

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*
February 28, 2005
7:00pm

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

Present: Merritt Ackles, Craig Goodrich, Tammy Palumbo, Glenn Quetschenbach and Dave Walch.

Excused: James Doan and Frank Marando.

Also Present: Town Supervisor Austin Warner, Town Board Liaison Paul Rath, Tom Jensen, Nancy Jennejohn and Jeanine Klopp.

A motion was made by Tammy Palumbo, seconded by Craig Goodrich to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2005 meeting. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Chairman Dave Walch added to tonight's agenda Earth Day discussion, Site Plan Application meeting and meeting at Hamlin Beach State Park. Tammy Palumbo added Blue Birds and Pesticides to the agenda.

Public Forum Opened

REPORTS

Chairman Dave Walch gave a report on the Planning Board meeting of February 7, 2005. Dave reported that the Tops fueling station received Final Approval. Tom Jensen commented that Tops has gone out of their way to satisfy the Town and the residents. Dave also reported on plans for a future Winery on Hamlin Parma Town Line Road.

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of February 21, 2005. Craig reported that the Collamer Subdivision on Shore Acres Road received approval for variances to build a new house. A neighbor was present to discuss drainage concerns and future decking on the north side obstructing her view. Joseph Subdivision was granted variances also. Craig also reported on a Wetlands article about the Army Corp of Engineers needing to have better control of wetland issues. Craig attended a meeting in February on Lake Levels. The lake is 1 foot high right now. They are going to keep an eye on it and over time reduce the level. Towards fall the level will be lower and then in the summer it can be higher for the boaters. Craig reported on the Wind Energy Meeting that he attended. He reported that 50% of the cost is refunded by the State by rebates. Farmers can sell the unused energy back to the company. Craig stated that Hamlin is a prime area. It keeps the energy local and provides cleaner energy.

Merritt Ackles stated that he didn't attend the February 14, 2005 Fishing Advisory Board meeting but he gave information on a Lake Ontario meeting Tuesday, March 8 at RIT Building #76 at 7:00-10:00pm to discuss the State of the Lake and concerns and issues concerning the lake. Other meetings are scheduled for March 14 in Lockport and March 16 in Oswego.

Glenn Quetschenbach reported on the Comprehensive Plan meeting of January 26, 2005. Glenn reported that they are working on a new zoning category called double zoning. They are working on getting more information together. Glenn also attended the meeting to work on a revised site plan approval application and check list for submittal to the Planning Board with Board representatives and the Building Inspector. Another meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2005 at 9:30am. A new software program called Quick Books for the Clerk to keep track of fees collected and billed was suggested. It would also help with keeping track of budget expenses. Chairman Dave Walch said the Conservation Board would agree to pay 1/3 of the cost of the software program for the Boards.

Chairman Dave Walch reported that there was a meeting March 1, 2005 at Hamlin Beach State Park from 10:00-2:00 on the Purple Loose Strife Weed. Chairman Dave Walch also talked about a Clean Up effort scheduled for April 23, Earth Day, sponsored by Delta Labs, Waste Management and Friendly's Restaurant. They are asking for local municipalities to give support and volunteers to help clean up a location in the area. Dave suggested the Board be involved. Once a location is determined an article can go in the paper for advertisement in March and April. All volunteers will get a free sundae at Friendly's after the clean up. Dave will send out an e-mail with more information. Dave would also like to get the Open Space Index wrapped up and get the outstanding sections finished as soon as possible.

Tammy Palumbo reported that she is working on finalizing a date for the presentation by Genesee Valley Nature Center. She also has some families interested in adopting blue birdhouses. Tammy also will get literature to Shirley for the newsletter regarding pesticides right away.

Town Board Liaison Paul Rath reported that the LWRP is not on the 21-day notice list yet but he keeps checking. He will provide Dave with a list of all the LWRPs. Paul gave a report on the Town Board meeting. He stated that a ceremony was held for retiring Postmaster Terry Wright. Austin Warner is continuing to attend sewer line meetings. A new entrance and changes for the gym are being looked into and a new ESL ATM machine. The Board will be making a decision next month on the Beehler/Kronenberg Re-zoning and a Resolution with Sweden and Clarkson for open swimming at the High School was passed. The Town would cover part of the fees involved. Paul gave a copy of the LWRP CD to Dave and one to the Clerk. Paul also reported that the County Legislator was trying to pass a new Pesticide Law requiring 48-hour notice before the spraying of any pesticides. Paul also reported according to a recent census Hamlin is loosing population in the 30 and younger age group.

Town Supervisor Austin Warner reported that he attended a meeting to discuss Hamlin Beach State Park. The meeting was to brainstorm events the State and the Town could do together to increase attendance to the Park and increase business to the Town merchants. He also included that all citizens 62 years of age and older with proof of residency are admitted into State Parks for free Monday through Friday. Chairman Dave Walch stated that sounded like a good idea and anything he needed from the Board just let them know. Mr. Warner also reported that the Town is looking into a grant for a GIS System. This would help with the Open Space and renewing the Master Plan.

ASSIGNMENTS

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| Craig Goodrich | PB | 3-4-05 |
| Craig Goodrich | ZBA | 3-21-05 |
| Tammy Palumbo | TB | 3-14-05 |
| Merritt Ackles | FAB | 3-14-05 |
| Glenn Quetschenbah | Comp. Plan | 3-8-05 |
| Dave Walch | EMC | 3-16-05 |

DISCUSSION

Merritt Ackles mentioned a meeting March 29 at 9:30 in the Cooper Hall at SUNY Brockport on the Lake Ontario Coastline. He will e-mail everyone with more details.

Nancy Jennejahn commented that the new Senior Development behind Tops will cause drainage problems and should be watched closely. Chairman Dave Walch stated that it is very wet back there and they will keep an eye on it. Paul Rath indicated that drainage concerns would be a Planning Board issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Glenn Quetschenbach, seconded by Dave Walch to adjourn this portion of tonight's meeting barring no further business. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

Hamlin Waterfront Advisory Committee

REFERRALS

6338 Shore Acres – 16 x 25 deck * Merritt. Can only be 10' from front foundation. Owners decided not to build.

DISCUSSION

The Building Inspector talked with the DEC about regulations and a meeting with the Boards was suggested to go over concerns and issues. Chairman Dave Walch stated that he would like to know when the meeting was so someone from the Board could attend.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Tammy Palumbo to adjourn the meeting barring no further business. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by

Heather Norman
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Board will be held on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 7:00pm