

**Conservation Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, June 24, 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 at 7:00 pm by the Chairperson, Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and the AED explained for those present.

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

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Steve Rutherford to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting as recorded with the following corrections: On page 4 of the minutes the following streets have not as of yet been canvassed: Benedict Beach, Shore acres, Tucker Lane, Greenwood and Sandy Shore. Also on page 4, after the motion to adjourn the previous portion of the meeting, The Hamlin Waterfront Advisory Committee needs to be called to order. Motion carried, minutes approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM OPENED**

**REPORTS**

**Jeanine Klopp reported on the June 3, 2013 Planning Board Meeting:** There were 4 *Public Hearings* on the docket.

The first was the Application for Gloff Subdivision and Preliminary Site Plan Approval for a single lot subdivision with a single family home located at 480-542 Walker Road, Hamlin. They were granted Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval.

The next was the Application for Katie and Ken Spohr for a Preliminary Site Plan Approval for a single family residence at 1928 Moscow Road, Hamlin. A motion was made to grant Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval.

The third was the application for Peter Ritchie for a Preliminary and Final Commercial Site Plan Approval at 1468 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin. He was seeking a change of use for an existing accessory structure. He was granted approval with the stipulation that he needed to sign the application.

The fourth application was for Greg Whelehan and Patrick and Margaret Culhane seeking a Preliminary Site Plan Approval at 2222 Brick Schoolhouse Road, Hamlin seeking a Simple Sub Lot Combination. Approval granted.

On the *Agenda* were the following:

Ma's Cow Subdivision, 1612 Moscow Road, Hamlin, Joseph Heberle seeking a Simple Subdivision. The Public Hearing was waived and approval was granted.

Application for Rockow-Byron seeking a Simple Subdivision was tabled to the July Planning Board Mtg. as the county comments were not in.

Application of Dave and Victoria Graham and Scott and Joan Hough for a Simple Lot Subdivision located at 129 7 153 Hamlin Center Road, Hamlin. This was tabled until the July Planning Board Meeting as the county comments were not in. Darryl Mosher asked for an exception, but because the comments were sent for then they have to wait for them.

Mike-Matt Lands Partnership is seeking a Preliminary Simple Subdivision Approval located at 1147 Moscow Road, Hamlin. Two attorneys were present, one representing Mike-Matt and the other a buyer for the property, Frank Mastrodanato who owns and operates Nuts Corners. They were asking to subdivide a 5 acre parcel off of a 36 acre parcel and return the 5 acre parcel to its previous status which was Lot #10 of the Jensen Subdivision. They are asking to just drop a line. A few issues were brought up by the Planning Board members. One was it a non-conforming lot? Were the structures on the property accessory or primary structures? After a very lengthy discussion, the Planning Board decided to send the issue of Primary or Accessory structures to the Zoning Board.

Hamlin Meadows Subdivision, *Section 2*, was present asking for Final Site Plan Approval. Judith Hazen recued herself as she lives in the complex. The development will have single and duplex residences. A few residents that previously spoke were concerned about their residential community atmosphere. A motion to approve was carried.

**Ed Evans reported on the June 17, 2013 meeting of the Zoning Board:** There were two items on the Agenda.

John and Jennifer DiLucia were seeking relief from Town Code §520-41C(a)[1]. They were asking for chickens on less than 1 acre of land located at 149 Morton Road, Hamlin. The Planning Board had said to maybe give her 6 and then they sent it to the Zoning Board. Jennifer stated that she has read up on raising chickens for eggs and that she had friends on the east side who have advised her. She has a 6 ft fence in her backyard on all sides. After hearing all of the information provided from the members of the Zoning Board, she decided to wait and make application in January 2014.

Douglas Heath, Attorney for Mike-Matt Lands Partnership was present representing his clients. He stated he didn't know why he was there. He only came in for a subdivision. He stated the history of the project. The Zoning Board decided that they had no legal authority to act on the matter sent to them by the Planning Board.

**Walt Fisher reported on the June 10, 2013 Town Board Meeting:** The Town Board started their regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 pm and held a Public hearing to amend local law of Chapter 384, pertaining to peddling, vending, and soliciting. A background check will now be required before a peddler's permit is issued.

The Supervisor had a resolution of appreciation for Tom Mussler. He was not in attendance.

The Public Forum was opened. A resident who was unable to attend the early portion of the meeting asked about Local Law Amending Chapter 384 and the changes were explained.

The Supervisors monthly report was acknowledged.

Town Board resolution to approve the use of the Town of Hamlin Town Hall by the Genesee Valley Rotary Club. It will be held on August 13, 2013 and the activity will be their annual 5k Walk/Run.

Town Board resolution to approve Employee Vehicle Use Form.

Town resolution to reappoint Nicole Cring to recreation Commissioner for a 5 year term ending August 1, 2018.

The appointment of Steven Lauth to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term set to expire on 12-31-2019.

The Planning Board resolution accepted in the amount of \$226,192.00 letter of credit for Hamlin Meadows Subdivision, Section 2, Beehler Lane, Hamlin.

Town Board resolution to authorize Season Never Ends Lacrosse to use the Town of Hamlin full park area for a lacrosse tournament on August 3 & 4, 2013.

Town Board resolution to declare Local Law Amended Chapter 384 of the Town Code of Hamlin a Negative Declaration of an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQR.

Next they opened for discussion.

They are having problems at the Charlie Maier Lodge entrance. There are complaints of parking, traffic, and speeding. Temporary speed bumps were suggested and will be looked in to.

The Assessor agreement with the Town of Parma is in negotiations.

The Building Department will be open on Fridays between the hours of 9am – 1pm.

The new carpet has been installed on the Board Room.

Councilperson Baxter stated that the Hamlin Dog Control Facebook page had 1,100 likes and the Town of Hamlin Facebook page had over 100 likes last month.

Councilperson Rose stated that the Library bids will be open from June 19 – July 11, 2013. Kay Hughes-Dennett reported that the summer programs will start on June 24, 2013.

The Highway Department reported on the rain delays in the Town this included mowing. The Highway budget increased by \$15,000.00. The old horseshoe pits were removed.

The Building Inspector reported that there will be a change in the software program presently being used to a web based program. It will help the Department run more efficiently.

The Town Historian welcomed a large restored metal sign thanks to the efforts of the Highway Department.

The Conservation Board added that the Open Space Index which includes the CCC and the State Park is in need of update.

The Supervisor reported on the attempts to establish The Lake Side Sewer District with Maggie Brooks support. There have been several roadblocks, \$5,800.00 for an Environmental report that is not in our budget.

Steve Rutherford reported that the Free Fishing Day at Hamlin Beach State Park went really well. There were 28 participants, some which had never fished before. The largest fish caught was a 10 ½ “ rainbow trout. The Coast Guard was present along with the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park.

Dave Walch reported that he attended the tour of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at RIT. There are many labs and classrooms. The solar panels they have provide the energy for the building. They collect rainwater in the basement and have a roof garden. They also have 3 wind turbines and at this time they produce more energy than they can use. There are also 3 – 4 car charging stations in front of the building. RIT has initiated a degree for PHD in Sustainability.

Ed Evans reported on a report from Jay on Hamlin Beach State Park. Swimming is open until Labor day. To date there have been no swimming closings due to water quality or environmental concerns. The Park employees go out in a canoe every day and collect water samples and they are ready for posting before noon of that day. There are sandwich boards within the park for patrons to see if swimming is open or closed. The lifeguards need to pay closer attention as the swimming status is not always correct. As a result of the wet weather and campground construction there has been a decrease in attendance this season from camp opening to swim opening. Last year there were 59,000 and to date this year there have been 41,792 patrons. The Friends project is coming along nicely. The park has new horseshoe pits that look very nice. There is a new canopy over the stage for the free concerts this summer. A large willow tree fell at the CCC site; a park employee removed the debris. The basement of the farmhouse in the park flooded. A painting done by a former German POW was discovered folded in drawer. Paul Schmole is the artist and his subject was a former Duffy Mott employee. Ed Evans informed the Board that he is no longer a member of the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park. He has turned in his ID card as of January of this year. He will ask the group if he may have access to a room upstairs to continue his research.

Jeanine Klopp had no workshop information. She may not attend the meeting in July.

Ed Evans commented that he thought if a Board member misses more than one meeting they would have to be re-instated by the Town Board.

Steve Rutherford stated that he would contact Paul to contact Dave Walch concerning his missed meetings which may be a conflict with his work schedule.

Jeanine Klopp clarified that Merritt Ackles usually completes the LWRP on the lake and she completes the LWRP away from the lake.

A discussion concerning the open space index was initiated. We should start thinking about open space. It would make it easier if we had access to aerial shots of the town. Improvements would be easier to notice. But it is always to get out in the field and walk the space. Ask the building inspector if there is any information that his office could provide. There is a need for an update on the open space index.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Merritt Ackles 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, Steven Rutherford, and Dave Walch, Paul Nau excused.

## **REFERRALS**

Merritt Ackles reported that he completed a site visit at 3622 Shore Acres, Hamlin. Owner wants to install an 80 ft. long wood stockade fence as a privacy barricade between two homes. The applicant's neighbor is also on board with the fence.

Merritt also reported on a site visit at 32 Westphal Road, Hamlin. The applicant wants to install an inflatable pool. They have 11 acres. The back yard is an open area, not near the lake and if this pool goes well they might consider a permanent pool next year.

Dave Walch reported that he too is installing a pool this year and that he has been discussing wiring concerns with the Building Inspector.

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

## **DISCUSSION**

Ed Evans reported that many gardeners are purchasing plants from their local garden stores not knowing they may be invasive and provided an article to the Board of options available. He supplied an opinion from the D&C that stated that the Hamlin Brach State Parkway west of Hamlin Beach State is very uneven and really not drivable as the road panels are not flush. He also remarked on new bag laws that are being adopted in some states to outlaw plastic bags. Madison County is the first in the state to have 8 windmills. They also have a landfill with solar panels instead of grass and their recycling center is powered by solar energy. GE is getting in on fracking. A hairless mole has been discovered with a specific chemical which is already used in anti-aging injections and for arthritis in the joints, that the chemical prevents cancer. What a great discovery! There is a device that can be installed in cars for \$179.00 that will make the car impossible to operate if the driver tries to text while driving. The yogurt craze is creating a dilemma. There are not enough cows to fill the demand. But the leftover waste methane is being used for power.

Resident Mike Webster of 13 County Creek lane has complained of standing water, smells and pipes protruding out of a pond behind his home. Board members plan a site visit on Tuesday, 6/25/13.

Free fishing in all NYS waterways this weekend. Next year hopefully it will be held on the same day as the Free Fishing Day at Hamlin Beach State Park.

Councilperson Marty Maier suggested that Paul Nau write a letter to the Town Board concerning his absences. The new carpeting has been installed in the Town Board Room.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

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| Jeanine Klopp     | PB & ZW | 7/01 |
| Steven Rutherford | ZBA     | 7/15 |
| Ed Evans          | HBSP    |      |
| Paul Nau          | FAB     |      |
| Dave Walch        | EMC     |      |
| Walt Fisher       | TB      | 7/08 |

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Hamlin Town Hall, Hamlin.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl J. Pacelli  
Clerk to the Support Boards