

AGENDA  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

4 June 2020  
7:00 PM

Municipal DPW Garage  
349 Mountain Lake Road  
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice  
Flag Salute  
Roll Call

Reports:  
New Jersey State Police  
Committeepersons  
Mayor  
Municipal Professionals  
Municipal Departments/Boards/Commissions

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes  
Meeting and Executive Session of 7 May 2020

Unfinished Business  
COVID19 Declaration Extension  
HAB Results – May 2020

New Business  
Block 11, Lot 16 – De Lorenzo  
Mayoral Appointment of LandUse Board, Class IV, expiration of term 31 Dec 2021  
Mayoral Appointment to Environmental Commission, Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 Dec 2020  
ABC Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer  
Mountain Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan 2020  
Mountain Lake Fire Company Reimbursement Proposal

Resolution  
LGCCC Application – Mountain Lake Fire Company, 7 September 2020

Adoption of Bill List

Public Comment  
Executive Session

Adjournment

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held at the Municipal DPW Garage, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 4 June 2020. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:11 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover; Peter Karcher; David Rogers, and Michael Beyer

Also, Present: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mike Beyer to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 7 May 2020 carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Proclamation carried.  
COVID19 DECLARATION EXTENSION  
PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY  
AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A;9-30 et. seq.; N.J.S.A 40:48-1 (6), and ordinances enacted pursuant thereto; N.J.S.A 2 C:33-1 et. seq.;--whichever law or laws apply), Executive Order 103 and by ordinances adopted by the Township of Liberty I have declared that a STATE OF EMERGENCY exists within the Township of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such an emergency; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the rapidly evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, the need for government operations to address staffing capabilities to ensure essential operational needs are met in order to mitigate factors which may further adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the township of Liberty and exacerbate and worsen existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these areas of the Township of Liberty should be declared disaster areas, and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions and finally that governmental operations including but not limited to the conduct of public meetings shall be substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, all lands within the boundaries of the Township of Liberty are hereby designated as disaster areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE with the aforesaid laws, we do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations attached hereto and made a part of hereof shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Liberty.

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Beyer  
aye - Karcher  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

HAB RESULTS – 18 MAY 2020

Email received from NJDEP: Unfortunately the results show the HAB is persisting at levels that warrant a continued beach closing. Warren Co. Health Dept. has been notified and may be contacting you to confirm the advisory. Note the new cell count threshold is now 80,000 cells/ml which your current beach closure is based on, and not the previous 20,000. Also part of the new system is increased monitoring as conditions change at the beach.

Results

5/18/20 samples

Water Body	Location	Dominant Cyanobacteria	Total Cyanobacteria Cell Count	Microcystin Toxin Concentration (µg/l)
Mountain Lake	Boat Launch	<i>Pseudoanabaena</i>	134,000 cells/ml	0.52
Mountain Lake	Beach	<i>Pseudoanabaena</i>	141,000 cells/ml	0.51

In conclusion, of HAB discussion, a motion by Dan Grover authorizing the removal of the beach dock and floating dock to increase the water flow in Mountain Lake carried.

Discussion ensued on the establishment of beach/pavilion sanitation programs prior to the opening of the beach or the coordination of the summer recreation program. The recreation program would be limited to 60 kids with the maximum of 6 counselors. To date four (4) lifeguards have been interviewed for employment. Consideration of limited public access on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is being considered. Underwater recovery has offered to assist with lake vegetation removal. Discussion for opening of beach and summer recreation program to be carried to workshop, 25 June 2020.

MOUNTAIN LAKE AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020

A motion by Dan Grover authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute a contract received from Solitude Lake Management to conduct Aquatic Vegetation Management for the Liberty Township Environmental Commission

portions of Mountain Lake which is limited to a two (2) acre treatment area including the beach and boat launch carried. Solitude Lake Management will focus on continuing seasonal herbicide treatments for control of submersed and floating vascular aquatic plants including Curyleaf Pondweed, Leafy Pondwood, Coontail, water lilies, spatterdock and Slender Naiad. Copper sulfate will be permitted for algae control at a cost of \$1,980 (payment terms of \$495.00 per month May through August).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**BLOCK 11, LOT 16 – DELORENZO**

A letter of 15 May 2020 was received from Gregory T De Lorenzo on behalf of his father, Thomas H De Lorenzo, regarding the surrender of Block 11, Lot 16 to Liberty Township. The Township Committee expressed no interest in this parcel and suggested the owner contact neighboring property owners.

**APPOINTMENT:**

Mayoral appointment of Jennifer Cummings as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2021 was adopted by the Township Committee.

Mayoral appointment of John Demarco Jr to the Environmental Commission as Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 December 2020 was adopted by the Township Committee

**ABC PERSON-TO-PERSON and PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER**

A motion by David Rogers to adopt the following Resolutions carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020.041  
PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER**

*WHEREAS*, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2114.33.007.007, heretofore issued to Jeffrey McConnell for premises located at 11 Lakeside Drive East, Belvidere, NJ 07823; and,

*WHEREAS*, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

*WHEREAS*, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

*WHEREAS*, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business.

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Liberty Township Governing Body does here by approve, effective 4 June 2020, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Jeffrey McConnell, The Lodge at Mountain Lake, LLC., and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Jeffrey McConnell, The Lodge at Mountain Lake, LLC., effective 4 June 2020.

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Beyer  
aye - Karcher  
abstain - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2020.042  
PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER**

*WHEREAS*, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2114.33.007.007, issued to Pio Costa, Sandbox Spirits, LLC for premises heretofore located at 411 Route 46, Great Meadows, NJ; and

*WHEREAS*, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid , and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Liberty Township Governing Body does hereby approve, effective 4 June 2020, the Place-to-Place Transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises, from its former location at 411 Route 46, Great Meadows, Liberty Township, New Jersey to its new location at 11 Lake Side Drive East, Belvidere, Liberty Township, New Jersey, and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 11 Lake Side Drive East, Belvidere, Liberty Township, New Jersey.”

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Beyer  
aye - Karcher  
abstain - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

**MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY REIMBURSEMENT PROPOSAL**

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020.043**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUNTIAN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INDEPENDENCE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF MATERIALS USED IN FIGHTING FIRES AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES**

*WHEREAS*, The Mountain Lake Fire Company and Independence Emergency Squad (“First Responders”) are independent volunteer fire and rescue companies providing fire suppression, emergency and rescue services in and around the Township of Liberty; and

*WHEREAS*, the cost of purchasing, repairing and maintaining the equipment and supplies used by the First Responders in providing fire and rescue services has increased significantly in recent years; and

*WHEREAS*, the First Responders have additional responsibilities and expense because of Liberty’s proximity to Route 611 and Route 46 and the First Responder’s need to respond to emergencies; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee acknowledges the First Responder’s interest in securing additional funding sources so that each can continue to provide fire and emergency services for the benefit of the residents of the Township and persons traveling within the Township; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee wishes to demonstrate its support for the First Responders by recognizing the First Responder’s authority to establish a revenue recovery plan through which those who benefit from the services provided by the First Responders are asked to pay a fair and reasonable share of the cost of loss and wear and tear to apparatus, tools, equipment, and materials used in fighting fires and/or providing emergency services so that a safe and appropriate level of service can be maintained and made available to the Township; and

*WHEREAS*, the First Responders have informed the Township Committee that the amounts to be charged for materials and the costs associated with vehicle and equipment use will be that which is usual, customary, and reasonable in accordance with standard practice and industry standards; and

*WHEREAS*, the First Responders have further informed the Township Committee that its request for payment will be sent directly to the insurance company of the person or entity receiving services, or, if the insurance company is not known, to the person or entity receiving services with instruction to forward the request to the insurance provider.

*BE IT ORDAINED*, by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty that Mountain Lake Fire Company and Independence Emergency Squad may establish a program, either directly through a third-party billing agency with which it has contracted for billing and/or collection services, to solicit payments for the actual costs of materials used and the actual costs associated with vehicle and equipment used in fighting fires and/or providing emergency services.

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Beyer  
aye - Karcher  
abstain - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020.044  
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

*RESOLVED*, That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, does hereby authorize the Finance Department to pay all vouchers when properly endorsed and approved by at least 3/5 majority of the Township Committee in the amount of \$838,943.98.

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Beyer

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John Inscho,

aye - Karcher  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Inscho

Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:40 pm.

Richard Larsen – On behalf of the Environmental Commission, Mr. Larsen reported the EC’s appreciation for the dock removal; their pursuit of grants to study lake nutrients/septic leaching; the suggestion for installation of planting buffers and aeration pumps around Mountain Lake; purchasing signage reinforcing individual septic maintenance; and, a tree giveaway is schedule for Saturday, 6 June.

Amanda Loguidice – Ms. Loguidice reported some CDC Guidelines for children summer programs.

Jennifer Cummings – Ms. Cummings stated her observation of UV lights in public lights over common touched areas near her work place.

Patty Hoffman – Ms. Hoffman requested the placement of a trash receptacle near the fishing pier. It was concluded that signage stating carry in – carry out would be posted.

Public comment adjourned at 7:56 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:56 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2020.045

*WHEREAS*, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 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 exists; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee may wish to discuss any of the following conditions; confidential provisions of Federal Law or State Statute; information that may impair receipt of federal funding; invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement; real property negotiations; litigation; and, personnel and personnel policy. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

- ✓ Litigation – Samson Masonry & Concrete

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Vote: aye - Beyer  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Karcher  
aye - Grover  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

At 8:32 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session a matter of potential litigation was discussed. No action to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion by Mayor Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
Minutes Approved 2 July 2020