

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*

Monday, July 22, 2013

7:00 pm

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 by Chairperson, Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present.

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

Also present: Town Councilperson Marty Maier.

A motion was made by Dave Walch, seconded by Steven Rutherford to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting as recorded with the following corrections: On page 5, sentence 3 of the discussion, a spelling correction from Brach to Beach. Also on page 5 under the Referrals: the correct street address is 6322.

Members polled: Merritt Ackles aye, Ed Evans aye, Steven Rutherford aye, and Dave Walch aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM OPENED

REPORTS

Ed Evans reported on the July 1, 2013 Planning Board Meeting: There were no Public hearings scheduled.

On the *Agenda* were the following:

The Mike-Matt Lands Partnership was sent to the Zoning Board for clarification of primary use . The Zoning Board responded that they had no authority to make a decision on the issue. They were granted approval. It looks like the potential buyer of the lot has backed out and the lot is now up for sale.

The application of Sabine Frederick for an Air Soft Business was scheduled for a Public Hearing on August 5, 2013.

Dave Rose spoke on the approval of the online education courses available to all Support Board Members.

Ed Evans stated that the Conservation Board is an advisory board and that they have a representative at all town meetings. Dave Walch commented that it is a good move to have the attorney present at the Planning and Zoning Board meetings. Ed responded how do you know if something is going along smoothly if all boards are not represented at all meetings.

Steve Rutherford reported on the Zoning Board Meeting: There were no items on for *Public Hearing* or *Agenda*

Ed Evans reported on the Town Board Meeting: All members were present. Dave Walch made a Conservation Board Presentation to the Town Board.

In the Public Forum a resident praised Craig Goodrich for his stamina.

The online training for the Support Boards was made official.

In the adjustment of budgets the pre-pay of life insurance dues will be by payroll deduction.

The fees will be waived for the use of the Charlie Maier Lodge by the Hamlin Hornets on August 11, 2013.

The general code changes for the town will cost \$1,870.00 to get inserted into the 10 books that we use. In an effort to save money Chad Fabry suggested we only purchase 2 hard copies and place the information online for all others to use. The town will look into proposed ways to keep the cost down.

The dog census will begin to visit homes that have not responded in person at the office. There was proposed a \$25.00 fine per dog found not licensed. A not for profit group might be conducting the door to door sweep of the town. The proceeds of the revenue may be distributed as such, \$20.00 to the town and the remaining \$5.00 to the group conducting the survey.

Marty Maier reported on the Fire Department: They are raising the roof on the Morton Fire House. Dave Walch asked if there is one big district now. Marty responded with the new district is now known as the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District. Each fire station will operate independent but the district is all one. It is hard to gauge the cost of the merge in the 1st year with all of the present vehicles needing new decals, logos, and lettering. There are many items still to purchase but funds are still available.

The recreation program is running well.

The Friends of Hamlin Beach Park are looking into received grants.

The kick off of Dog Days was successful.

Steve Baase has been getting some work for the town at Hilton Central School District. The repairs on Drake Road are next on the list. The inclement weather earlier this year set them back. He is also looking into working at Northampton Park in preparation for the county fair. Marty Maier commented that the fair will be more AG orientated than ride orientated. Merritt commented that work has already started in the park to get it ready for the opening of the fair. There will be access to the fair via rte. 531. Steve is also looking into saving the Library money by utilizing town employees for work on the site. The Library is moving along. As a result of the delays this year, the contract wage has increased. They are now going into Plan B.

Dave Walch stated that there was no EMC meeting last month. There are also no Zoning Workshops scheduled during the summer.

HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK:

The weather last week created issues for the park. There are many trees down that have to be removed. The fence at the new horse shoe pit was destroyed. A tree fell on a camper trailer. All areas of the park were affected. A call was put in to Letchworth State Park and they are sending workers to help with the clean up. The beaches have been closed due to high levels of coliform and debris in the water from the storm. Wave height also is a factor in any beach closings. The Civil War reenactment usually takes place in areas 2 & 3. This location does cause some havoc to the park operation. This year the park has offered sections 4 & 5 for the Civil War enactment but they are not coming this year. The park will try for a French Indian or Revolutionary war re-enactment. The CCC site work continues. Flat tires are still an issue. On August 1, 2013 the park will sign a lease with the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park. The house will be turned over to the Friends. The water is not yet available at the site.

There will be a talk at the Ogden Library on wed. @ 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn this portion of the meeting was made by Steven Rutherford, seconded by Merritt Ackles. All in favor. Motion carried.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Walch.

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

REFERRALS

Merritt Ackles reported that he had completed a site visit at 2364 North Hamlin Road for a 24' above ground pool. The pool was already started but the pool was in the center of the yard with the proper setbacks and in a good drainage area.

Merritt also reported on a site visit to 6344 Shore Acres for a privacy fence. The home owner applied for a building permit for a 6 Ft wood fence to be placed down the entire length of his property on both sides to the lake and also in his yard along the road. It was determined that neither neighbors view would be obstructed by the fence.

Dave Walch closed the Hamlin Waterfront Advisory Committee portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION

Ed Evans brought in copies of an article in the Wind Power Journal. How wind power can aid climate change. Last year for the 1st time ever, wind power came in as the largest single source of new electric generation capacity in the U.S. for 2012. There are 177 aging underground nuclear waste tanks that might be leaking. Global warming and habitat change is very troubling. The same invasive species are here and in the Adirondacks. Fracking is being a help to wind power. Wind power is a better alternative to fracking. At 8000 feet down the water used to break up the rock stays there. There have been no chemicals from the fracking zone found in the 3000’ “good” water zone. Some airports are now using goats to keep the lawns down near airstrips.

ASSIGNMENTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	8/5/13
Steven Rutherford	ZBA	8/19/13
Ed Evans	TB & HBSP	8/12/13
Paul Nau	FAB	
Dave Walch	EMC	
Merritt Ackles	LWRP	

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Steven Rutherford to adjourn tonight’s meeting barring no further business.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Hamlin Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl J. Pacelli
Clerk to the Support Boards