

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*  
Monday, January 28, 2008  
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, Ed Evans, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Aaron LaFaro, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

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

Chairman Dave Walch congratulated and welcomed Ed Evans to the Board.

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Ed Evans to nominate Dave Walch as Chairman of the Board for 2008. Members polled, Ackles aye, Evans aye, Goodrich abstain, Klopp aye, LaFaro no, Reeves no, Walch abstain.

A motion was made by Mark Reeves, seconded by Aaron LaFaro to nominate Craig Goodrich as Chairman of the Board for 2008. Members polled, Ackles no, Evans no, Goodrich abstain, Klopp no, LaFaro aye, Reeves aye, Walch abstain.

Dave Walch was nominated Chairman of the Board for 2008.

A motion was made by Dave Walch, seconded by Ed Evans to nominate Craig Goodrich as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2008. Members polled, Ackles aye, Evans aye, Goodrich abstain, Klopp aye, LaFaro aye, Reeves aye, Walch aye.

Craig Goodrich was nominated Vice Chairman of the Board for 2008.

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Craig Goodrich to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2007 meeting as recorded. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

**Public Forum Opened**

Chairman Dave Walch introduced Hamlin Beach State Park Manager Marty Howden. Mr. Howden shared future ideas for the Park with the Board. They plan to develop trails and increase signage in the park. They would like to clear the area near Devil's Nose and replace the fence. They have added several new events. They are planning on relocating the office to Area 2 and a new kiosk structure will be added to Area 1 with maps and an event bulletins. Merritt Ackles asked about increasing fishing access in the Park. Merritt also suggested lowering the admission cost for residents. Mr. Howden stated that he

would look into both. Merritt commented that plowing the entire park this year was beneficial and they appreciated it. Ed Evans suggested having an additional sticker provided for a second car when you purchase the Empire Pass. Craig Goodrich suggested combining the Tree Give Away and an Environmental Day and having it at the park. They would offer free admission that day to the Park and schedule other related activities. Mr. Howden stated that would be a good idea. He would look into it and get in touch with Dave Walch. Nancy Jennejahn suggested checking with the Lion's Club regarding maintaining the trails. Chairman Dave Walch thanked Mr. Howden for coming and suggested he come again to share updates and park news with the Board.

## **REPORTS**

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the January 7, 2008 Planning Board meeting. Craig reported that Ron Breslawski was the new member to the Board. Rick Bower was in to discuss Phase II of the Country Creek Subdivision. A motion was made re-affirming the Preliminary approval for the project. The Mylar for 4059 Brick Schoolhouse Road was re-signed with some minor changes. The changes to the Bed and Breakfast Code were discussed.

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the January 21, 2008 Zoning Board meeting. Craig reported that there was nothing on the agenda. The Board discussed why area businesses are moving out of town and what could be done.

Craig Goodrich gave a report on the December EMC meeting. Craig stated that a discussion on storm water with the Soil and Water Conservation took place. Craig reported on the January 16, 2008 EMC meeting. Craig stated that the new head of the DEC was present and talked about plans for the future. They are working on Environmental Justice. Treating everyone the same. They discussed recycling plans, climate change impact, green house gas, education, the DEC will be giving away free copies of the Conservationist magazine to 4-5 graders in NYS. Wetlands were discussed and the banning of wood boilers was discussed.

Mark Reeves gave a report on the January 14, 2008 Town Board meeting. Mark reported that the Public Forum was reserved. 900 tons of salt had been used, 32 house permits were issued, the Library roof leaks. January 22 was a workshop with Attorney Spitzer and January 23 was a meeting to schedule a Public Hearing for the Wind Tower Law, which will be held at St. John's.

Merritt Ackles gave a report on the January 14, 2008 FAB meeting. Merritt reported that they discussed clean up and maintenance that is needed for the boat launch in Charlotte. In the spring they will fix the docks and concrete. They are still discussing the condo project along the river. They will be taking information to other meetings in other States to try to increase fishing in Monroe County. The website will be available next month.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

Craig Goodrich	PB	2-4-08
Craig Goodrich	ZBA	2-18-08
Mark Reeves	TB	2-11-08
Merritt Ackles	FAB	2-11-08
Dave Walch	EMC	2-20-08

**DISCUSSION**

Fishing Access Committee- The committee met and did an on-site inspection. Notes were forwarded to the Board. A discussion took place. Priorities are signage and expanding the access to Sandy Creek. It was decided that Merritt would contact the DEC and get their input and feedback. Getting the support of the Town Board was also suggested. Contacting Denny and being placed on the March 10 agenda was decided. Designing a Fishing Access Brochure was also suggested.

A discussion on Wind Power endorsement took place. Two proposals were presented and discussed. It was suggested by Ed Evans that the LWRP policies be added to the proposal. Ed handed out statements referring to the particular LWRP policies that apply.

A copy of Aaron LaFaro’s resolution was passed out and discussed.

WHEREAS, The Conservation Board of Hamlin would like to go on record in defense of the Town of Hamlin’s citizen’s health, human and otherwise. The power generation from polluting, non-renewable sources such as oil and coal has resulted in serious health impairments such as heart and lung disease, negative impacts on wildlife, plants, and the natural environment including acid rain, smog, and contaminated waterways, and fossil fuel dependence has become a factor in conflicts over the world’s dwindling non-renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Board of Hamlin acknowledges that climate change and the possibly catastrophic disasters that may follow has made the public more aware of energy issues and the consequences resulting from our energy choices; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Board of Hamlin recognizes that the use of clean, renewable energy sources such as (but not limited to) wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal has many benefits including (but not limited to) domestic production opportunities such as local use of wind technology, minimal environmental impacts, increased income for the local agricultural industry, economic development, and increased air quality; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Board of Hamlin identifies and supports the Local Water Revitalization Program (LWRP), in which Policies #1, 18, 26(A-G), and 27 discuss and support the building of energy sources that are built in a responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Increasing local demand for clean, renewable energy production helps to redirect regional, state, and national energy policies; and

WHEREAS, Leadership at the local municipal level is essential in achieving fundamental policy change.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The Conservation Board of Hamlin is in favor of all renewable energy sources including, but not limited to, Wind Energy, whether it be publicly or privately owned or on any size scale, in Hamlin as it is imperative that we take the necessary action needed in helping not only our local, but global community to steer toward a more environmentally and economically sustainable way of life; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Board of Hamlin asks the Town Board of Hamlin to pass laws allowing responsible Industrial Wind Energy Development and encourage private development of electricity by Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems and other non-polluting technologies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to The Conservation Board of Hamlin forwards the text of this resolution to all relevant and concerned parties, so that the intent of this Conservation Board is widely known.

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Craig Goodrich to accept the resolution written by Aaron LaFaro with the addition of the LWRP policies added to the final. Members polled, Ackles abstain, Evans aye, Goodrich aye, Klopp abstain, LaFaro aye, Reeves aye, Walch aye. There was further discussion. Town Board member Tom Breslawski agreed to check with the Town Attorney on the issues. The Board agreed to table the discussion until next month.

The Tree Give Away was discussed. The Board decided to order 1,000 Douglas Fir and 1,000 White Spruce for the Give Away. The location for the give away will be determined at a later date.

Chairman Dave Walch has invited Henry Kelsey from Monroe County Soil and Water to next months meeting to give a presentation on environmentally friendly farming practices and grant money that is available.

Merritt questioned the waterline upgrade and stated that the Monroe County Water Authority had originally agreed to close the existing loops in Hamlin that were not closed. He asked about the progress and asked Town Board member Tom Breslawski to find out how much it would cost and where the money was being used. Tom agreed.

Chairman Dave Walch read a letter to the Board from Supervisor Denny Roach.

Town Board member Tom Breslawski discussed a matter regarding LWRPs and the Conservation Board not receiving all of them. Tom stated that Building Inspector B.J. Maier would like to keep communication open between the Board and his department and if there were any questions to let him know and he would look into it.

Next meeting the Board will discuss goals for 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, 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, Ed Evans, Craig Goodrich, Jeanine Klopp, Aaron LaFaro, Mark Reeves and Dave Walch.

**REFERRALS**

7493 Sandy Harbor Drive-border along bank. Craig, Jeanine, Mark and Merritt found no LWRP issues. They were concerned with who owns the property, disposal of the soil and that it was done to DEC specs. The Building Dept. had received a form to be completed from the DEC regarding the project and the Town's input. The Building Dept. asked the Conservation Board to complete the form for the DEC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ed Evans, seconded by Craig Goodrich 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, February 25, 2008 at 7:00pm.**