

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*
Tuesday, May 29, 2007
7:00pm

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board was held at the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin and was called to order at 7:00pm by the Chairman Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Tom Breslawski, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

Also present: Planning Board member Tom Jensen and residents Aaron LaFaro and Nancy Jennejahn.

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Tom Breslawski to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2007 meeting with one correction that Tom Breslawski seconded the approval of the March 26, 2007 meeting minutes not Tom Jensen. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Forum Opened

REPORTS

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the May 7, 2007 Planning Board meeting. Craig reported that Kevin Noon had a Public Hearing for a Nursery/Farm Market located at 1675 Lake Road. He received Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval for the Nursery/Farm Market. The Diltz Subdivision received Conceptual Subdivision approval and was referred to the Zoning Board for variances. The Colopietro Subdivision received Conceptual Subdivision approval and was referred to the Zoning Board for variances. The Lamparella Site Plan was referred to the Zoning Board for variances. There was a Storm Water Presentation. Some discussion took place on B'zers extending their hours.

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the May 21, 2007 Zoning Board meeting. Craig reported that The Diltz Subdivision was scheduled a Public Hearing. The Colopietro Subdivision was scheduled a Public Hearing. Jim Beehler was scheduled a Public Hearing for variances for 12 Country Creek. Frank Marando discussed an addition at 18 Creekview Drive. It was determined that no variances were required.

Tom Breslawski gave a report on the May 14, 2007 Town Board meeting. Tom reported that a Resolution of Appreciation was given to Tammy Palumbo. During the Open Forum Paul Lapinski from the Hamlin Preservation Group stated that he wasn't against wind turbines he just didn't want them in his back yard. He also asked why the Town Board didn't attend the Wind Tower Committee meetings. Scott Horst was concerned with the number of accidents on Roosevelt Highway and was upset that nothing was being done. Mark Reeves discussed a letter to the residents that the Wind Tower

Committee wanted to mail out to residents. Mark also discussed an email from the Chairman asking the committee not to voice their opinion in letters in the paper. They discussed honoring local military returning home from active duty. Resignation letters from Ed Evans and Ed Haight were read. They are advertising for two more Wind Tower Committee members. They agreed to hire Jill Yonkers to answer legal questions for the Wind Tower Committee. A 5-hour block was agreed on. The cost is \$900.00 and Dave Lukas the Co-Chairman will be the liaison to the attorney. Interviews for the Conservation Board will be June 5 at 6:30. Kathi Rickman discussed having a farmers market in the parking lot of the Town Hall. Denny would look into it and check with the insurance company.

Merritt Ackles gave a report on the May 14, 2007 Fishing Advisory Board meeting. Merritt reported that they discussed updating the web site. The Girls Sports Program for girls ages 8-14 at MCC was discussed. He will have more details next month. It's a really good program for girls. This is the third year they are having it.

Dave Walch gave a report on the May 16, 2007 EMC meeting. Dave reported that they toured Black Creek. They are in the process of rebuilding the wetlands. They are running into some problems with the deer and other animals eating the new shrubs but the project is going well.

Mark Reeves gave a report on the May 15, 2007 Wind Tower Committee meeting. Mark reported that Matt McDonald gave an excellent noise demonstration. Dave Lukas discussed the Gollisano meeting. Dave Lukas gave reports on noise. During the Open Forum many residents are concerned with the noise. Wind Energy being a public utility was discussed. Due to the fact that they are only a committee the meetings with the two residents and one committee member can be a closed. The letter to the residents was revised.

Tom gave a report on the Zoning Workshop. Tom reported that they discussed the 1-acre floating zoning. It was discussed that it required public water and sewers. A minimum of 20 acres was required. They would be upscale, minimum 2,000 sq. ft. houses.

ASSIGNMENTS

Craig Goodrich	PB	6-04-07
Craig Goodrich	ZBA	6-18-07
Tom Breslawski	TB	6-11-07
Merritt Ackles	FAB	6-11-07
Dave Walch	EMC	no meeting
Mark Reeves	Wind Towers	6-05-07 and 6-19-07
Craig/Tom	Zoning Workshop	6-19-07

DISCUSSION

Tom Jensen discussed the Wind Tower Committee's trip to Fenner last weekend.

Chairman Dave Walch reminded everyone of the interviews for the Conservation Board are June 5 at 6:30pm. There are three candidates.

Dave, Mark, Merritt, Jeanine and Tom Jensen from the Planning Board attended the EMC training workshop on April 30.

Chairman Dave Welch discussed the Tree Give Away. All of the trees were gone by 11:00. Some discussion took place on the trees that they will be giving away in the future. Tom stated that a DEC rep. told him that the Scotch Pine is not a good choice for this area. The best choice would be a spruce or the Douglas Fir are all right for this area. Tom stated that a bug called a White Pine Sawyer is killing his pine trees. It was suggested that he cut some down and thin them out.

The Bushnell Basin training workshop was discussed. Very good training.

Nancy Jennejahn asked where they stand with the Yanty Marsh project. Dave said he would follow up on the progress. Last he heard the money wasn't available.

Mark stated that there were some good articles in this month's Mother Earth News magazine.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom Breslawski, seconded by Jeanine Klopp to adjourn this portion of tonight's meeting. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Tom Breslawski, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

REFERRALS

7826 Newco Drive- 4' fence. No issues.

18 Creekview Drive-addition. The addition is on the east side of the house. No issues.

7770 Newco Drive- fence. No issues.

245 Westphal Drive-garage. Received side setback variance. No issues.

208 N. Hamlin Road- pool- High and dry behind house. No issues.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Dave Walch received a letter from the Recreation Department regarding Free Fishing Day. He asked if anyone was available June 24 to help out. It is at Hamlin Beach. Tom said he would volunteer. Dave asked anyone else to email him so he can get back to the Recreation Dept.

Updating of the Flood Maps was discussed. They will be meeting with each town in the future and updating the flood maps.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Tom Breslawski to adjourn tonight's meeting barring no further business. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Heather Norman
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00pm.