

Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board Meeting *Minutes*
Monday, January 27, 2014
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 with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present. It was asked that all cell phones and pagers be turned off.

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

Also present: Town Councilperson Marty Maier.

Residents present: Ed Evans, Nick Kramer, Cindy Lutwiller, and John DeRue.

A motion was made by Steve Rutherford, seconded by Jeanine Klopp and Merritt Ackles to approve the meeting minutes of December 23, 2013 barring no further business.

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

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Merritt Ackles and Steve Rutherford to nominate and appoint *Dave Walch as the Chairperson for the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board for 2014.*

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

A motion was made by Dave Walch, seconded by Jeanine Klopp to nominate and appoint *Merritt Ackles as the Vice Chairperson for the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board for 2014.*

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

PUBLIC FORUM OPENED

REPORTS

Jeanine Klopp reported on the January 6, 2014 *Planning Board Meeting.*

1. Public Hearing for property on Ketchum Road. They were seeking Preliminary and Final Single Lot Subdivision Approval for 2 lots. Lots 2 & 4 already had approval, sought approval for Lot R-3A and Lot R-3B. There were no Public or Conservation Board comments. Approval was granted.
2. Public Hearing for Special Use Permit for a K-9 Training Business located at 2222 Brick Schoolhouse Road. There was discussion about safety, how many dogs would be there at one time and how many employees. There were no issues and no public comments. Approval was granted.
3. On the Agenda, Mike and Matt Lands Partnership seeking a lot line adjustment on the subdivision they have between Moscow Rd. and Jacobs Road. It originally was 83 acres and now with the lot line adjustment 14 acres will be subdivided off. There were no comments and approval was granted.
4. On the Agenda, Clayton Champion representing the Hamlin Hornets seeking a sketch conference for a Games of Chance/Bingo Hall business to be named Hamlin Bingo to be located at 412 Hamlin Clarkson Town Line Road. They are a 501C3 and have their gaming license. They will be on the agenda for the February 3, 2014 Planning Board Meeting.

Steve Rutherford reported on the *Fishing Advisory Board* meeting.

The FAB meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office. Steve was in the running for the position of Secretary but felt that he wanted to be more involved in the meetings at this time. There is a possibility of a fish claiming station to be placed in Charlotte. One is needed there and they were going to talk to the organization that controls the sewer district being that there would be discharge into the waste water plant. The *Greece Free Fishing Day* is on schedule and is in the planning stage. He will still be involved in the fish release program. There will be 55,000 Chinooks and 7,000 Steel Head Trout. He hopes they will be available in April but if the weather stays cold and the fish don't grow as expected at the hatchery there will be less. That happened last year and the Chinooks were not available. We will get the salmon around the 2nd week of April. Volunteers are always needed.

Dave Walch reported on the *EMT meeting*.

The meeting was held on January 15, 2014. There was a discussion/update on the introduction of the sturgeon to the Genesee River. They have had significant success with reintroducing the sturgeon to the river and then Lake Ontario. It is felt that this is an indication of the Lake getting cleaner over the years.

Merritt Ackles reported on the *Zoning Advisory Board* meeting.

1. First parcel was for John and Linda DeRue who were seeking to change their lot size located at 317 Redman Road, Hamlin from 5 acres to 2 acres. There was conversation concerning the 5 acre lot requirement with creating sub standard lots and the loss of fertile farmland. The zoning for lots is the following: R-VL 5 acre lot size, R-L 2 acre lot size and R-L1 1 acre lot size.
2. The second parcel was for Robert Manville seeking to divide his property at 162 Walker Lake Ontario Road, Hamlin into 2 lots for liability issues. The pond would have a zero setback where a 40 foot setback is required. A variance was granted and will now be on the *Planning Board* Agenda for February.

Marty Maier commented there has been discussion concerning the *Zoning Workshop* but no date has been set as of yet.

Attorney **Ken Licht** has been re-appointed as the attorney for the *Zoning Board of Appeals* for 2014.

Ed Evans will continue to attend all meetings and will report on them until his replacement has been appointed. He reported on the *Town Board* Meeting.

Ken Licht was re-appointed as the Attorney for the *Zoning Board of Appeals*. **Michelle Johnson** was appointed as the new Senior Coordinator. The Building Inspector and the Clerk to the Support Boards/Building Department will remain. The openings on the *Conservation Board* have been advertised. The lease agreement for the kennel facilities with the Town of Parma was approved. The **Building Inspector** reported on the activity in his department. The **Highway Department** has been busy with flooding issues and trees and branches down from high winds. There have been questions from residents regarding a second brush pick up this year. There will not be a second pick up this year. The **Highway Department** is focusing all of its energy on keeping the roads clear and the residents safe. The **Recreation Department** received a grant to finish the kitchen in the *Charlie Mayer Lodge*. The **Town Historian** reported that the Hamlin Historical Building is now on the NYS Historical Registry and the paperwork is pending for placement on the National Registry.

Ed Evans reported on *Hamlin Beach State Park*. **Jay Bailey, Park Manager** provided a report on the past month. He wants to know if the proposed Lake Shore Sewer District is still thought of positively by the *Conservation Board*. **Marty Maier** commented that it has been brought up in discussion and he will gather opinions on the project and report back to the *Conservation Board*. The Park needs the Town of Hamlin's assistance with this project as they cannot do it alone. The residents of the lakeshore and the park are concerned with the lake level possibly being raised 1 foot. The Park is attempting to install a 30 x 40 ice skating rink west of the administration building. It may be moved closer to shelter #1. The Park is keeping the trails and the shelters/rest rooms open for the winter to bring in users.

Dave Walch made a statement to the audience. I was very disappointed when the Town Board did not re appoint you this year for the *Conservation Board* and I do appreciate **Marty Maier** and **Dave Roses** support of you and you have contributed more to this Conservation Board than any single member that we have ever had on this board during my term here. I appreciate all you have done and it was disappointing unfortunately it wasn't unexpected. Just to let you know that we still appreciate all the work you have done and will do for the future of this *Conservation Board* and for *Hamlin Beach State Park* and a void has been left in this Board that will be difficult to fill.

Merritt Ackles also stated that I was shocked when I saw that you were not re appointed. I didn't ever think it would come to that, that the *Town Board* would take that kind of a step. To me it doesn't make any sense whatsoever. You have done an outstanding job as long as I have been on the Board with you. We need 3 new members....Maybe you should apply. **Marty Maier** commented on the status of the applications. One application was submitted in the first round. The Town wanted more applicants so it was advertised again. **Dave Walch** stated to Marty that the Conservation Board appreciates all of your support for the current and past years and for supporting Ed in the most recent events.

Ed Evans remarked to **Merritt**, I have no intentions of abandoning the projects that I have been a part of for the last 20 years. It is just going to be a little more difficult without a title. Being a member of the *Conservation Board* fit the bill nicely. I could go into the city in almost any office and because of being on the *Conservation Board* and therefore got to sit a little bit closer to the table. I am still obligated to carry through with the LWRP and the Yanty Marsh Wall, CCC/Pow camp, and the State Park.

Dave Walch brought up the topic of the County tree program. **Jeanine Klopp** stated that there will not be participation in Earth Day this year in April. The friends have discussed doing something environmental later in the summer. The weather in April is unpredictable. The County tree sale order deadline is in March 7, 2014. The *Conservation Board* has in the past handed out the trees in the TOPS parking lot, and here in the Town Hall parking lot. The clerk will find out the designated amount set aside for the trees for 2014. In the past trees have been supplied to the Park to replace trees that have died or that have succumbed to the weather/wind. The Park has offered to give the Town more mature trees that need to be thinned out from the park to plant anywhere the Town may need them. The Conservation Board usually supplies the park with approx. 300 trees a year.

Marty Maier commented that last year the Town was not so keen on giving the trees to the Park as it is a State run facility. It was mentioned to the Town Board that the Park had trees ready to be replanted and if they were interested in planting them in the town. The Town Board was all for accepting the trees but there wasn't any discussion on how to get them here. It was tabled for further discussion at a later date. **Dave Walch** stated that the trees are 4 – 5 feet tall and some are hardwoods, oak and maple. **Steve Rutherford** mentioned that with the

Emerald Ash Borer making its way here the ash trees will be dying out and it would be nice to have an established hardwood tree to take its place.

Merritt Ackles commented that a number of years ago we started that project with the park and because there were trees left over. A science teacher from Kendall was there with a group of kids and we thought it was a good opportunity for the kids to plant the trees for their science class. That might be how it actually started that we were planting trees in the Park. **Dave Walch** responded that in reality we wanted to get the Park more inclusive and to develop a relationship with them. That is why we moved ***Earth Day*** to the Park. **Steve Rutherford** stated that it would be a great Arbor Day Project. Having the schools come in and adopt a tree.

Dave Walch stated again that there will be no Earth Day this year but is looking at some kind of sustainability event through the Friends of the Park. Jeanine Klopp added that I Love my Park Day will be May 2, 2014. The Friends Sustainability Day event will be either May 17 or May 24 at the Park. Vegetable gardens will be re-established at the CCC camp area. Flower beds will also be re-established at the Friends house. There is information from a previous owner of the house as to where the gardens were and how they looked. There will also be the addition of 4 x 4 posts at the CCC/POW camp with a 45 at the top with a number on the post and in the future create packets so that people can do a self guided tour if they happen to stop in. They also plan to put in posts for a gate that is going to be back near the kiosk that will help to establish the pattern for when people drive in and park. The friends group will be looking for donations for these projects and for volunteers to help. There is still no water at the house. It needs a check valve. The friends will sign the contract for their part of the house as soon as the water is in.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Steve Rutherford to adjourn this portion of the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Dave Walch.

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

There were no referrals this month.

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

DISCUSSION

Ed Evans had articles and information on Environmental Issues and distributed them to the Board and the attendees.

On the subject of hydrogen powered cars. A refuse dept. in central NY is processing the plastic they collect. Fracking is big in Texas. The cold weather is killing off a percentage of the ash borers. A letter was received from Dan Chiras, a former student who lives in Colorado who is an author of environmental issues. An email

was also received from Germany from the grandson of a former POW. He had traveled to the site here in 2013 and would like it if more POWs could make their way here to Hamlin to visit the site. The D & C prints historical pictures from surrounding areas on the inside of the first page of the paper. It would be nice if we had pictures to put on Face book of the CCC/POW camp.

Ed Evans presented and read aloud a letter that he would like to be included in the minutes:

“I just want to say that I would rather have stepped down from my C Board position because of health, age, or a change of residence rather than being thrown off because I supported the wrong candidates in the last election. I only reported what I saw happening and never intended the business of the Conservation Board to become involved.

If it was the wish of two former Conservation Board members, Craig Goodrich and Jason Baxter, to hurt me, they have succeeded. I have lost elections before but this was worse. The irony is that I was instrumental in getting both of them on the Conservation Board that they used as a springboard to the Town Board. If you remember correctly, both of them were connected with issues when they applied for the position that convinced some of the interviewers that they should not be on the Conservation Board. I spoke strongly in favor of them suggesting that the negative issues tied to them might actually work in favor of their holding a place on the Conservation Board. I even wrote a flowery letter of recommendation that helped Jason get the nod from the Republican Committee to run for the Town Board.

Someone, please, keep reminding the Town Board of the importance of the LWRP and the Conservation Board’s obligation to keep it functioning. And, remember, the CCC camp project is part of the Town’s LWRP obligation. The Town’s actual involvement is long overdue.”

Nick Kramer had updates on the **EAB task force**. There are grants available for Arbor Day funding. He knows who to contact about the grants. We just need someone to write the grant requests. He will forward the task force meeting notes to Dave Walch. A temperature of -10 will kill 1/3 of the Ash Borers. There have been releases of the wasps that have shown great promise in eradicating the Ash Borers.

Steve Rutherford asked when **The Free Fishing Day at the Park** will be held. He will contact **Jay Bailey**, the Park Manager. He would also like to pick up all of the equipment from last year so that he may repair it so that it is ready for the kids.

ASSIGNMENTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	2/03/2014
Steve Rutherford	FAB	2/10/2014
Dave Walch	EMC	2/19/2014
Merritt Ackles	ZBA & LWRP	2/18/2014
Merritt Ackles	TB	2/10/2014

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl J. Pacelli
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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