

LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
WILDWOOD SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Sept. 2, 1961.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WILDWOOD SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION:

Supplementing annual report of the Legal Committee rendered on June 24, 1961, it can now be reported that considerable progress has been made during the past few months, which, it is hoped, before the end of this year, will eventuate in formation of the Inter-Municipal Agency for the Development of the Lake Hopatcong area. A booklet has been prepared for general issuance shortly by the Division of State and Regional Planning of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development. It explains that the official title of the new Agency will be the LAKE HOPATCONG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD.

We quote below the letter which has been written by the Commissioner of the Conservation and Economic Development Department, which gives a further explanation of the prospective Board's powers:

"To the Mayors, Governing Bodies and Citizens of the Lake Hopatcong Area and the Freeholders of Morris and Sussex Counties:

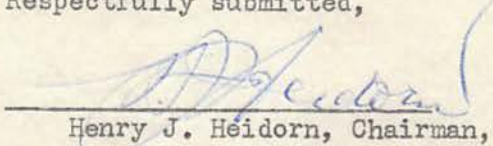
"I am very pleased to transmit to you a report prepared by the Division of State and Regional Planning, at the request of the four Mayors of the municipalities surrounding Lake Hopatcong. This report makes a concrete proposal for an immediate step needed now to insure a formal organization concerned with and capable of accomplishing significant objectives in the planning and future development of the Lake Hopatcong area. I assure you of the continued recognition by the State, and particularly by this Department, of the responsibilities regarding the Lake and of our sincere interest in the future of the entire Lake area. I recommend your most serious consideration of the findings of this report."

(Sgd) Salvatore A. Bontempo, Commissioner.

As previously reported, the actions and decisions of this Regional body will have the same effect as law, and the Insurance Rating Board of New Jersey, we understand, will find lake lowerings authorized by the Regional body as not unduly increasing fire hazards, and this should minimize future premium rate increases for Lake Hopatcong inhabitants.

Two municipalities, we understand, have already formally adopted the idea of establishing this Agency; the others are expected to follow suit presently, whereupon personnel to administer will be selected, funds appropriated, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Henry J. Heidorn, Chairman,  
Legal Committee.