

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**October 21, 2014**

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

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ALSO Gary Vara Councilman – Town Board Liaison  
PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Keding asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2014. Being none Mr. Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried.

Mr. Keding added that there was a meeting scheduled for September 16, 2014 but due to the lack of quorum no business was conducted.

It was decided that Mr. Keding would send out a mass e-mail to all members to assure that a quorum would be in attendance at upcoming meetings. If not he would advise others that the meeting will be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Faulring reported the following:

- Mike Monin’s letter, of resignation, dated September 10, 2014 was received
- Town Board letter dated October 2, 2014 acknowledging Mike’s service on the CAC and acceptance of his resignation
- October issue of the ‘Conservationist’ was received and mailed to the Boston Free Library
- Received – Arbor Day dues request – given to Mr. Szudzik

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- \$1,107.47 is currently available
- NYSACC dues of \$75.00 are to be paid
- Arbor Day dues are due – Mr. Szudzik will decide on a one year or five year subscription

**ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Keding reported:

- He was unable to attend this evening’s meeting at Hawk Creek
- Receives letters from Bonnie Lawrence
- He does receive lots of e-mail’s from ECEMC and will share with others via e-mail for the ‘light’ reading

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Councilman Vara reported his discussion with Town Attorney Kobiolka:

- Cannot reduce quorum
  - Quorum has to be one more than half of membership
- Will look into reduction of reducing membership number
- Residents aged 16 years and older are eligible for membership
- T.A. Kobiolka will look into the process for reducing the membership number
  
- Supervisor Ballowe is thinking about becoming a member if he can
- Town Board is talking about expanding the one pond

Discussion followed regarding Town Code Section 11-3: Membership.

Mr. Vara said that there is a resident who is interested in being a member of the CAC, but Tuesday's aren't good with his work schedule.

Secretary Faulring suggested reduction of regular membership and having alternate members. The Planning Board has 7 regular members and 2 alternates; Zoning Board of Appeals has 5 regular members and 2 alternates. Alternate members can actively participate in all discussions; cannot vote when all regular members are present; can vote when appointed to serve in the absence of a regular member.

Mr. Keding suggested a flyer going out to the residents in Town letting them know about the CAC; what we're about; past activities and future activities and goals.

Discussion followed regarding a change of meeting night:

- meet the needs of the 5 current members
- if new members come in re-address it at a future meeting
- frequency of meetings
  - Do we need a meeting every month?
  - Would every other month be sufficient?
  - Work Session meetings before project days for finalizing plans
- get the feel of how deep to get involved with other projects

Mr. Keding made a motion to recommend to the Town Board the reduction of membership from 9 members to 5 members and the addition of 2 alternate members; seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried.

Mr. Keding made a motion to change meeting nights from the third Tuesday to the second Wednesday of the month, effective January 14, 2015; seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried.

Consensus of members following discussion – Meet on November 18, 2014 at 7:45 PM and cancel the December 16, 2014 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Pond Renovations**

- Add to 'new year' to do list
- Boston Fire Company willing to drain pond

**NEW BUSINESS**

Most of the new business was taken care of with the motions for reduction of membership and change of meeting night.

Mr. Keding: Is there anything else for this evening?

Mr. Vara: The Town Board is looking into the possibility of having a Drainage Director on payroll to deal with all types of water problems in Town; still are looking into and working on details.

Mr. Keding: Is there anything else?

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business Mr. Keding made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Thelma Faulring  
Secretary to the Boards and Committees