

**Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes***

Monday, August 26, 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 the Chairperson, Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present. Please turn off all pagers and phones.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Ed Evans, Jeanine Klopp, Steven Rutherford and Dave Walch.  
Also present: Town Councilperson Marty Maier.

A motion was made by Steve Rutherford, seconded by Ed Evans and Merritt Ackles to approve the minutes of July 22, 2103 as recorded with the following corrections: page 3, under Hamlin Beach State Park a spelling correction from chloroform to coliform.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM OPENED**

**REPORTS**

**Jeanine Klopp** reported on the August 5, 2013 Planning Board Meeting: There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

On the *Agenda* were the following:

Mike –Matt Lands Partnership was granted “Preliminary and Final” approval.

Sabine Frederick was granted “Preliminary and Final” approval for River City Air Soft.

Hamlin Ambulance is selling tickets for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Dave Martin commented on the Library progress. There is talk that it may be moved farther away from the road.

**Steven Rutherford** reported on the August 19, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. There were no items scheduled for a Public Hearing. The Berger’s of 9678 Beachwood Park Road, Hamlin were present asking for a fence in their front yard. After much discussion it was determined that they did not need a variance. A 4 foot 50% opaque fence is allowed without a variance.

**Dave Walch** reported that there was no EMC meeting this month. The next EMC meeting will be held on September 18, 2013.

**Ed Evans** reported on the Town Board Meeting. There were 2 resolutions for appreciations. Under Public Forum, Planning Board member Mark Reeves read a statement he had prepared. Town Councilperson Craig Goodrich made a suggestion of not filling the 2 vacant positions on the Conservation Board. It was tabled until the next meeting. The Morton Fire Department was granted

exemptions for building fees for their new conversion. Supervisor Tom Breslawski reported that he has gathered more support for the lake sewer project.

**HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK:**

The Park Manager II sent this report to the Board.

Dated August 26, 2013

*“Please accept this report to apprise Conservation Board members of pertinent activities taking place at Hamlin Beach State Park.*

*The recent severe weather event on 7/9/2013 heavily impacted the park along the lakeshore. Dozens of trees were uprooted and some minor damage to structures occurred. Clean –up required the assistance of staff from other State Parks. To date there is still a small amount of restoration work that needs to be completed. Funding was secured for paving this season. The main park roads will be paved from the entrance to Area 2, along with all campgrounds roads and parking lots. Design work for improvements to the Yanty Marsh trail system in under way. Trail expansion and the replacement of a foot bridge are planned for this fall.*

*Please contact Jay Bailey – Park Manager II at (585) 964-2462 x 235 with any questions in regard to this report. Thank you”.*

The park had many volunteers for cleanup projects at Yanty Creek and the CCC camp. A trail for fishermen at Houghton Pond will be started soon. The iron gates will be moved and a parking lot will be where the old barn used to be for visitors of the CCC camp. A road/path at the CCC site was discovered after trees had fallen and under the roots was a road/path of small pebbles/stone. The Friends of Hamlin Beach have donation boxes in place for visitors to offset the maintenance and insurance costs of the house. Ed Evans would like to see the Town Board put funds into the Town Budget for The Friends of HBSP and the volunteers who have been taking care of the Town’s LWRP obligation to help with the upkeep of the house. The Grimm’s family who at one time lived to the east of the CCC/POW camp has many family albums of photographs of the area. They are going through them to see if any are pertinent to POW site.

**LIBRARY UPDATE:**

The state funds have been deposited.

Steven Rutherford offered to take over reporting on the Fishing Advisory Board.

No Zoning Workshop this month.

The Board brought up the suggestion from the Town Board meeting of not replacing the vacant seats on the board. While they all understand the cost savings, they feel that without the 2 seats filled it would put a strain on the board concerning all of the other town related obligations/activities they represent. Dave mentioned that having a 7 member board gives residents the opportunity to be a part of Town government. He would like to see a 7 member Board maintained. There is a lot of other work involved. The Board members attend other meetings, participate in Earth day, assist the Park with International Coastal Clean Up Day, County EMC meetings, Fishing days at the Park, there is a lot that this Board does and it would put a strain on the Board. Marty Maier suggested writing a formal report to state your case why the Conservation Board members feel the Board functions better as a 7 member Board.

Concerning IJC report from the newspaper Ed Evans reported that the Conservation Board was asked to write an opinion for the Town Board so they could send in an opinion. The deadline is the 30<sup>th</sup> for information input. Maybe the original report sent in by the Town was misplaced. We think enough of Hamlin’s part in this report that at the last minute to send in another report. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> plan for the

Regulatory IJC. Marty Maier suggested that the Town send in the report again. Merritt commented that the IJC wants to raise the lake level 1 foot to improve the environment along the lakeshore, etc. With the higher lake level they can produce more hydroelectric power and get more shipping at the expense of the homeowners and everybody on the lakeshore. The report can be sent in by email. Whether the report is read or not it is still our obligation to the residents of the Town to at least send it in.

International Coastal Clean Up will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013. All volunteers welcome. Jeanine said she would mention it at the Friends meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Walch.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Ed Evans, Jeanine Klopp, Steven Rutherford, and Dave Walch.

### **REFERRALS**

Merritt Ackles completed 3 LWRP site visits this month:

- 1) 6328 Shore Acres Drive – Deck. The removal and replacement of existing deck of the same size. It is 40 ft. from the lake.
- 2) 7804 Newco Drive – Shed. A new homeowner, applied to put a shed on his property. The code only allows one shed per lot. It was agreed upon to remove the existing shed with a slightly larger shed and move it so it is farther away from the neighbor. Merritt read the zoning code for sheds for those present.
- 3) 7114 Tucker Lane – Breakwall. A Unique situation. Three homes have rocks out front but not a lot and are starting to break away. It was determined that it is no issue to add to what is already there. No DEC permit needed as long as they are just adding to the break wall.

Dave commended Merritt on a job well done.

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

### **DISCUSSION**

Ed Evans reported that he took a tour of Area 6 at Hamlin Beach State Park. There was no visible damage to the Devil's Nose area. The banks are 50 -60 ft. high with no undercut, straight down with no slope at the bottom. He has concerns that a winter storm could really undercut the straight cliffs and result in a cliff collapse.

Merritt Ackles commented on the effects of the lakeshore on the park. He suggested that a letter be written of what could happen. It should be sent to the IJC, Town of Hamlin and Hamlin Beach State Park. Ed Evans volunteered to compose and send the letter.

In an effort to eradicate the Ash-Borer, wasps have been released south of Monroe County. The wasps hopefully will feed on and lower the Ash-Borer population.

Alternative energy such as wind power, solar power is gaining popularity across the country.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Jeanine Klopp	PB	9/3/13
Steven Rutherford	ZBA & FAB	9/16/13
Ed Evans	TB & HBSP	9/9/13
Dave Walch	EMC	9/18/13
Merritt Ackles	LWRP	

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dave Walch, seconded by Steven Rutherford to adjourn tonight's meeting barring no further business.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl Pacelli  
Clerk to the Support Boards

**The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Hamlin Town Hall.**