

Conservation Advisory Board Meeting *Minutes*

Monday, November 25, 2013

7:00 p.m.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Advisory 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 cell phones and pagers.

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

Also present: Town Councilperson Marty Maier

Resident present: Cindy Lutwiller

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Ed Evans to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2013 barring no further business.

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

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Steve Rutherford to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2013 barring no further business.

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

PUBLIC FORUM OPENED

REPORTS

Ed Evans reported on the 11-04-2013 Planning Board meeting.

1. **Public Hearing** for James Doan, 343 Morton Road, Hamlin. Front setback variance granted.
2. Robert Manville of 162 Walker Lake Ontario Road, Hamlin. Application for various variances referred to the Zoning Board. To be placed on the December **Planning Board** docket for a **Public Hearing**.
3. Kathy Brocksopp seeking approval for 2 flag lots with an easement involved. To be placed on the December **Planning Board** meeting docket for a **Public Hearing**.
4. Dave Rose, Town councilperson, spoke concerning the new library. The lease between the library and the Town is in place. If the library ever ceases to exist the Town becomes the owner of the building. Also, from the swale to the road will be "Forever Green".

Ed Evans reported on the 11-11-13 Town Board meeting.

1. The History center had a new boiler installed and it is working great.
2. Rocky Ellsworth gave the yearly report from the **Zoning Board of Appeals**. He commented on a common concern about the required 5 acre lots in R-VL. The Town has changed so maybe the requirements should be revisited.
3. Cheri Dobson spoke on life solutions. They have approximately 250 families that they provide for. They have always had 1 giveaway per month; there will be 2 giveaways for the holidays. The store is closed for the season.

4. The **Planning Board** was in attendance to request a new attorney be appointed specifically for the **Planning Board**. A resolution was made to advertise for the position.
5. Craig Goodrich stated that the Dog Control would like to start up the website again. There will need to be rules and regulations in place before that happens. Jason Baxter will set that up.

Ed Evans reported on the November 18, 2013 **Zoning Board of Appeals** Meeting.

1. A variance was granted for Paul Rath for a 3' x 7' addition on his cottage at 60 Lake Road East Fork, Hamlin.
2. A Public Hearing was scheduled for James Kruger seeking a variance for lot size change.
3. A Public Hearing scheduled for John Kilburn seeking side setback and front set back relief for a pole barn.
4. A discussion item from Rocky Ellsworth concerning keeping Ken Licht as the Zoning Board of Appeals attorney. The Zoning Board usually doesn't need the advice of an attorney but they find him extremely knowledgeable and recommend that the Zoning Board retain him for any legal issues that may come up.

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Steve Rutherford that the Board has discussed the Planning Board request to advertise for a new attorney to replace Ken Licht. The Zoning Board is not against keeping Ken Licht as the Support Board Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members polled: Merritt Ackles aye, Dave Walch aye, Jeanine Klopp nay, Ed Evans aye, and Steve Rutherford. Motion carried.

Steve Rutherford was not able to attend the FAB meeting this month. He did give a fisheries report. The egg take this year was successful. Chinook 100,000 eggs, Cohoes and Silver Salmon 50,000. The Sturgeon release and the water quality improvement have been so successful they added 1000 eggs. In Sandy Creek, the salmon and trout harvested under 16" have to be released back into the creek.

Dave Walch reported on the EMC meeting that was held on November 20, 2013. The discussion was about the diversity of the county parks. Highland and Genesee Valley Parks are designated as Homestead Parks. Northampton Park is the site of the county fair.

Ed Evans reported on the Hamlin Beach State Park. He received a report from Jay, the Park manager. This year 87 volunteers collected 310 lbs. of trash from 1.5 miles of shoreline on the 9th Annual International Coastal Clean-up Day. There are plans to hold a "Sustainability Day Camp" at the Park in 2014. There will be many hands on events for participants. Contact the Park manager if interested. The park is going to start thinning trees, 3-4 year old saplings. It is suggested that they could be planted on Town property. Please contact the Park Manager. A gentleman contacted Ed Evans concerning a donation for the CCC Camp. He wanted the money to go towards the re-creation of a barracks sized 112 x 22. The Park is not interested in that scope of project at this time, but they could use the money towards stone and other miscellaneous upkeep expenses at the site. The Conservation Board now has their own certified chainsaw operator. Nick Kramer is still working hard at the site. The tree program was discussed. Many of the trees in the tree plot (the old archery site) are not doing so well and look neglected. The tree saplings should only be distributed to Town of Hamlin residents. Marty Maier will broach the subject at the next Town Board meeting. Jeanine Klopp attended the Public Hearing for the 2014 Town of Hamlin Budget. It is in the budget for the Conservation Advisory Board to

continue as a 7 member board. The trees are in the budget only for Hamlin residents. Dave Walch and Ed Evans will take on the cost to get hardwood trees for Hamlin Beach State Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Merritt Ackles and Ed Evans to adjourn this portion of the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order by the Chairperson, Dave Walch.

Members present: Merritt Ackles, Dave Walch, Jeanine Klopp, Ed Evans, and Steve Rutherford.

REFERRALS

Merritt Ackles completed 2 LWRP site visits this month.

- 1) 162 Walker Lake Ontario Road, Hamlin – The property owner wants to subdivide the pond off his property for liability purposes. Merritt determined that there was no LWRP issue.
- 2) 2082 North Hamlin Road, Hamlin – The owners would like to place a Hot Tub on their property. Merritt determined there were no LWRP issues.

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

DISCUSSION

Ed Evans led a presentation on light bulbs and the differences in size, wattage, and efficiency.

Merritt Ackles added that last week on Newco Drive the trash pickup service had a leaky truck. Merritt took pictures of the spills and reported it to the disposal company. He then stopped the truck which was still on the street. The driver also called it in. The spills were cleaned up and the truck was in the mechanic bay for repair that day. It was a great observation from Merritt. The spills could have drained into the lake. Ed Evans also remarked that observations like that is one of the unwritten functions of the Conservation Advisory Board.

ASSIGNMENTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	1/06/2014
Ed Evans	TB & HSBP	1/13/2014
Steve Rutherford	ZBA & FAB	1/20/2014
Dave Walch	EMC	1/15/2014
Merritt Ackles	LWRP	

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Steve Rutherford to adjourn tonight's meeting baring no further business.

Members polled: Merritt Ackles aye, Dave Walch aye, Ed Evans aye, Jeanine Klopp aye, and Steve Rutherford aye.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl Pacelli
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board will be held on Monday, December 23, 2014.