

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 15, 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:**

Thomas Bruno - present	Rosemarie Maio - absent
Mark Crowley - absent	Steven Rattner - present
George Graham – absent	John Rogalo - present
Robert Hathaway - present	Lester Wright - absent
Joseph Keenan - 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.

Diane Kaduto, 37 Musconetcong Avenue, Stanhope asked if the weed harvester can be sent to her area to remove the water lilies. Mr. Hathaway responded they can do so, but only if they were not sprayed. He will find out and, if they were not treated, he will have it taken care of. Ms. Kaduto asked about the cove to which Mr. Hathaway responded they have just started in the cove with the hydro rake. Chairman Riley stated that as of last week, they were compliant with the permit requirements. The Board will make as much progress as they can. They are limited in time and will not be able to do anything after the second week of October because lake will be drawn down. Ms. Kaduto thanked the Board for all they do for the lake.

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** Chairman Riley noted a correction on page two under Lake Management. In the sentence that reads “They will need to change the fluid this fall or winter and go to the recommended fuel which will come at an expense to the Board,” the words “recommended fuel” should be changed to “recommended hydraulic fluid.” On motion by Rattner, seconded by Mr. Keenan, the Minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting, as amended, were approved by majority voice vote. Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Bruno abstained.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The following communications have been placed on file:

- 7-25-18 Borough of Stanhope -Resolution Appointing Thomas Bruno as Stanhope representative to the LMRPB
- 7-26-18 Netcong Borough – Purchase Order in the amount of \$2,359 re: Goose Egg Addling Program
- 8-02-18 US Postal Service – Confirmation of Change of Address
- 8-02-18 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission – Boat Registration Renewal Application re: 2002 Outboard
- 8-10-18 Byram Township – Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,504.47 re: 2018 budget contribution
- 8-15-18 Netcong Borough – Check in the amount of \$2,359.00 re: Goose Egg Addling Program

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 Musconetcong River Management Council will be holding its meeting at the MSA next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. This is a public meeting and will include a tour of the facility.

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

**Lake Awareness** – In Ms. Maio's absence, Mr. Hathaway reported the Firemen's Challenge will be held this Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00. There will be a 50/50 raffle which will benefit the Board and the participating fire departments. Stanhope, Netcong and Roxbury Fire Departments will be participating. The fire departments will compete in a round robin fashion. There will also be a DJ at the event. Mr. Hathaway reported they did a test run this evening. Chairman Riley stated Mr. Hathaway arranged for 3 banners that were donated by High Grade Beverage to advertise the event. Mr. Hathaway stated the Stanhope/Netcong Rotary will sponsor the event with a donation.

**Lake Management** – Mr. Hathaway reported Chairman Riley spent a tremendous amount of time working on the permit for the hydro rake operation. The permit has been issued and is valid for 5 years. The Board can operate anywhere in the lake they choose with this permit. Since the work began after receiving the permit they have filled a dumpster with material removed from the lake. Mr. Hathaway stated they need to build back up the list of volunteers. The operation is presently in good stead. Chairman Riley stated they need to start looking now for a disposal site for next year because the State will not permit them to use State Parks next year. The Tilcon site will be shut down. Chairman Riley will work with Josh Osowski on potential other sites. Mr. Rogalo stated he had a discussion with Andrea Proctor about a potential disposal location and he will follow up with her on the site. Chairman Riley asked the Board members to give thought on where to dispose of the material. Chairman Riley will reach out to Ag Choice, but he does not believe they will take the muck removed with the hydro rake. Chairman Riley expressed frustration that the Board now has the permit needed to operate the hydro rake, but may not have a place to take the material to. Mr. Rattner questioned the cost of the disposal permit. Chairman Riley stated Ag Choice has a disposal permit. Mr. Rattner stated the owner of Saxton Falls may be interested in taking the material, but the Board would need to get the disposal permit. Chairman Riley asked that a meeting be set up to discuss with him what the Board needs to do to allow the material to be taken to Saxton Falls. Mr. Bruno offered to try to coordinate the meeting.

**Operating Budget Committee** – There was no report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board. Mr. Keenan reported the balance in the report does not include the \$2,359.00 check from Netcong, nor does it include the additional Amazon charges recently made. Including the mentioned check and expense, the balance in the account is approximately \$20,000. On motion by Mr. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Hathaway 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. Rattner 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

Lake Management Account:

Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services \$2,575.00

JCP&L – electric at shed \$ 5.64

Debit/Credit Card

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Bruno – yes

Mr. Rattner - yes

Mr. Hathaway – yes

Mr. Rogalo - yes

Mr. Keenan – yes

Chairman Riley – yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hathaway said he will follow up on discussions with Assemblyman Bucco. Mr. Hathaway also suggested a letter be sent to Olivia Glenn of the DEP about funding for the Board. Chairman Riley added the Board is still without State representation. Melissa Castellon has not been advised of any movement towards an appointment. There are supposed to be two state representatives on the Board, with one being an “at large” representative. Chairman Riley asked if any Board member has a thought for the State’s “at large” representative. The person cannot be an elected official, must be a resident of New Jersey and can be a planning board member. Chairman Riley will compose a letter to Olivia Glenn stating the Board’s concern about both funding and the need for the State’s representation on the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rogalo asked if the Board will be participating in Netcong Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Board will have a table at Netcong Day. Chairman Riley and Mr. Bruno will be out of town and not available to assist. Mr. Hathaway will assist with set-up and take down. Mr. Rogalo, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Rattner are available to help. Mr. Hathaway will speak to the LMCA about partnering for table coverage at the event.

**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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak