

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUSCONETCONG SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Chairman Rattner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, announcement was made that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided for as defined by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Bates, James Benson, Thomas Bruno, Michael Grogan, Brian McNeilly, Michael Pucilowski, Steven Rattner, Richard Schindelar, Joseph Schwab

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Cangiano, Melanie Michetti, John Sylvester

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Dwyer, Esq., James Schilling

Chairman Rattner opened and closed the meeting to the public.

Chairman Rattner asked if the commissioners had time to review Resolution No. 16-28 concerning the NJDEP's proposed pilot program for the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan.

Resolution No. 16-28 concerning the NJDEP's Proposed Pilot Program for the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan, was moved by Mr. McNeilly, seconded by Mr. Schindelar.

Mr. Pucilowski asked who will be monitoring the pilot program as indicated in Item No. 3 of Resolution No. 16-28. Mr. Schilling indicated that at the meeting held in Hopatcong on September 19th regarding the pilot program, there were various groups, as well as concerned citizens, that addressed the same question. It was also discussed at the meeting of the MSA's Permit Team on September 30th. Chairman Rattner explained that there are no current measurements available to monitor the river. It will be subjective to each of the groups. The average medium flow for the past nine years is 29 cfs and it will be reduced to about 14 cfs. Mr. Schilling noted that the Permit Team discussed this topic along with the interests and relationships for the various groups and the MSA's dilution model before the resolution was prepared.

Resolution No. 16-28 concerning the NJDEP's Proposed Pilot Program for the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan was approved by the affirmative roll call vote of members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-28
Resolution of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority
Concerning NJDEP's Proposed Pilot Program for
the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") published a proposed Pilot Program dated July, 2016 concerning potential temporary revisions to the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan dated March, 2011 and requested public comment; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP held a public hearing on September 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS written comments regarding the Pilot Program are being accepted until October 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS the MSA may be affected by the Pilot Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Musconetcong Sewerage Authority ("MSA") has and will continue to support the goal of the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan (the "Plan") to "protect the environmental health and the natural, and scenic resources of the Lake Hopatcong/Musconetcong River System."

2. The MSA also supports the recently proposed NJDEP Pilot Program (dated July, 2016) to the extent it will allow for a passing flow at the Lake Hopatcong Dam of not less than 12 cfs, and a passing flow at the MSA facility of not less than 8 cfs. This will ensure that the MSA can carry out its parallel mission of protecting the environment.

3. The MSA requests that the Pilot Program be actively monitored and the results shared with all affected stakeholders as soon as they are available.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steven Rattner as Chairman is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution on behalf of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

Motion made by Mr. Schindelar, seconded by Mr. Schwab and the affirmative vote of members present, Chairman Rattner adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



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