

Conservation Board Meeting *Minutes*
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
7:00pm

The regular scheduled meeting of the Hamlin Conservation Board was held at the Hamlin Town Hall and was called to order at 7:00pm by the Chairman Dave Walch with the location of the fire exits explained for those present.

Present: Ed Evans, Jeanine Klopp, Nick Kramer, Aaron LaFaro, Merritt Ackles and Dave Walch.

Excused: Craig Goodrich

Also present: Planning Board member Tom Jensen.

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, dually seconded by Jeanine Klopp and Ed Evans to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2009 meeting as recorded. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Forum Opened

REPORTS

Ed Evans gave a report on the May 4, 2009 Planning Board meeting. Ed reported that the LWRP for 39 Cook Road for a pool was approved. He gave Jeanine's comments to the Board that it wouldn't change the property. Ed noted that he was concerned about a leaning pole on the property and that it should be reported. Tom Jensen stated that Highway Superintendent Tom Ingraham was going to report it to National Grid and the owner has reported it several times already. Ed reported that the Zoning Workshop issues were discussed and Board member Judy Hazen was concerned about proposed changes to farmer's land. Ed stated that hopefully wind towers would come into town so the farmers won't have to worry about their retirement.

Jeanine Klopp gave a report on the May 18, 2009 Zoning Board meeting. Jeanine reported that there were two wind tower Public Hearings scheduled so the meeting was video taped. Brad Smith of 11 Walker Lake Ontario Road received a variance for an inground pool. Mr. and Mrs. Schlecht received variances for a house at 7146 Tucker Lane. A gabion wall for erosion control was added to the plans and they are proposing a multi flow treatment system. Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell received a variance for an 80' wind tower located at 140 Westphal Drive and so did Mr. Cardillo on Roosevelt Highway. There were a lot of questions from residents and people are still confused about the current code for wind towers. Ed Evans added that the newspapers give the impression that these people's concerns are valid but they really aren't. A 2003 report states that property values didn't go down in fact they went up in the area where wind towers were located.

Nick Kramer gave a report on the May 11, 2009 Town Board meeting. Nick stated that discussion took place regarding noise, atvs and car stereo music along Brick Schoolhouse Road. The residents were told to call 911. Time Warner franchise renewal procedures have been started. Supervisor Roach thanked the Conservation Board and everyone else that helped out at Earth Day. It was a big success. One resident read a statement regarding a study on wind turbines.

Merritt Ackles gave a report on the May 11, 2009 Fishing Advisory Board meeting. Merritt stated that they discussed the website. They voted to donate fishing poles to upcoming derbies. The Budget was discussed. They discussed the opening of a new restaurant at the terminal. They are talking to customs and Border Control about coming back to that location. The local restaurants would remain there also.

Ed Evans gave a report on Hamlin Beach State Park. Ed stated that they are still doing a good job with a smaller staff. The plumbing doesn't work in the bathhouse at Area 3. They are working on getting that fixed. The road near the Moscow Road entrance that loops around is really broken up. It is the DOT's responsibility to repair. The CCC Camp is now a park thanks to the volunteers, Nick, Dan, the Boy Scouts and students from BOCES. An elaborate waste system was discovered but there is no documentation on it. The manager is working on RNEWS coverage of the Camp. They are thinking of putting a parking lot in where the original one was. Ed suggested using the existing house there as a temporary museum to display pictures and different items that they have dug up plus it would give the volunteers a place to keep their tools and stuff.

Chairman Dave Walch thanked everyone for their help with Earth Day.

Jeanine Klopp gave a report on the May 21, 2009 Zoning Workshop. Jeanine reported that the shoreline zoning was discussed. The impervious surface issue along the shoreline was discussed. It was suggested that it be changed to 25% instead of 15%. Plus if the house has gutters that drain into the lake then it wouldn't be included in the calculation. Merritt disagreed with changing the percent. On the smaller lots along the lake black top driveways, etc. shouldn't be allowed. It will only cause problems. Anything over 15% impervious gets a variance anyway. Tom Jensen stated that they are trying to help those lots along the lake meet the requirement and promote gutter usage. Merritt stated that they shouldn't have to increase the percent. Jeanine stated that at a meeting they were told that if repeated variances are needed then the Zoning Code needs to be changed. Jeanine continued that shoreline protection issues were discussed. Having them approved by the Army Corp. of Engineers was suggested. APZ (Agricultural Protected Zones) were discussed. Tom Breslawski stated at the workshop that area farmers are in favor of this new approach. Depending on the lot size farmers could subdivide off the existing house and sell off the remaining land. No variances would be allowed. Merritt commented that in North Carolina they are having the same issue. They came up with 10-acre lot subdivisions with only one house allowed per lot. The next workshop is June 18 at 7:00pm.

ASSIGNMENTS

Ed Evans	PB	6-1-09
Aaron LaFaro	ZBA	6-15-09
Nick Kramer	TB	6-8-09
Merritt Ackles	FAB	6-8-09
Craig Goodrich	EMC	5-20-09 (report)
Ed Evans	HBSP	
Jeanine Klopp	ZW	6-18-09

DISCUSSION

Merritt discussed the condominium controversy article in the paper.

Tom Jensen commented that a resident of Hamlin was named Tree Farmer of the Year in Yates County. He bought some land in Yates County and has a managed forest there.

Ed mentioned that the wind tamer that he talked about previously is no longer working. It didn't hold up. It was in a very windy location. He also mentioned that the book "Power from the Wind" by a Hilton author is available in bookstores now.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanine Klopp, seconded by Merritt Ackles to adjourn this portion of tonight's meeting. Members polled, all ayes. Motion carried.

HAMLIN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order.

Present: Ed Evans, Jeanine Klopp, Nick Kramer, Aaron LaFaro and Dave Walch.

Excused: Craig Goodrich

REFERRALS

43 Cook Road-fence- Merritt no issues.

7493 Sandy Harbor- pavilion- Jeanine reported that Craig had no issues. A DEC permit was issued.

5800 Wautoma Beach-Porch- Jeanine reported that Craig commented that an Impervious Surface variance would be needed.

6612 Shore Acres- fence- Jeanine reported that Craig had no issues.

Ed suggested having more than one member go on the LWRP inspections.

DISCUSSION

Conservation Issues- Jeanine commented that an article in the Hamlin Herald stated that a place near Sun King in Brockport takes plastics, glass and other recyclables.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Merritt Ackles, seconded by Ed Evans 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, June 22, 2009 at 7:00pm.