

Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 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, Steven Rutherford and Dave Walch. Paul Nau was excused.

Also Present: Myra Brickler and A.J. Cuddeback.

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Jeanine Klopp to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting as recorded. Motion carried, minutes approved.

A motion was made by Dave Walch to open the Public Forum.

PUBLIC FORUM OPENED

Ed Evans reported on the May 6, 2013 Planning Board Meeting: Public hearing regarding Hamlin Meadows Senior Citizens Complex, seeking approval for section 2, duplexes which would be rental units. The audience was negative on the following specifics: There is only one shared entrance and exit. The relationship between home owners and renters is difficult. The homeowners are worried about the decline of their neighborhood. The concerns of speeding were brought up. Ed stated that he thought that it was probably from pizza trucks and delivery trucks, and not from residents. The Highway superintendent stated that speed limit signs should be added. The Public Hearing was then closed and put to a vote. The motion failed as one member recued herself as she is a resident in the development and another member was excused. Mr. Beehler and his supporters were upset at the decision.

The Whelehan Subdivision on Brick Schoolhouse Rd. was tabled until the June Planning Board meeting.

The Application for Rader's Automotive was also tabled until the June meeting of the Planning Board. It needed a new application with the new owner name and a site plan.

There was positive support for a Dog Grooming Salon on Hamlin Center Road. It fit the new criteria introduced as a "Mini Home Occupation". It will have no more than 2 patron cars in the driveway at any time. It was the first Application of its kind to be approved.

The Application for a Single Family Residence at 1928 Moscow road was also tabled until the June planning Board Meeting.

A letter was read from the Hamlin Libraries Attorney withdrawing their Application.

A Planning Board member read prepared copies of "His history of the Hamlin Library" and it's process.

The deadline dates for Agendas were clarified and would be added to the website.

Steve Rutherford reported on the May 20, 2013 Zoning Board Meeting: Kathleen Speer/Sabine Frederick were looking to add crushed stone to an existing driveway at 832 Moscow Rd. It was granted on the stipulation that the entrance and the exit of the property would be paved 30' from the road in with an impervious material. The crushed stone would be added to the middle inner loop of the driveway. A pair of neighbors were less than pleasant about the use of the property.

Matt Sommers was granted his application for a 12" roof addition.

Douglas Gloff's was granted his application to erect a 24 x 24 non-agricultural storage building before the primary residence is built.

John and Jennifer DiLucia were a no show for their request to have 10 chickens on their property. They will be added to the next meeting of the Planning Board.

Ed Evans reported on the May 13, 2013 Town Board Meeting: The new library should be breaking ground around the 1st part of July.

There was a resolution to approve Town Law concerning penalties for not following dog ordinance regarding licensing and dog control. The penalty would be Public Service.

The Public Hearing addressed a Law change concerning permits for small sheds under 144 sq. ft. (except for on the lake). Article 14 & 15 were struck and are now being re-worked.

A landscape contract has been awarded for the mowing of delinquent lawns. The cost is \$30.00 for the 1st mow and \$20.00 for each additional mowing at each property. It was brought up that maybe the Town Highway Dept. could mow the lawns (as they have a new mower). A year would be needed to assess the feasibility.

The Hamlin Hornets have extended their contract for 5 years.

The Annual trash pickup was a success. Twenty dumpsters were filled. They were sorted out and 2 were filled with steel. Which helped offset the cost of the new mower.

The Assessor's report stated that 125 homes were assessed for \$135,000, 150 were assessed for \$164,000, 130 assessments went down, 390 had no change, and 2800 went up in assessment. There are plans for another Town Assessment in 2-4 years.

The sewer project on the lake has Maggie Brooks support.

Ed Evans suggested that Walt Fisher attend and report on the next Town Board meeting. Walt agreed.

The Town Clerk Office will begin selling EZ-passes. They are valid in additional states also.

Hamlin Free Fishing Days will be held on June 21, 2013. Merritt, Paul and Steve will be on hand to help out. The DEC stocked Steelhead Trout this year. As a result of the cold water temperatures this spring, there were no Chinook Salmon for stocking this year.

Dave Walch stated that there was no EMC meeting this month. There will be a tour of the new solar power building at RIT at the June EMC meeting.

Ed Evans reported on Hamlin Beach Park. After speaking with Jay, (Manager of the State Park) it was noted the new additions to the campsite electric (update and service) are almost completed. The sites can now accommodate up to 42' RVs with pushouts. The pads have been replaced and upgraded so there is more room to pull in and out.

The I LOVE MY PARK event was a huge success. It was the best attended in the entire state. We are fortunate to have a great dialog between the Town and the Park. There were 117 volunteers along with Conservation Board Members to plant the tree seedlings. June 15 is the Swim and Beach event. GLRI will monitor the water, using a predictive model for bathing and beach. There will be funding for designation to improve the habitat of the Yanty Creek Marsh Trail. Dave Walch asked about the Marsh wall...he stated "Don't forget about the wall".

CCC German POW Camp. Ed heard for a Kendall Town Board Member that the Salvation Army buildings have or will soon be demolished. Bunny Beardsley went to the location to take a look. It was asked that if the demolition personnel could look for items of historical interest in the rafters, etc. and save them.

Ed had the opportunity to show a grandson of a former German POW, the area in which his grandfather lived and worked while being held as a POW. Ed showed the Board pictures of the young man at the door of the Duffy Mott warehouse which his grandfather used every day. It was a very successful visit! The POW gave his grandson a calfskin (made to look like alligator) wallet that he had purchased in Hamlin to give to Ed Evans. He wanted the wallet to return here to Hamlin. Inside the wallet was camp money from the canning factory. Another surprise was that tucked away in the wallet were WWII pictures. The grandfather had forgotten how they came to be in the wallet. Ed sent the pictures back to the grandfather....But he made copies for Hamlin history!! There are all kinds of buried items on the POW camp site. Volunteers are needed to bring their weed equipment and help keep the area clear.

Ed saw no new beaver work/damage. He thinks that the trappers are gaining on the beavers. Steve stated that they are probably busy with their pups this time of year. Ed reported that Mo's had closed two years ago and invited the Conservation Board in to utilize whatever they could to furnish their building at the park. It was a donation of \$225.00 worth of goods. No water on as of yet. There is a bldg. still up on the original site on Drake road, not on our property. Ed showed pictures of the building (It is an outhouse) and a sun shelter on the property. The German POW's would be trucked to that location to work in the fields. They would use the sun shelter as a lunch/rest area. If possible, maybe a deal could be reached with the owner of the property to have the site available for visitors and possibly conduct a dig around the site for artifacts.

The picnic tables at Hamlin Beach State Park are becoming scarce as they are not replacing them while they are completing the renovation of the camping areas.

Ed Evans stated that there is an area at the CCC camp with artifacts for visitors to see. Ed has been sharing information about the area to many people. He has spoken to over 140 persons/groups. He says "Our footprint is there".

Dave Walch asked if anyone had participated in any Zoning workshops. Jeanine and Steve replied no. Jeanine reported that there will be no Zoning Workshops over the summer.

We had two visitors attending tonight's meeting. They were there to earn community service points for graduation. Dave Walch asked them if they or any of their friends would like to get involved with the CCC project. He suggested that they go to the kiosk at 968 Moscow road to see some of the great information that is available about the camp. He thanked them for attending the meeting.

Dave Walch provided an open space index update. How to approach funding from the DEC and support from the County. He suggested that they could go out and walk the property and see the vegetation changes. The CCC used to be a hazardous waste site.

The magnet program was brought up. Have the members finished distributing them? The areas that still need to be finished are: Troutberg, Newco drive, West Wautoma, Sandy Shore, Benedict Beach, Shore acres, Tucker lane, and Greenwood. The magnets have all the emergency information and phone numbers for residents along the lake.

Wheel Fest is this weekend.

A motion was made by Ed Evans and seconded by Merritt Ackles to close the Public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Energy power was discussed between the members. They reported on Fracking, Solar, Wind, Shale oil and Geo thermal energy sources and their benefits .

ASSIGNMENTS

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| Jeanine Klopp | PB & ZW | 6/03 |
| Steve Rutherford | ZBA | 6/17 |
| Ed Evans | TB & HBSP | 6/10 |
| Paul Nau | FAB | |
| Dave Walch | EMC | |
| Walt Fisher | TB | 6/10 |

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Walch asked for a motion to be made to adjourn the meeting.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl J. Pacelli
Conservation Board Support Clerk

