Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2025
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board was held at the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin was called to order by Chairperson Steve Rutherford at 7:00 p.m. with the locations of the fire exits and AED explained for those present. It was asked that all cell phones and pagers be turned off for the duration of the meeting.

Roll call: Jeanine Klopp, Rob Westcott, Steve Rutherford, Carrie Whipple, Scott Martin.

Approval of the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made by, Rob Westcott, seconded by, Carrie Whipple to approve the meeting minutes of September 22, 2025 as recorded. Members polled: Jeanine Klopp aye, Rob Westcott aye, Steve Rutherford aye, Carrie Whipple aye, Scott Martin aye. Motion carried.

Present: Town Board Liasion Rick Wright.

PUBLIC FORUM OPENED
Chairperson Steve Rutherford opened the Public Forum for the duration of the meeting.

REPORTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	10/06/2025
Steve Rutherford	FAB	10/14/2025
Steve Rutherford	EMC	10/15/2025
Rob Westcott	TB	10/14/2025
Scott Martin	ZBA	10/20/2025

ASSIGNMENTS

Jeanine Klopp	PB	11/03/2025
Steve Rutherford	FAB	11/10/2025
Steve Rutherford	EMC	11/19/2025
Rob Westcott	TB	11/10/2025
Scott Martin	ZBA	11/17/2025

Jeanine Klopp will report on the October 6, 2025 Planning Board Meeting.

1. Public Hearing for 3022 Brick Schoolhouse Road for a SUP for a Healing Hearts with Horses therapy business. The required documents still need to be submitted. The pond appears to be too close to the fenced in area for the arena. The owner has already received a variance to have up to 10 horses on the property. This was tabled until December 1, 2025.
2. 1410 Roosevelt Highway for a Mylar resigning. This was approved.
3. 2865 Roosevelt Highway for a 7- unit self- storage facility that is behind Quicklees. It is a 6.5- acre parcel. There is a curb cut on Route 19. There is a federal wetland on the property. This was tabled until December 1, 2025.
4. 718-750 Martin Road for a property merge. This was approved.
5. Conservation Corridor Development Permit for Pam Chambless 7874 Newco Drive. To remove and replace the deck boards on an existing deck in the waterside yard. Removal and repair/replace the side door steps. This is considered a safety concern and was granted. A neighbor will complete this project.
6. Conservation Corridor development Permit for 7122 Tucker Lane. To add an 8 foot wide x 100 foot long cement and steel dock. This is not unlike other docks in the area. There will be stairs too the water. This was granted.

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7. Lot 9 of 1593 Hamlin Parma Town Line Road. To sell to Brightly Farms. Documents are needed and this was tabled until December 1, 2025.

Steve Rutherford will report on the October 14, 2025 Fishing Advisory Board Meeting.
They have $22.00 left in the budget. The Regional Dredging Council is looking to find ways to come up with funds to dredge other bays in the area. There are pros and cons on dredging the properties. Funds could come from the State and the Towns. Jeanine Klopp and Rob Westcott asked about BYC and how the dredge. They only dredge the channel. Peter Platt of the accountable digital advertising campaign provided that there have been 177 more hits to the website than this time last year. There has been a 40% increase in the interest in other types of services such as lodging, eateries, camping, kayaks, etc. They are still looking to how to get more residents to allow fisheman on private property to fish. There is a study on walleyes. They are using the DNA of the earbones to age them and provide other information.

Steve Rutherford will report on the October 15, 2025 EMC Meeting.
The Genesee Valley Audobon Society spoke at the meeting on the topic of saving birds and restoring their habitats. 2.9 billion birds are gone. Due to outdoor cats, window strikes 19% , homes 44% , 56% 2-3 story high rises, Skyscrapers minimal bird strikes. 70% - 80% migrate at night. The lights from windows are a part of the strikes. April 1, - May 31 majority of strikes. Lesser from August 15 – November 11. More information can be found on the Audobon website, Birdsavers.com, feather Friendly.com, Collideescape.org. ABC tape can be placed on windows to avoid strikes.

Rob Westcott will report on the October 14, 2025 Town Board Meeting.
September 24, 2025 Local Law Update for S/R zoning district. Zoning laws and lot sizes, etc. on October 14, 2025 under the Public Forum the issue of crime and a police force was brought up. Community service would be a good alternative for crime doers.

Scott Martin will report on the October 20, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.
1. Public hearing for a new front porch at 32 Countryside. This was granted.
2. 7122 Newco Drive for a dock. This was granted.
3. 5882 West Wautoma Beach Road for a fence. Due to circumstances regarding the lot only a fence was granted. Not the type of fence. This may need to go back to ZBA for a variance for fence type.

Jeanine Klopp will report on the Friends of Hamlin Beach
With the closing of camping on October 13, there is now no entrance fee to enter the park until mid May. On Saturday, October 25th a dedication ceremony was held for the historic marker noting the site of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp and the Italian/German Prisoner of war camp on Moscow Road. Ed Evans was also recognized for his contributions to the restoration of this site. In the 3 years since the Friends of Hamlin Beach initiated a bottle and can recycling program in the campground, over $5,000 has been generated for this non-profit group. These funds are used towards grants and other programs to benefit the park. Money awarded from Grant #10 is being used to renovate the hexagon building in Area 4 into a nature center. This includes providing handicap accessibility and enhancing landscaping around the building.

Zoning Workshop Report
There was no workshop held.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by, Jeanine Klopp, seconded by, Rob Westcott to adjourn this portion of the meeting. Members polled: Jeanine Klopp aye, Rob Westcot aye, Steve Rutherford aye, Carrie Whipple aye, Scott Martin aye. Motion carried.

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HAMLIN WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Steve Rutherford opened this portion of this meeting with the same members present.

REFERRALS

7302 Sandy Shore Drive – Shed in roadside yard – consistent
122 Lake Road east Fork – garage – consistent
7040 Benedict beach – fence - consistent

DISCUSSION

Jeanine Klopp reported that she and Steve Rutherford purchased 6 trees from Sara's Garden Center in Brockport for planting on the Town Hall Campus. They try to do this once a year and they received 40% off. Which was well within their budget. The trees have been planted and luckily the rain provided moisture for the newly planted trees.
3 Oak, 1 Choke Cherry, 1 Tulip Tree, 1 Sycamore.

It was also reported that a bear was seen near Cranberry Pond in Greece.

Carrie Whipple asked about additional training availability.

Town Board Liasion Rick Wright added that the Town is seeking a grant to build a new dog shelter to abide by new regulations. It will be across from Crosby's market and gas.
Also seeking a grant for a multi-use structure, community center, to include seeking a grant for a new pavilion near the right side of the existing tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Martin, seconded by, Rob Westcott, to adjourn this meeting barring no further business. Members polled: Jeanine Klopp aye, Rob Westcot aye, Steve Rutherford aye, Carrie Whipple aye, Scott Martin aye. Motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Advisory Board will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin.

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