hathaway asked if Stanhope will be holding Stanhope Day this year. Ms. Maio responded that she has not heard from the Chamber of Commerce on what their plan is for this year but she assumes they will have some event. Mr. Hathaway noted they previously discussed holding the Firemen’s Challenge on Stanhope Day. Ms. Maio will inform the Board as soon as she is advised of the plans for this year.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported that since the November meeting, he and Chairman Riley together with Melissa Castellon met with Pat Hamilton on the subject of the drawdown and our water management plan going forward. Fish and Wildlife’s direction would be a less frequent drawdown. Mr. Hathaway noted they no longer have the pressure of the water chestnut issue and do not need a winter-long draw down. The lake needs to be drawn down every year to address the swirl chamber. Fish and Wildlife would like us to go to a scheduled draw down, similar to what is done on Lake Hopatcong, with every other year being a nominal drawdown and then a larger draw down once every few years. Mr. Hathaway said he is not sure how such a draw down schedule would impact the shoreline clean up which is needed. Mr. Hathaway stated there has also been a misunderstanding of each other’s mission. Melissa will coordinate quarterly meetings and a representative of Fish and Wildlife will attend the meetings.

Operating Budget –Mr. Keenan stated Chairman Riley has a tabulation of last year’s actuals versus budgeted. Chairman Riley distributed a copy of the tabulation to the Board. The actual income came in at \$45,657.05, which includes funds from the Firemen’s Challenge and Sportsmen’s Federation. Both Stanhope Borough and Netcong Borough contributed more than we had asked them for to facilitate the herbicide treatment of their parks. Reviewing the expenses, they budgeted \$8,450 and actual expenses were \$11,093.78. The Board reviewed the budgeted and actual expenses for the year. The Board also discussed the increase in insurance cost, which will be an issue in the upcoming budget. Last year the Board budgeted \$6,000 for insurance. The Board has about five different policies they need to budget for. The Board also added the new equipment this past year which will be included in the policy. Chairman Riley explained the way Inland Marine is based is they take a percentage of the value of the equipment (= .95%). When they added the value of the new equipment plus our old equipment’s value and the small harvester, which is on loan to the Board, the total is over \$12,000 for over \$600,000 worth of equipment. The Board agreed the insurance coverage must be reviewed and true value placed on the insured equipment. Chairman Riley stated the Lake Hopatcong Commission just received \$500,000 from the State of New Jersey. The Commission has stated publicly that when they received funding, they were taking back all of their harvesters from the State. Chairman Riley noted the Board does not have a Memorandum of Understanding for the small harvester and he does not expect the Board will get the small harvester back. Mr. Hathaway said Senator Oroho and Senator Bucco suggested the small harvester be used as a political tool since the Board has a letter from the State saying that the small harvester is the State’s in-kind contribution. The Board can use that letter as leverage for funding. Mr. Hathaway added our elected officials would like to take this issue up on the Board’s behalf. Chairman Riley agreed, adding the Board needs money and he would like to approach the legislators to pressure the State for funding of in-kind value. Chairman Riley stated the budget is not finalized and he asked the Board to review the preliminary budget and provide comments.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Keenan reported the Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. The Board has a net worth of \$3,300 and last year at this time they had a balance of \$2,600 and the year before a balance of \$10,000. The Board discussed the lack of funds. Ms. Maio suggested not spending any money except for the insurance payments and clerical salary until funds are received. The Board agreed. 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 Mr. Wright and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the following bills are to be paid if and when funds are available:

December Bills:

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak - Clerk’s Monthly Compensation \$ 500.00

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed \$ 3.32

Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services \$2,500.00

January Bills:

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak - Clerk’s Monthly Compensation \$ 500.00

Clifford Lundin -legal services for 2017 \$ 735.25

Van Den Heuvel & Fountain – Group Accident Insurance Premium \$ 200.00

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed \$ 3.37

Solitude Lake Management–Lake Management Services (PI-A00140675) \$2,500.00 (Nov. Bill)
Solitude Lake Management–Lake Management Services (PI-A00148232) \$1,875.00

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

Chairman Riley stated that Board received a request for information from Morris County regarding the 2018 budget. In the past couple of years, Morris County has sent a notice to all organizations that request funding to provide them an accounting of the past two years fiscal year, a goal statement and the plan for 2018. Chairman Riley said he provided them the requested information and made it clear that they have underpaid the Board over the last few years and that a budget letter would be sent shortly. Chairman Riley reported he and Mr. Keenan have been working on the 2018 budget.

Chairman Riley stated Ms. Maio created a Certificate of Appreciate for Bell’s Mansion and they presented it to Maria, who was very grateful.

Mr. Keenan spoke about the importance of Board members letting the Clerk know if they are not able to attend a meeting. This has always been the procedure; however, a number of members have not been following it. Mr. Keenan noted the December meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. The Clerk had reached out three times to the Board inquiring if they would attend and not everyone responded. It was unclear if there would be a quorum so the meeting was canceled. Mr. Keenan added, in fairness to the other members, the Clerk must be informed if you are not able to attend. This will prevent members showing up for a meeting and then not being able to conduct the meeting due to lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Budget – Chairman Riley created a Preliminary Budget. The Board will review ways to cut insurance costs and well as other budgeted items. Chairman Riley noted the harvester will need serious maintenance because it sat unused last season. The Board must also consider there will be disposal costs this year regardless of where they go. Byram did not bill the Board again last year and they hauled about 9 to 10 loads. Chairman Riley stated his rough estimate of the 2018 budget is about \$60,000 which is about a 50% increase in the budget and which the towns will not like. The Board needs to figure out something. If the State will fund them \$20,000 (since we will not have the small harvester), they budget will be more manageable with the towns. Ms. Maio commented that not doing the Solitude treatment will cut the budget dramatically. Mr. Hathaway suggested showing the Board the numbers and then have meeting with the town Mayors. Mr. Hathaway added he believes the probiotic treatment would be the first thing to cut and to cut from the Inland Marine insurance. Chairman Riley expressed his opinion that there are items that can be cut from the budget and they need to do a full and careful review of the budget. Mr. Hathaway commented the Board must receive funding from the State, adding they have not received the money the State promised the Board last year. The Board discussed the equipment being insured and the value. Chairman Riley will contact Aquarius Systems and ask the value of the 2001 harvester. It was agreed the insurance needs to cover the replacement cost of the equipment. There was discussion about the equipment in the Board’s possession. Chairman Riley and Mr. Hathaway agreed they can do without

the trailer that the harvester is on which is valued at \$12,000. Chairman Riley will send the Preliminary 2018 Budget to the Board and he asked them to review the budget and make revisions.

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

Joseph Nametko, Mayor of Netcong and Vice-President to the LMCA noted the LMCA was requested to take on the treatment of the parks as far as the herbicide treatment; which they agreed to do. The acreage is much more than what the downs are paying for. If the towns can increase the amount they funded by 2%, the LMCA will again take on the that treatment. Mr. Nametko asked if the herbicide treatment is part of the budget. Chairman Riley responded in the negative. The budget contribution request letter is sent and then a separate request letter for the herbicide treatment is sent. This year, Chairman Riley is going to send one request letter, but with two budget line items. Mr. Nametko said the towns need to know the herbicide treatment amount will increase by 2%. The LMCA will cover the additional cost of the additional acreage. Mr. Hathaway asked for this item to be included in the discussion at the quarterly meeting, adding the importance that Roxbury be part of the discussion. Last year Roxbury treated on their own. Chairman Riley said he had a discussion with Roxbury about that issue and they agreed they will not treat the lake on their own this year.

Yonnie Guyre, Port Morris resident and LMCA member, noted the discussion about the meeting with the Mayors and asked if Roxbury's mayor will be included. Mr. Hathaway responded in the affirmative, adding Roxbury's Mayor has been invited and every communication to the Netcong Mayor and Stanhope Mayor includes Roxbury and Byram.

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. Rogalo, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk