

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
7:00pm

The regular 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, Aaron LaFaro, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

Also present: Town Board Liaison Paul Rath, Planning Board member Tom Jensen and resident Nancy Jennejahn.

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Tom Breslawski to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2007 meeting as recorded. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Forum Opened

REPORTS

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the December 3, 2007 Planning Board meeting. Craig reported that Simple Lot Combination for Thomas Smith on the Jacobs Road was approved. Schultz Associates did a presentation on the Hidden Creek Senior Community Proposal. The Board would like to visit a similar community in Geneseo. The Red Men's Club is interested in purchasing the Evergreen Restaurant. Linda Morey was nominated for Chairman for 2008 and Dave Martin for Vice Chairman.

Tom Breslawski gave a report on the December 10, 2007 Town Board meeting. Tom reported that two Public Hearings were held prior to the meeting on the Curfew Law and the changes to the Board of Ethics. The Organizational meeting was scheduled for January 2, 2008 at 6:00pm. The Highway Dept. seeks approval to share a street sweeper with 3 other neighboring towns if grant monies are obtained. They will be accepting State Bid for a new snowplow truck. The Curfew Law was approved. The changes to the Board of Ethics were approved. The Town Board recommended that Morgan Management make an application to re-zone the property on Drake Road to Senior Zoning for the Hidden Creek Senior Community Proposal. The strip mall on Hamlin Clarkson Road (the old IGA) is for lease. On January 8, 2008 will be a Public Hearing to extend the Wind Tower moratorium for 6 months. The Town Board will be interviewing for two vacancies. One on the Planning Board and one on the Conservation Board.

Merritt Ackles gave a report on the December 10, 2007 FAB meeting. Merritt reported that they discussed the 2008 Budget. The 2007 LOC Derby results were discussed. Total amount of revenue generated by the weeklong derby was over million dollars. Merritt discussed the issues on the bridge on Rt. 19 and they are going to discuss it at their next

meeting. Recently the Hamlin residents have posted both sides of the creek. In the past the DEC has tried to purchase fishing rights from the landowners but has been unsuccessful. Merritt has asked the DEC to look at the property along Westphal Drive. Town Board Liaison Paul Rath stated that the issues were discussed at the meeting last night and there is a grant available. A letter of intent needs to be in by the end of the week so Highway Superintendent Tom Ingraham is working on some preliminary figures on rip rap, etc. so they can get a letter in. Jeanine asked if there was a certain distance from the creek that the fishermen were aloud to walk along. Mark Reeves stated that the landowners actually own under the creek and there is no law that says fisherman have the right to walk along the shore of the creek. Planning Board member Tom Jensen stated that the fishermen could walk along the creek only if the DEC has purchased a deed for access to the creek. Craig Goodrich asked how many pounds of fish were caught during the derby. Merritt stated that he didn't know that information. Fishing access was discussed. Forming a sub committee and working on a plan to submit to the Town Board was suggested. Merritt, Jeanine, Craig and Mark will meet December 28, 2007 at 9:00am at the Sunflower.

Mark Reeves gave a report on the Wind Tower Workshop. Mark reported that the meeting went fairly well. Spitzer's proposal was discussed and some changes were suggested. The next workshop has not been scheduled yet. A Public Hearing has not been scheduled yet either.

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Aaron LaFaro to endorse Wind Power. Some discussion took place. Aaron and Mark will draft a proposal. A vote was tabled until next month's meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS

Craig Goodrich	PB	1-7-08
Craig Goodrich	ZBA	1-21-08
Mark Reeves	TB	1-14-08
Merritt Ackles	FAB	1-14-08
Dave Walch	EMC	1-16-08

DISCUSSION

Chairman Dave Walch stated that interviews for the Conservation Board would be January 7, 2008. A letter from Denny regarding the Shore Acres Committee was discussed. A group of residents have gotten together to try to reduce the lake level.

Merritt discussed the meeting in Fair Haven regarding sewers along the lake. Chatfield Engineers is updating the cost study. They suggested involving Hamlin Beach. Looking into Government funding to reduce the cost was also suggested. Merritt will be getting more information.

Aaron mentioned the Governing Magazine that is offered free to all government workers if anyone was interested in receiving the magazine.

Tom mentioned an article on NY grants to save Open Space. The grants are to protect the open space and history.

Mark asked about Chairman and Vice Chair votes. Chairman Dave Walch stated they would do that at next month's meeting. Mark suggested getting some ideas together for some projects that the Board can work on for 2008.

Tom thanked everyone and stated that he has had a great time working with everyone and he will miss this Board. The Board wished Tom good luck as a Town Board member.

Chairman Dave Walch thanked everyone for all of their work this year and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom Breslawski, seconded by Craig Goodrich 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, Aaron LaFaro, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Craig Goodrich, seconded by Tom Breslawski 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, January 28, 2008 at 7:00pm.