

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*  
Monday, April 24, 2006  
7:00pm

The regularly 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 7:00pm by the Chairman Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits and AED explained for those present.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Tom Breslawski, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Tammy Palumbo, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

Also present: Town Supervisor Denny Roach, Town Board Liaison Paul Rath and Tom Jensen.

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Dave Walch to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2006 meeting with the following corrections made to page three under Merritt Ackles' discussion: Merritt would like added to his discussion on the building of dorms in the area to read dorms being built at SUNY Brockport and RIT and the difference in cost and how it relates to the Monroe County Water Authority. In the next paragraph Merritt would like to add the need in Hamlin to extend the water lines to close up the existing loops. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

**Public Forum Opened**

Chairman Dave Walch mentioned that he brought back some pamphlets from the EMC meeting on the new pesticide notification law if anyone was interested they could take one.

**REPORTS**

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the April 3, 2006 Planning Board meeting. Craig stated that Terry Keister received approval to have a dog grooming business in her home. Joseph Ballister received Final Subdivision approval. Pat Lawler received Final Subdivision approval. John Cleveland was referred to the Zoning Board for variances needed for his Site Plan approval. Walter Foertsch was referred to the Zoning Board for variances for his Site Plan approval. Sherry Miller was scheduled a Public Hearing to operate a hair salon business in her home. Mr. Powell was referred to the Zoning Board for variances for his Site Plan approval. The R & L Subdivision was referred to the Zoning Board for variances. The Times Square Subdivision needed revised plans. Country Living Estates received Conceptual approval. Kevin Clark was scheduled a Public Hearing for Preliminary Site Plan approval. The Apple Mac Site Plan was scheduled a Public Hearing for Preliminary Site Plan approval. MET Towers did a

presentation on wind towers in Hamlin. They are proposing 2 towers in Hamlin for data collection only.

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the April 17, 2006 Zoning Board meeting. Craig reported that Mr. Sommer was a no show for his Public Hearing. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward received a variance for impervious surface with the condition that the gutters are directed to the lake. Brush Creek received their variances. Morton Fire Dept. was scheduled a Public Hearing. Mr. Powell was scheduled a Public Hearing. Mr. Foertsch was scheduled a Public Hearing. Craig noted that Mr. Foertsch has changed his Site Plan twice. He has now added another bedroom since the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Sercu was scheduled a Public Hearing. Craig gave Rocky Ellsworth the Conservation Board's written concerns with the projects.

Tammy Palumbo gave a report on the April 10, 2006 Town Board meeting. Tammy stated that most everyone was there and she was unable to get the minutes from the internet. She stated that the MET Tower presentation stated that they would be proposing 30-40 towers in Hamlin if it was determined that there was enough wind energy in the area.

Merritt Ackles did not attend the Fishing Advisory Board.

Dave Walch gave a report on the April 19, 2006 EMC meeting. Dave reported that the Speaker Andy Sansone was a Pure Water technician. He talked about water quality and sources of water pollution in the area. Hamlin and Riga are currently the only two Towns that are not part of the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition. We don't qualify. Mr. Sansone finds illegal discharges when he is out inspecting and driving around and works to determine the source of the discharge and the pollution in the water and then sees what can be done to correct the situation.

Mark Reeves gave a report on the April 19, 2006 Comprehensive Plan meeting. Mark reported that they reviewed a copy of another Town's Comprehensive Plan and it was very impressive. Hamlin has decided to re do our Comprehensive Plan. Instead of having a committee Denny stated that he would assign certain sections to individual committees for review and then a representative from that committee can report back to the Town Board for review. The survey that was done has a lot of important information that will be included also.

Dave Walch and Craig Goodrich attended a DEC workshop in Rush on DEC permitting process. They reported that the DEC's process is not without loopholes but they appear to be taking a more stringent position on the protection of the buffer areas (prevention of regulated activities) around wetlands and storm water runoff at construction sites. The DEC also reviewed the migration process when a wetland is destroyed. They are going to be firmer in the protection of the wetlands in the area. The DEC sometimes relies upon neighbors or residents in an area to notify them of a project that is being undertaken without the appropriate permits.

Tammy Palumbo reported that when she was out walking a resident on Hamlin Center Road stopped her to show her two sucker fish that were in the creek. He was very excited that they had made their way to the creek.

### ASSIGNMENTS

Craig Goodrich	PB	5-1-06
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Tammy Palumbo	TB	5-8-06
Merritt Ackles	FAB	5-8-06
Dave Walch	EMC	5-17-06
Mark Reeves	Comp. Plan	5-17-06

### DISCUSSION

Craig Goodrich stated that Town Board member Dave Rose has asked the Conservation Board their recommendation on paving the end of driveways to the right of way and its effects on impervious surface for new build in the Town. Some discussion took place. This is in the Development Regulations book for new builds only. Town Board Liaison Paul Rath stated that the end of his driveway is paved and it is destroyed by the snowplow and mail carrier. The Board has a lot of questions relating to this policy. The Boards recommendation at this time is to look at each property in the LWRP district on an individual basis to determine the impact on the impervious surface.

Chairman Dave Walch stated that there is a training session tomorrow that several are attending and the workshop at the Burgundy Basin Inn if anyone was interested in signing up. There is also a discussion Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the Greece Town Hall on Stormwater Regulations at 7:00pm.

Tammy Palumbo stated that there is going to be an informational meeting on the wind towers May 4, 2006 at 7:00 at St. Johns Church. She can't attend but would like someone to be there. She prepared a presentation and provided copies of information to the Board regarding the effects of wind towers on migrating birds. She is concerned with the towers causing bird deaths and the effects they have on the habitat of the birds. She put together a packet containing studies and information on different species and how wind towers affect them. The proposed location of the wind towers is ½ mile from the shoreline and that would have the greatest effect on the birds and their migrating habits. She would like to suggest that the location of the towers be further away from the shoreline to protect the birds. Town Board Liaison Paul Rath stated that the purpose of these two towers is to collect data only. They are gathering data to determine how far the towers can be from the shoreline and still generate enough energy. Town Supervisor Denny Roach stated that they do a study on birds in the area and provide that to the Town also. A couple of members agreed to attend the meeting.

Tammy also mentioned that the Rochester Birding Association has asked if she would be the representative for Hamlin. She would like the Board's approval. The Board agreed.

Tammy provided the Board with a list of birds in the Rochester area.

Jeanine Klopp stated that she attended a Site Plan workshop and the concept of cluster planning was discussed. She explained that on a 98 acre parcel the developer could have 75 1-acre lots. Then they take those 75 lots and reduce them to ½ lots and cluster them together which allows for more open space, protects the woodlands and the wetlands and preserves the rural look of the area while still providing the same number of lots. It doesn't need to be re-zoned. The developer can't exceed the original density. The open space could be deeded to the Town or it could be deeded to the Homeowner's Association. Town Supervisor Denny Roach stated that Hamlin allows for cluster development under section 281 in the Town Code. The Conservation Board liked the concept to be able to protect and preserve the open space.

Town Board Liaison Paul Rath would like the Clerk to keep track of the training session that the Board members attend.

Merritt Ackles asked about the sewer extension along the shoreline. Paul Rath stated that nothing had been passed on to Denny about it but they would follow up on it. Merritt asked if writing a letter from the Board would be helpful in getting the ball rolling. Denny Roach stated that he would look into it first and get back to Dave Walch. Craig Goodrich suggested that Merritt write a petition and proposal in the mean time. Merritt stated that he could do that.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Mark Reeves to adjourn this portion of tonight's meeting. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting called to order.

Present: Merritt Ackles, Tom Breslawski, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Tammy Palumbo, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

**REFERRALS**

**7276 Sandy Shore Drive-** 5' x 15' deck extension on front of house \*Craig-consistent with the LWRP.

**5700 Wautoma Beach Road-** 6' stockade fence \*Craig- consistent with the LWRP.

Chairman Dave Walch thanked everyone for their help with the tree give away. All of the trees were given out to spite the rainy day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Mark Reeves to adjourn tonight's meeting barring no further business. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Heather Norman  
Clerk to the Support Boards

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board will be held on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:00pm.