

**Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2019**

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 17, 2019 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	Lester Wright - present
	Earl Riley - present

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

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

Maxwell Hathaway, 11 Dell Avenue, Netcong, NJ approached the Board and asked their help supporting a technology fundraiser for Netcong School. He is selling 50/50 tickets that will benefit the Netcong Educational Foundation. Chairman Riley asked Maxwell to see him and the other Board members after the meeting, at which time he will be happy to support the fundraiser.

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

ACTION ON MINUTES: Mr. Rattner had one revision to the minutes. One page 6 under Musconetcong Watershed Association the third sentence reads “Change Water Tank Fund” and the word “Fund” should be changed to “Farm.” On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Rattner, the Minutes of the January 16, 2019 reorganization meeting and closed session were approved, as amended, by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

- 01-24-19 Daily Record – Affidavit of Publication re: Annual Meeting Notice
- 01-30-19 Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Appointment of George Graham as County Representative on LMRPB
- 02-04-19 van den Heuvel & Fountain, Inc. – Volunteer Accident Renewal Policy
- 02-22-19 Notice to Property Owners – Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval to renovate existing bldg. for warehouse and office space re: Block 106, Lot 101, Mount Olive Township
- 02-25-19 Roxbury Township – Purchase Order in the amount of \$8,723.40 re: 2019 budget contribution
- 02-28-19 NJ Motor Vehicle Commission – confirmation of address change
- 03-07-19 NJ Motor Vehicle Commission- registration for AQS 2001 TRL
- 03-12-19 Stanhope Chamber of Commerce – Registration for Stanhope Spring Festival (June 9th)
- 03-15-19 Roxbury Township – Check in the amount of \$8,723.40 re: 2019 budget contribution

Ms. Maio questioned what the registration from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is for. Chairman Riley responded it is the registration for the hydro rake.

On motion by Mr. Rattner, 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 Commission to study the affect of calcium chloride salt in the water in the streams has been cancelled. Mr. Rattner stated in the last five years it has increased and is very high. They are looking to do something with education to try to minimize water use of water taken from Lake George and water bodies in Rockland County.

Site Plan Review/Stream Encroachment – Mr. Rogalo had nothing to report.

Lake Awareness – Ms. Maio reported Stanhope Day will be held on June 9th. The Board agreed they will again sponsor the fishing contest the morning of Stanhope Day. The fishing contest will be held 9:00 a.m. o 11:00 a.m. Mr. Rogalo will again ask the Sportsmen Federation to contribute money to the fishing contest. Ms. Maio will prepare the flyer for the fishing contest and distribute them to the area schools.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported he met with Solitude Lake Management about a variety of items. He asked for a per acre price and to do a survey of the lake to prioritize utility of the lake and where there is most likely to be infestation. The Board will then look to bring maximum ut8ility of the lake. Mr. Hathaway noted the lake is in very good condition. Mr. Hathaway said he also asked Solitude for a presentation from Aqua Fix. This was previously requested; however, a presentation before the Board was not arranged. Mr. Hathaway stated he does not expect funding from the State. With the lack of State funding, the Board can only spend \$15,000 on herbicide treatment. Mr. Rogalo stated he spoke to Assemblyman Bucco who mentioned to him about the Pennacchio Bill for Greenwood Lake. The Bill puts forth funding of a half a million dollars for weed control. Mr. Rogalo noted that two-thirds of Greenwood Lake is in New York State. Mr. Rogalo said he spoke to Assemblyman Bucco who said there is a Senate version, but nothing from the Assembly and he suggested possibly tapping into that fund for all New Jersey State Lakes. Mr. Rogalo suggested reaching out to the legislature about using the Pennacchio initiative for all State lakes. Mr. Hathaway said they do not have the votes for that initiative. Ms. Maio recommended the Board adopt a resolution in support of the registration and gas fees to be used for State lakes. She also suggested sending it to the four towns and asking that they adopt the same resolution and to submit copies to our legislative representatives. Mr. Hathaway will obtain a copy of the Bill and send it to the Board members. Ms. Maio will ask Stanhope Borough's attorney to prepare a resolution for Stanhope and have the Board copy that resolution. Mr. Hathaway also reported the Board will need to invest in the goose, and possibly swan, addling project. They cannot do the swan eggs without another volunteer. They need to start in April and continue through May and June. Mr. Keenan offered to help Mr. Hathaway and Chairman Riley with the egg addling program. Mr. Hathaway said they will send Netcong a bill. The USDA does the round up on the entire lake. Last year was the first year they did an entire lake round up and it made a big difference. Mr. Hathaway reported they are disengaged from the hydro rake until sometime in June. Chairman Riley stated they have no place to take the material. Mr. Hathaway noted the possibility of offering a lottery to lakefront residents to do in front of their homes and placing the material on their property. Ms. Maio stated it will be considered compost and she questioned if a permit will be needed. Chairman Riley noted that according to the grant, to use they hydro rake, they can only do within 100-150 feet of an inflow. Chairman Riley said he has not been able to speak to the owners of Ag Choice, but he has been told it is doubtful they will take the material. Chairman Riley informed the Board that Melissa Castellon negotiated a price for the Board's weeds of \$7.00 per yard which is up from the initial \$6.00; however, she has no way to pay for it so the Board will have to pay

for the disposal. Chairman Riley noted the Board was promised State funding for disposal and he has never received a response from Olivia Glenn. The Board discussed the possibility of placing the material on homeowners’ property, with their permission and whether it would be considered compost or material that is “drying out.” Ms. Maio questioned if this might be a health issue and suggested first obtaining approval from the Health Department. Mr. Hathaway suggested looking into if they can place the material on the shorelines as a drying out pile. Mr. Hathaway added Netcong will take the material for Indian Field and will pay the trucking costs. Chairman Riley will reach out to his contact in Land Use Permitting and she if a drying pile is permitted on residents’ property, with their agreement. Chairman Riley stated it is not permissible to put it on the island because it is considered a bird sanctuary.

Operating Budget Committee – Mr. Keenan had nothing to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. The balance in the account is \$5,363.35, which includes the check received from Roxbury Township. 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:

(February Bills)

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Ellen Horak - Clerk’s Monthly Compensation	\$ 500.00
Daily Record – Annual Meeting Notice	\$ 69.40
New Jersey Herald – Annual Meeting Notice and Award of Professional Service Contract	\$ 45.60

Lake Management Account:

JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 3.15
Solitude Lake Management – Lake Management Services	\$2,575.00

(March Bills)

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ROLL CALL:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Maio asked if the issue with the boat from the Stanhope Fire Department has been resolved. Chairman Riley responded he has not heard anything further from the Fire Department. Mr. Hathaway stated Netcong Fire Department is interested in the boat and he suggested having a representative from

Netcong Fire Department attend a meeting and ask for the boat. Chairman Riley reminded the Board that it is not the Board's boat. The Stanhope Fire Department said if the Board wants the boat back, they will give it back. Chairman Riley said if the Stanhope Fire Department gives back the boat, the Board can sell it on gov deals. Chairman Riley added that the Stanhope Fire Department can also sell the boat. Mr. Hathaway said he will speak to Netcong Fire Department and have them ask for the boat at the next meeting, or the Board will do something else. Ms. Maio noted this issue needs to be resolved.

Ms. Maio asked about the search for a new Board Attorney. Chairman Riley stated this topic will be discussed in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Annual Report – Chairman Riley stated the Annual Report was distributed to the Board. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Ms. Maio and carried by unanimous voice vote, the 2018 Annual Report was accepted. The Clerk was instructed to send the Annual Report to the four town, two counties and the State. Chairman Riley asked that a copy also be sent to Josh Osowski.

Herbicide (Park Treatment) – Mr. Hathaway read the following message he received from Pat Marsico: “If you having a meeting tonight, please discuss the park treatments and let us know if all 3 towns are funding again. We’ll kick in the same amount as last year if they do. We just need to know towards the end of April before our treatment. Also, have you decided to approach Hudson Foundation for a grant yet? If not, I, and I think the LMCA would like to ask them for help with water chestnuts treatment. If you can get the lake back on Americorps calendar, that would be helpful too.” Mr. Hathaway noted Pat Rector is no longer involved in the hand pull and he does not want to take on that responsibility. Ms. Maio suggested asking the Environmental Commission to take over the hand pull, and she asked Mr. Rogalo, Chairman of the Stanhope Environmental Commission, if they would be interested in doing it. Mr. Rogalo will ask the other members of the Environmental Commission. Mr. Hathaway said the project has a variety of things, but Pat Rector focused on the hand pull because that was the need at that time. Chairman Riley said he has not yet contacted the attorney for the Hudson Foundation, but he will reach out to Mr. Ursin about possible funding for the backhoe. Mr. Hathaway stated they do not know if the towns will contribute to the treatment. Roxbury sent a check only for their 2019 budget contribution. In the event Roxbury does not contribute, the Board does not have the money to pay for it. Mr. Hathaway stated with the money the Board receives, they can treat the parks even without Roxbury's money. Ms. Maio stated the Board must consider their mission and financial situation, adding it makes sense financially for the Board to treat the parks. Mr. Hathaway will ask Solitude for a quote on how much it would cost to treat the parks and the Board will pay Solitude with the money from the towns. On motion by Ms. Maio, seconded by Mr. Hathaway and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board agreed that they will treat the parks using Solitude Lake Management.

ROLL CALL:

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

Chairman Riley will respond to Ms. Marsico's email and inform her of the Board's decision.

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.

CLOSED SESSION:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:

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3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:55 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened the public meeting at 8:00 P.M. with all present.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Rogalo and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized Ms. Maio to have Stanhope's Borough Attorney draft an RFP for the position of Board Attorney and to have the Clerk forward the RFP to: Thomas Prol, Glenn Kienz, Eileen Born, Bill Haggarty and Cliff Lundin.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Mr. Rogalo, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak