

PRESENT: Jason Keding, Chairman
Jeffery Szudzik, Financial Secretary
Don Buckley
Scott Johnson
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Mike Monin

ALSO PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

MINUTES

Chairman Keding asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of May 20, 2014. Being none Mr. Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

Received:

- June Conservationist magazine - mailed to Boston Free Library
- NYS Association of Conservation Commissions membership dues
- Updated Town Hall directories – in folders
- July / August Arbor Day pamphlet – copies in folders, original in Town Hall Lobby
- August Conservationist magazine – mailed to Boston Free Library
- Budget for 2015 e-mailed to Mr. Szudzik from Bookkeeper Selby

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- No changes from June 19th for the \$274.28 invoice for Tops
- Currently the remaining balance is \$1,107.47
- Will get a voucher out for NYSACC dues
- Budget increase of \$100.00 to be consistent with last year's increase

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Keding reported items that were to be discussed at tonight's meeting:

Mr. Monin will not be able to attend these meetings anymore; I know everyone is busy, but if anyone is interested?

Mr. Johnson: I will try to attend, depends on work schedule

- Scobie Dam
 - Lowering water level to allow more fish in the streams
- Tonawanda Creek Watershed
- Another spreadsheet that was sent was 107 pages – I did not print that out
 - Basically a breakdown of Erie County projects within the ECEMC

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Mr. Vara was not present this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Keding reported that he had not, after several attempts via e-mail and telephone, heard back from past or new presenters.

SPCA	no response
Hawk Creek	no response
Alpaca Farm	no response
4-H Flopper Hoppers	will be contacted
Birds of Raptor	will be contacted
Southtowns Walleye	will be contacted
Zoomobile	might be available

Mr. Buckley said that he would follow up with additional e-mails and telephone calls.

Flyers: Add recruitment notice for new CAC members

Posters: Mrs. Stuart will pick-up 25 posters for distribution through Town, as soon as presenters are known so that they can announced on the posters

Work Session: Scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014 – 8:00 AM at the Lion’s Shelter

In discussion it was decided that if no one commits by August 29th, that the Environmental Awareness Day event would be cancelled.

Mr. Buckley had a breakdown of number of flyers for each district in Town.

Mr. Szudzik suggested adding a comment section asking ‘how did you find out about the event?’

Further discussion followed regarding publicizing this and other events.

Pond Renovation

Mr. Keding: Is there any interest in doing a pond renovation; Councilman Genzel brought up possibly repairing the upper pond; how much interest and participation we would want to put forward with. I don’t know what Jeff has in mind but I do know that it is going to take a lot or work. The fire department has volunteered to pump it out; and Jeff would do a survey. If it was done in early 2015 it wouldn’t be ready for the fishing derby, because the pond would have to sit and acclimate and not be ready for fish.

Mr. Buckley: What if it was done following the 2015 Fishing Derby and doing it later in the season? It would take that long to get it all set up. They also talked one time about joining the two ponds and making one large pond.

Mr. Keding: We’ll propose after the fishing derby next year.

NEW BUSINESS

New members

Announcements need to be placed in local papers and announcements made at Town Board meetings, and posted around Town with a blurb with what we’re about.

Membership Quorum reduction

Secretary Faulring stated that according to the Code Book the CAC membership is 9 members; she suggested reducing that number to 7 which would require a quorum of 4 members instead of 5.

Mr. Keding will check with the Town Clerk about the correct process of doing that.

Mr. Keding stated at the end of the meeting that he would not in attendance at the April 2015 meeting. He and his family will be in Europe exploring, and ‘house hunting’ due to a possible job transfer for his wife. He asked that Fishing Derby planning be done as usual and that he would be here to help with the Fishing Derby in May.

Mr. Keding asked if there were any further business for this evening. Being none Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn (8:40 PM), seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees