

Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2013

7:00 pm

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

Present: Merritt Ackles, Ed Evans, Walt Fisher, Jeanine Klopp, Paul Nau, Steven Rutherford, and Dave Walch.

Also Present: Town Board Rep Marty Maier and Nick Kramer.

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Merritt Ackles to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2013 meeting as recorded. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Forum Opened**REPORTS**

Jeanine Klopp reported on the April 1 Planning Board Meeting: The Chairperson read a request from the Attorney for the Library to remove itself from that meeting. There were a lot of people holding pro-Library signs, but I think they were a little disappointed. They thought it was going to be on the agenda, but it has been tabled until next month.

There was a Public Hearing for George and Judy Fridd, 1259 Hamlin-Parma Townline Road for Simple Subdivision and Site Plan approval to construct a single family home. They received the necessary variances from the Zoning Board. The Board voted to approve their application. West Creek is either on or adjacent to this property but it was far enough away that there were no issues.

On the agenda, Hamlin Meadows Subdivision were looking for Preliminary Approval for Section 2. In the approval they want to have the option of either putting up a single family home or duplexes, depending upon what people want. It had been approved before, but it had expired. They want to put in an additional 21 to 27 units in the same locations as previously approved. The Planning Board felt that it was enough of a change from their original request that they want them to have another Public Hearing, which has been scheduled.

Next on the agenda, a Preliminary Simple Subdivision approval for 1147 Moscow Road, called the Mike-Matt Lands Partnership. They want to separate off the Northwest section that has the Club House and Pole Barn on 5 acres. There was a lot of discussion among the Planning Board members about the intended use. The application was tabled until the next meeting on May 6.

There was a Preliminary Site Plan Approval for the Gloff Subdivision on Walker Road. They want to build a home 725' off Walker Road and put in a pond. They want to put up a Pole Barn before the house, so they will need a variance. Moorman Creek is in that property, but it doesn't appear that it is close enough to be a concern. They need to show the Conservation Overlay Districts on the map. They need to schedule a Public Hearing with the Planning Board in June.

There was discussion and Ron Breslawski has resigned from the Planning Board. The Planning Board has also requested that they have a separate attorney from the Town's Attorney.

Steve Rutherford reported on the April 15 Zoning Board Meeting: There was a Public Hearing for Duane Rockow at 3947 Brick Schoolhouse Road that wanted to build onto a garage. They needed a setback variance of 9.8', which was approved.

There was a Public Hearing for Mark and Andrew Greenwell of 418 Chase Road. They were approved for a front setback variance of 68.4' because there is a pre-existing structure there.

At the Public Hearing for Katherine Spohr of 1928 Moscow Road, approval for a minimum lot size variance of .686 acres was granted. A second variance was approved for the pre-existing barn needing a side setback variance of .8' and a side setback variance of 2.2'.

The Public Hearing for Kathleen Speer of 832 Moscow Road was canceled because it was not properly advertised. It was rescheduled at a Special Public Hearing on Monday, April 29, 2013.

Matt Sommer of 112 Railroad Avenue requested a 12' side setback variance for a pre-existing structure and the Public Hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2013.

Douglas Gloff of Walker Road has a Public Hearing for a Pole Barn on May 20, 2013.

Ed Evans reported on the April 8 and April 18 Town Board Meeting: At the regular Town Board Meeting on April 8, there were numerous items of correspondence for the Hamlin Library and the Board of Ethics Committee. One letter was from Ron Breslawski officially resigning from the Planning Board. There was a deadline of April 26th for applications for someone to fill his position.

The only other thing that affects us directly was the official resignation of Deborah S. Rath from the Building Inspector's Office. There was a resolution for a Special Town Board Meeting scheduled on April 11th at 6 pm for conducting interviews. I assume that was for Debbie's position.

There was a request from Town Board to approve a Local Law amending the Dog Licensing and Control Law with respect to penalties.

Under discussion, the grant writers need some more input. There was also discussion about making upgrades to the existing Verizon Tower. The only other item of discussion was the extension of the Lion's Club Contract.

The second meeting was held on April 18. A Public Hearing was scheduled for May 6 to amend a Town Law.

Paul Nau reported on the Fishing Advisory Board: The Intergenerational Fishing Day at Powder Mill Park had a very good turnout. They estimated 200 people in attendance, so that went very well.

The Fish Advisory Board will support the County's Fishing Day with free fishing poles. The Fish Advisory Board will support us and give us free fishing poles; I have a request for at least 2 dozen. I should get those at the next meeting.

The Genesee River and Hamlin both received their Rainbow Trout for our Pen Rearing Project; we are just waiting for our Salmon.

Dave Walch reported on the Environmental Management Council: This week at the EMC meeting, we had someone from the DEC talking about the coyote population in New York State. They estimate that there are approximately 25,000 coyote in the state. They talked about their nuisance and the problems they cause. They do trap them, tag them and take a lot of data. You can often hear them at night.

Ed Evans reported on the Hamlin Beach State Park: I haven't received anything from Jay. You all know about Earth Day in the Park. Jay sent out an email thanking everyone for their participation. He was very pleased with the whole thing. He felt it was the best Earth Day we have had so far. It was very well attended. The Town employees did an amazing job preparing and cleaning up after the event. Also, special thanks go to Jeanine, David and Nick. Matt Leader from the D & C wrote a wonderful article about the event.

After the Earth Day Event, I took 10 people on a tour of the CCC Camp, including individuals who said that they knew Tom Golisano personally. We had 10 kids from the Albion Middle School last Thursday for 2 hours doing winter clean up; they did a great job.

Two weeks from Thursday, Walt, Nick and I will be picking up the grandson of our Prisoner #2 at Niagara Falls. He will be spending the day in Hamlin, and we will get him back to Niagara Falls that night. There will be a Suburban News reporter there, the guy who owns the warehouse that used to be Duffy Motts will open up the building that our Prisoner worked in, and then we will treat him to dinner at the Hamlin Station. Our hope is to have his grandfather come here. If I could get his grandfather here, I could increase one hundred fold my information of what that site was all about. A week from Wednesday, we will be doing two Social Studies classes in Hilton High School. On May 17th, I will be doing a CCC program in Greece for the AARP.

Last Monday, the Commissioner of State Parks was here in Hamlin. She was very impressed with the CCC site. It looks like things are definitely working in our favor. The budget is through now; I expect them to put the water in the house. We will have a new place to have our meetings.

According to the park employees, the park camp site is a mess. They are discouraged and they don't know how it's going to go over with the campers this year. The mowing has started. We have a terrific beaver problem at the CCC site. They are not just staying near the pond. They are coming right into the CCC site and dropping trees.

Jeanine Klopp reported on the Zoning Workshop: We had a meeting on the 18th. It was rescheduled for the second Thursday. We talked about the number of dogs in the trailer park. They brought that up in a Public Hearing a while back and some people spoke up to the point where Supervisor Breslawski said that he would look into it further before he made a decision. He checked and wanted to hear from all the parks as to what their restrictions were on the number of dogs in the trailer park. Harper Park is more restrictive than the Town and they have very few problems. People were concerned because they already have more dogs than allowed. They will be grandfathered in, so they can keep their dogs. It's already come before the public, so they don't need another Public Hearing. They decided to leave it the way they've got it. The way it was presented at the original Public Hearing will come before the Town Board for approval. We discussed penalties for offenses of dog licensing and control laws. Some things that could be used as a penalty in place of a fine such as community service, the threat of up to 15 days of jail time and issuing a warrant for people that don't show up for court.

We discussed Peddlers Permits and we are still working on that. The lawyer had some information about the Peddler Permit and what they had in the Town Law in the Town of Greece. We are thinking about incorporating some of those things into our law. We are thinking about having a requirement for applicants to have a police background check because these people are going door to door. If they have a license from the Town, residents assume they are okay. We want to know that these people are okay. At any point, the Town Board can revoke their licenses if anything comes up that is a concern. This is not talking about Girl Scouts, school groups, or non-profit organizations.

There were a couple of things mentioned at the end of the meeting that the Planning Board would like to discuss, for example, some of the definitions in the code are a little bit vague such as Assessory Structures in the code, there is no real definition for what the main structure is.

Dave Walch confirmed everyone was good with their times for next month. Jeanine needed someone to replace her for the Planning Board and Zoning Workshop Meetings.

ASSIGNMENTS

Ed Evans	PB
Steve Rutherford	ZBA
Ed Evans/Walt Fisher	TB
Paul Nau	FAB
Dave Walch	EMC
Ed Evans	HBSP
Steve Rutherford	ZW

EMERALD ASH BORER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Nick Kramer announced an Informational Meeting about the Emerald Ash Borer will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at the Charlie Maier Lodge, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The talk will be led by June Sommers, the EAB Task Force Person from Greece. It's posted on the Town's website. It will also be in the paper. Nick gave out some handouts that the task force put together. He stated a tree doesn't need to be treated unless it has been confirmed 5 miles away and the DEC says not to even get excited until it's 10 miles away. If you don't get it right at the beginning, as long as it's not more than 1/3 of its damage, you can still save the tree. Right now it's confirmed in Chili, High Falls and Henrietta. It's infested down state north of New York City in the Catskill area; Rochester is the second worst area in the whole state. Now they have increased the quarantine area and made it wider, that means you can bring your firewood a longer distance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Steven Rutherford to adjourn this portion of tonight's meeting.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Ed Evans, Walt Fisher, Jeanine Klopp, Paul Nau, Steven Rutherford, and Dave Walch.

REFERRALS

Merritt Ackles reported that he did an inspection at 1 Summer Haven. There was no problem as far as where he was putting the garage.

DISCUSSION

Ed Evans handed out articles on Wind Towers and the Kodak Dump Site in Greece. He discussed that wind towers are starting to pick up again. He is starting to see more ads and articles in magazines and news about wind power lately. In the paper, there were 3 pages on the dump site that Kodak has in Greece. He discussed the constant source of radon being produced at the site.

Dave Walch asked how they were doing on the delivery of the emergency information magnets. The magnets are still in the process of being delivered. There are only a few areas left to be done.

Merritt Ackles stated that in the March 13, 2013 issue of the National Geographic there was a very good article on Fracking up in North Dakota.

Dave Walch thanked everyone for their participation in Earth Day. It was a very good event and after all is said and done, it always turns out to be a very favorable experience for everyone involved. I appreciate everyone's help, and I appreciate the Town Board for supporting it that day.

Jeanine Klopp announced that the Sierra Club is having their 15th Annual Environmental Forum on Thursday, April 25th at MCC. At 5:15, there is going to be an Environmental Fair, from 7-9 they have a keynote speaker named Maude Barlow, and then there will be panel discussion. It's all free and open to the public. Maude Barlow will be discussing the threats facing the Great Lakes and steps we can take to protect them. This forum continues the next day with workshops to carry the topic further. It's co-sponsored by RIT, MCC, FLOW, and Cool Rochester.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steve Rutherford, seconded by Jeanine Klopp to adjourn tonight's meeting barring no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Knapp
Deputy Town Clerk

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm.