

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2024

Vice-Chairman Hathaway opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Notice which was sent to the Daily Record and New Jersey Herald on January 18, 2024 and was sent to the Clerks of the four municipalities, the State and the two counties.

ROLL CALL:

Jacob Hamilton - absent	Shawn Potillo - present
Robert Hathaway - present	Steven Rattner - present
Joseph Keenan - present	Rudy Shlesinger -absent
Rosemarie Maio -absent	Lester Wright - absent
Judith McGrath - present	Earl Riley - absent

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Additional communications listed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Vice-Chairman Hathaway opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Vice-Chairman Hathaway closed the public portion of the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES: On motion by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Keenan, the Minutes of the August 21, 2024 regular meeting were approved on majority voice vote. Mr. Potillo and Mr. Rattner abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications have been placed on file:

08-23-24 John Cecil, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP - Appointment of Jacob Hamilton as the State's Representative on the LMRPB
08-26-24 Fidelity Investments - Transaction Confirmation
08-27-24 Byram Township - Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,765.14 re: 2024 budget contribution
08-28-24 Roxbury Township - Purchase Order in the amount of \$10,815.08 re: 2024 budget contribution (\$10,065.08) and herbicide treatment (\$750.00)
08-28-24 Bruce R. Koerner Cranes & Equipment - quote for crane (\$3,819.99)
09-06-24 People First Property & Casualty Services - Renewal Certificate re: Public Officials Liability Coverage
09-09-24 Byram Township - check in the amount of \$1,765.14 re: 2024 budget contribution
09-11-24 Fidelity Investments - Investment Report (July 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2024)
09-13-24 PSE&G - Notice of Application for NJDEP Flood Hazard Area and Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit
09-16-24 Selective Insurance - updated Commercial Liability Insurance Coverage
09-16-24 Aquarius Systems (D&D Products) - check in the amount of \$72,500 re: purchase of old equipment
09-16-24 Roxbury Township - check in the amount of \$10,815.08 re: 2024 budget contribution (\$10,065.08) and herbicide treatment (\$750.00)

Vice-Chairman Hathaway noted the communication received on 08/28/24 from Bruce R. Koerner Cranes & Equipment in their quote for the crane. The Board had asked that he get at least two quotes with relation to the crane services. Hegarty's was the lower quote and he moved forward with their services.

On motion by Mr. Rattner, seconded by Mr. Potillo and carried by unanimous voice vote, the communications were accepted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Canal Society – There was no report.

Musconetcong Watershed Association – There was no report.

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

Lake Awareness – There was no report.

Lake Management – Mr. Hathaway reported the new equipment was delivered and the crane lowered the harvester into the lake. All the old equipment has gone to Aquarius. The Board received a check from Aquarius in the amount of \$72,500 for the purchase of the old equipment. Mr. Hathaway stated they will need to renovate the pad where the old conveyor was stored on. He does not have quotes yet for the work. He spoke to John Rogalo who said he will give a quote to the Board. Mr. Hathaway will get at least two quotes for the work. He will get in touch with someone who works in Netcong for the second quote. Mr. Hathaway also reported they will most likely need to pull the buoys from the water before the next meeting, which he will administrate. The channel markers will be left in the lake again this year. Mr. Hathaway noted the lake management plan suggests they have a one-foot draw down this winter which will last until the refill in December. When he heard Mr. Hamilton would not be attending this meeting, he sent an email to him requesting he start the permit process. The permit needs to be affected and authorized. The drawdown will be done sometime in October. It will not be done before the Board's next meeting, but will be done shortly thereafter. Mr. Potillo asked about the one-foot drawdown. Mr. Hathaway explained that the lake management plan allows for one two-foot drawdown every three years and a one-foot drawdown the other years. Last year was the two-foot drawdown. The lake will be refilled by mid-December unless needed to be refilled sooner due to ice floats.

Operating Budget – There was no report.

CD Investment – Mr. Keenan reported the Board now has two CD's. The last CD that matured was deposited into the money market account. Mr. Hathaway noted they moved the money into liquidity to cover tonight's bills. Mr. Keenan reported that the next CD matures February 25, 2025 and the other CD matures in May 2025. Mr. Hathaway said either next month or the following month, the Board needs to discuss the purchase of a backhoe. Hopefully there will be one on a State contract. They need to purchase a new backhoe because that is what the grant states. Mr. Hathaway estimates a new backhoe to cost about \$170,000. Mr. Keenan stated there is about \$113,000 in the money market account. Mr. Hathaway suggested that the \$72,500 from Aquarius be deposited into the money market account. Mr. Hathaway noted there is \$65,000 in the operating account. Mr. Hathaway reminded the Board that they will not receive money from the State for the grant until the Board spends it. On motion by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Potillo and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board directed that the \$72,500 check from Aquarius be deposited into the money market account and the \$10,815.08 check from Roxbury Township be deposited into the operating account.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hathaway - yes	Mr. Potillo - yes
Mr. Keenan - yes	Mr. Rattner - yes
Ms. McGrath - yes	

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was emailed to the Board. On motion by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Rattner, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted and placed on file.

BILLS: Mr. Hathaway noted they are paying Aquarius \$160,000, which is what was agreed to. They are paying the crane operator \$3,050 which is more than the quote due to the need for overtime. The cost with the overtime is still less than the other quote the Board received. On motion by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Potillo and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the bills on the Bills List.

Operating Account:

Ellen Horak - Clerk’s Monthly Compensation	\$ 550.00
United States Liability Insurance Company (USLI) - Public Officials	
Liability Insurance Installment Payment	\$ 406.25
Murphy McKeon P.C. - Legal Services	\$ 105.00
Lake Management Account:	
JCP&L – electric at shed	\$ 4.93
Lake Management Sciences -Seasonal Contract Installment #3	\$ 1,500.00
Crazy Cans - Container Transportation	\$ 300.00
Morris County MUA - Shade Tree (weed disposal)	\$ 360.00
Bob Hegarty’s North Jersey Crane Services, LLC - crane & operator	\$ 3,050.00
Aquarius Systems - Balance Due on New Equipment	\$137,500.00
Aquarius Systems - Shipping & Handling for New Equipment	\$ 22,500.00
Aquarius Systems - Aquatic Weed Harvester Equipment Training	
(\$3,000 - \$3,000 “In-Kind” Credit for New Equipment Training	(\$-3,000.00)

ROLL CALL:

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Mr. Keenan - yes	Mr. Rattner - yes
Ms. McGrath - yes	

OLD BUSINESS:

\$572,000 Grant Agreement – Vice-Chairman Hathaway told the Board that, up until he was leaving for vacation, Chairman Riley was working back and forth with the grantors. The Board is very thankful for all Chairman Riley has done on the grant. Members spoke of Chairman Riley’s patience and perseverance throughout the grant process. Mr. Hathaway stated it was confirmed by the grantor’s email that everything is in order and the grant money should soon be on its way to the Board. The reports necessary to receive the next payment are complete and have been accepted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Vice-Chairman Hathaway opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Vice-Chairman Hathaway closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Potillo, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Horak, Clerk