

Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board Meeting *Minutes*

Monday, February 24, 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 by the Chairperson, Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present. It was asked that all pagers and cell phones be turned off.

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

Also present: Town Councilperson Liaison Marty Maier.

Residents present: John DeRue, and Cindy Lutwiller.

A motion was made by Steve Rutherford, seconded by Jeanine Klopp to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2014 with a correction on page 4 (date correction) and 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 Dave Walch, seconded by Steve Rutherford to approve the meeting and deadline dates for applications and fees with one correction to change the December 9, 2014 meeting to December 22, 2014.

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

Dave Walch read his statement aloud concerning Town Board Member Craig Goodrich.

“The news of Craig Goodrich’s untimely passing has had a profound effect upon me. To me it emphasized the fragile and precious nature of life and underscored what is really valuable in life. Craig was a good husband, a good father, a good friend, and a good citizen to the Town of Hamlin. He was an active, esteemed, and longtime member of the Conservation Board. I can remember the first meeting Craig when he was struggling through a project with the DEC, the “worst violation” the DEC officer said he had ever seen. He was so impressed with the Conservation Board’s approach he applied for an open position and he was appointed. Craig eventually aspired to a higher calling in life and he was elected to the Town Board. Craig always gave 110% of himself to any project he was involved in and I can unequivocally state, whether you agreed with him or not, he always did what he thought was right. Craig certainly left his mark on the Town of Hamlin and I will miss him. In closing I just want to add “Godspeed Craig.” Thank You!”

Chairperson, Dave Walch opened the **Public Forum** for the duration of the meeting.

REPORTS

Jeanine Klopp reported on the February 3, 2014 **Planning Board Meeting**.

There were no **Public Hearings** scheduled this month.

On the Agenda, Clayton Champion, representing the Hamlin Hornets, made application for a Commercial Site Plan Approval for a games of chance business to be named Hamlin Bingo in the plaza on Hamlin Clarkson

Town Line Road, Hamlin. The Board was satisfied with all of the information provided. A **Public Hearing** was scheduled for March 3, 2014.

John Rooney was looking for Re-Subdivision of parcels on Roosevelt Highway. It had been approved back in 2011 but the Mylar was not signed in a timely manner so it was just a question of bringing it back up again so it could be signed and a **Public Hearing** was necessary.

John and Linda DeRue went before the Board for "Preliminary Site Plan and Subdivision Approval". They have already received the variance for the 2 acre lot. The County Comments are back. There was a question on the form pertaining to the auto-fill of line # 15, which states that there might be endangered species/habitats on the property. That was proven not the case and the Board voted to schedule a **Public Hearing** for March 3, 2014.

Dennis and Karen Howe of 2728 Church Road made application for "Preliminary Single Lot Subdivision Approval" to subdivide land and their home off the existing 59 acres of their property. They intend to sell the house and move out of state. They were sent to the **Zoning Board** for various variances.

Dave Rose reported at the end of the meeting that there are 5 applicants for the **Conservation Advisory Board** openings. The Town Board has appointed Mr. Keith O'Toole for the Planning Board Attorney position for 2014.

Steve Rutherford reported on the February 10, 2014 **Fishing Advisory Board Meeting**.

There will be a State of the Lake meeting with the DEC, sponsored by the FAB at RIT on March 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. There will not be a FAB meeting on March 10, 2014. The Caledonia Fish Hatchery in Livingston County will hold a 150 year celebration on August 7, 2014 to celebrate being the very first hatchery in NYS. There is a petition to have salmon raised at the hatchery. There is a study of the Lake Trout in Lake Ontario using satellite pop up tags used on sharks to recover data. This will allow the tracking of where they migrate to, where they spawn, and how far they travel. The tags have been placed on 15 wild fish and 15 fish that were planted in the water up on the Niagara Bar to see where they disburse from. Jeanine Klopp mentioned a comment from last month from Steve about wanting to get the fishing poles from last year so that they may be restrung and ready to go for Free Fishing Day, which in the past has been the last weekend in June. She will contact Jay, the Hamlin Beach State Park Manager to see if he knows where they are.

Dave Walch reported on the February 19, 2014 **EMC Meeting**.

The discussion went over the 5 year County Plan for the National Flood Program. This affects persons who have built and live in flood hazard areas. The flood program is 24 billion in debt to the Treasury. Since 2012, they have been trying to place more responsibility of flood insurance cost onto the homeowner, trying to get residents to not build in non-suitable areas. Merritt Ackles responded that the insurance is expensive. It was explained that the insurance money goes anywhere nationally, and Katrina and Sandy took a lot of the funds available on a national basis. The National Flood Insurance Program is bankrupt. If a homeowner does their homework and takes pictures and determines the elevation of their 1st floor, negotiation for a flood insurance cost reduction may be a possibility. It makes a difference if you are on Lake Ontario rather than the ocean.

Merritt Ackles reported on the *Zoning Board of Appeals* meeting.

The Robert Manville property located at 162 Walker Lake Ontario Road, Hamlin. Application for variance to allow a pond setback of zero feet, code requires 40' pond setback. The variance was granted. A resident spoke that it is in his deed that the road, which is a dirt road, will be maintained by the owner. The present owner does not maintain the road as stated in the deed. The resident did speak with the Engineer after the meeting to try to resolve the maintenance issue of the road.

The Dennis and Karen Howe property located on 2728 Church Road, Hamlin. Application for various variances for pond setback and the front foundation of the house is too close to the road. It is a 32 acre lot. The pond setback variance of 2' and the accessory structure setback was granted but the variance for the front foundation was sent for a *Public Hearing*.

Marty Maier reported on the *Town Board Meeting*.

The Lakeshore Sewer District was discussed at the meeting. He brought up to the Board the concerns of the *Conservation Board*. The Supervisor had received a letter from the Regional Capital Facilities Manager stating that they were anticipating committing 3.4 million dollars and a capital fund to put towards it. It all depends on if the Town decided to delay the project or cancel it. It depends if the Town is going to move forward with this sewer project. The supervisor will check with O'Connell to see what the situation looks like for grants. There are soil requirements to be met. Dave Rose asked if the soil tests they used when they put the water line in would be satisfactory. J.P. was going to look into that. It depends on when it was dated as there might be an expiration date on the soil sample. They also discussed the Tree Program for 2014. All orders and payments are to be in to Monroe County by March 7, 2014. The Town has no problem with the ordering of seedlings for the residents. The Supervisor was going to talk to *Conservation Board* as there was no stated event for the disbursement of the trees. Dave Walch responded that a notice to all residents would be placed in the newspaper for the trees to be picked up in the Town Hall parking lot. The Town Board does not want any extra trees to be given to the Park. The Town is interested in the available hardwood trees at the park for re-planting in the Town. Jeanine can ask the Park Manager when the Park is planning on digging up the trees and how many the Town can have. The available trees at the Park are maples, oaks, and pines. The Park would have to coordinate the transfer with the Highway Superintendent. Jeanine Klopp mentioned that the Library may be interested in trees for landscaping but may have to wait until next year once the construction of the Library is completed. Merritt Ackles had a question for Marty Maier on the sewer, are you talking about the sewer along the lakeshore? What is the relationship where they put the water line in and where they put the sewer line in? It was just for the soil report. When you dig up along the lakeshore the *DEC* needs to know what the soil is. There is a test that is performed for soil sampling. Merritt asked who would do the soil test? Could our people do it? Marty replied probably not. J.P. was going to check the reports for an expiration date.

Jeanine Klopp reported on *I Love MY Park Day* event. They are in the beginning stages of planning the event which is mandated by the State of New York. The Friends plan to create the flower beds around the farmhouse and the flower beds and gardens in the *CCC/POW Camp*. As soon as the water goes in and the Friends sign the contract the farmhouse will become a museum and the headquarters for the Friends group. A resident, Gary Leverenz, lived in the farmhouse at one time and is going to help with the visual creation of the flower beds and gardens in the area. They will also be placing 4 x 4 posts with numbered plaques for visitors to enjoy self guided tours.

Merritt Ackles will not attend the meeting next month. Dave Walch will also not be able to attend the EMC meeting next month. The EMC meetings will be at 4:00 p.m. on March 19 at 444 East Henrietta Road on the 2nd floor. Jeanine will tentatively attend that meeting. Steve Rutherford volunteered to attend, and report on the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Marty Maier had more Town Board information to report on. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 so there may be a timeline for interviews for the Conservation Advisory Board open positions. A Zoning Board Workshop has been scheduled for March 6, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson, Dave Walch adjourned this portion of the meeting.

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.

REFERRALS

Merritt Ackles reported on the following:

1. 7814 Newco Drive, Hamlin – Breakwall & Dock. Ultimate Dock Systems will be re-placing the rocks that have come loose from the existing breakwall. A permanent Dock will also be constructed at the same time. DEC permit has been granted. No issues with request.
2. 7818 Newco Drive, Hamlin – Breakwall. Ultimate Dock Systems will be re-placing the existing rocks that have fallen out of the breakwall back into the breakwall. DEC permit has been granted. No issues with request.

Jeanine Klopp and Merritt Ackles reported on the following.

1. 317-327 Redman Road, Hamlin – Subdivision. John & Linda DeRue would like to build a home on property they already own. They have been granted the variances form the Zoning Board. No issues with request.

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

DISCUSSION

Jeanine Klopp reported on the auto-fill form issue with #15 for the DeRue Subdivision. Even though the form is auto-fill it can be filled out by hand. The DEC report is based on the National Heritage Data Base. NYS lists the species but doesn't tell where they are located. The map is ever changing as new information is added.

She also added that on the weather channel with the use of maps it was documented that January 2014 was the 4th warmest January on record worldwide.

Jeanine Klopp and Merritt Ackles will review the Conservation Corridor Permit Form and make recommendations to be presented to the Board in April. It may be helpful to have a checklist out in the field for a site inspection.

ASSIGNMENTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	3/03.2014
Jeanine Klopp	EMC	3/19/2014
Steve Rutherford	FAB	3/10/2014
Steve Rutherford	ZBA	3/17/2014
Merritt Ackles	TB	3/10/2014

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl J. Pacelli
Clerk to the Support Boards

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

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