

PRESENT: Donald Buckley, Chairman
Jason Keding
Mike Monin
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Richard Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Buckley asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes of April 16, 2013; being none Mr. Monin made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Keding and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

Received:

- May / June issue of the Arbor Day pamphlet
 - Distributed in each member's folder
 - Original in Town Hall lobby
- July / August Issue of Arbor Day pamphlet
 - Distributed in each member's folder
 - Original in Town Hall lobby
- July / August issues of 'The Conservationist' magazine
 - Sent to Boston Free Library
 - Membership statement received
- Information received for workshop on September 12, 2013 in E. Aurora
 - Copies in member's folders
- Completed and updated Town Hall Directory

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- Budget as of August 15, 2013 is \$917.79
 - Expenses for advertising, Hawk Creek and other Environmental Awareness Day expenses are yet to come out of this amount
- Budget is due and open for discussion
 - The budget for 2013 was \$2550.00

Mr. Buckley:

- There is no local market in Town that will donate supplies
- 50 gifts were received from Board members and others
- we've received no receipts from Dick Lee (Mr. Szudzik will check what he spent last year ?\$200.00)
- we still have prizes left (Mr. Keding has an inventory of these prizes)
- do we intend to increasing paid vendors for activities?

Discussion followed.

Mr. Monin made a motion to raise the CA budget to \$2500.00, seconded by Mr. Keding and carried.

Discussion followed regarding the increase in the cost of fish. Mr. Szudzik will check the past couple of years for cost of fish or did the increase other costs for the Fishing Derby.

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Monin reported: some of the activities in process and topics that are in discussion:

- I'm new to this project and so I'm still learning
- Many towns represented, many organizations represented such as Riverkeepers
 - Some there as political appointments some there because they are interested
- County has a surplus of tax dollars and Mr. Poloncarz
 - Looking for environmental projects
- Bonnie Lawrence is coordinator for the report that was worked on last year

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Not in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Scenic By-Way: Mr. Szudzik has not heard anything from the committee. He will be e-mailing the committee and Councilman Vara for updates.

Fishing Derby

Mr. Buckley distributed a Fishing Derby Summary (copy included with the minutes)

Suggestions for next year:

- Better method for monitoring the prizes
- Better 'security' for the prizes – some of the prizes 'got legs and walked'
 - More volunteers would be helpful
- Make this activity 'for the kids' not the parents
- Feed the kids (the active participants) only
- Upon registration:
 - Distribute tickets to the kids: 1 ticket for hot dog, 1 ticket for ice cream, 1 ticket for pop

Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Buckley reported:

- Saturday, September 21
- Sign standard is reserved
- Confirmed participants
 - Hawk Creek
 - SPCA
 - 4-H Flopper Hoppers
 - Allen Young – Soil Erosion
 - Patrick Marren will send Matt Query coming to do an Emerald Ash Borer presentation
- Possible participants
 - Llama Farm
 - Paul Ziarnowski – Beekeeper
 - Southtowns Walleye Association
 - I.E Raptors
 - Sandy Geffner from Earth Spirit
 - Renew membership which is \$100.00 – if member they do not charge for programs
- Advertising
 - 25 legal sized posters for distribution throughout Town
 - 4000 flyers for pennysaver distribution
- Work Session scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 8:00 AM

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Faulring reported that she has had the Town Clerk about advertising for new members along with seeking new members for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Keding suggested changing the quorum to 3.

Secretary Faulring suggested the membership down from 9 nine members to 7 or 5 members.

With membership down and new members not knocking down the door, if the quorum was reduced to 3 meetings would not have to be canceled due to lack of quorum.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Keding made a motion to reduce the quorum to 3 members, seconded by Mr. Monin and carried.

Mr. Buckley will contact Supervisor Ballowe to find out the procedure for reducing the quorum and or the membership.

Mr. Buckley: Any other new business?

Mr. Keding:

- At the Fishing Derby Councilman Genzel asked if we would take on the project of getting some “right to Farm” signs for the Town of Boston
- At the Fishing Derby we talked about the idea of a suggestion comment box

N.E.S.T.

Mr. Buckley reported:

- that he and Councilman Vara attended the meeting in May
- next meeting is September 12
- Membership consists of DEC people and town representation
- Working on the way they pay for the disposal of solid waste and tires
 - Mr. Monin: We should look into having a waste / tire drop-off in Boston
 - Put the proper solid waste disposal information on the website
 - Currently when you buy a new tire, you pay the \$2.00 and they take your old tire
 - Also old paint, oil, the C.F.L. light bulbs, batteries

Mr. Buckley made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried

Respectfully submitted,



Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees