

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 16, 2012

PRESENT: Donald Buckley, Chairman
Richard Lee
Mike Monin
Sharon Stuart
Jeffery Szudzik

ABSENT: Jason Keding

ALSO PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees

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Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:49 PM

MINUTES

Mr. Buckley: Are there any correction to the minutes of June 19, 2012?
Being none Mr. Lee made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

- Correspondence from August
 - August copy of 'The Conservationist' magazine was received June and sent to Boston Free Library
 - 'Earth Spirit' summer newsletter received and included in folder this evening
 - Arbor Day July / August edition received – in folder
- Correspondence from September
 - Arbor Day September / October edition received – in folder
- Correspondence from October
 - 'Earth Spirit' Autumn Newsletter received – in folder
 - NYSACC News received – in folder
 - 1 copy of 'The Conservationist' received and sent to Boston Valley Elementary School

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

Beginning balance:	\$284.00
Payments to	
Staples	7.33
Pennysaver	190.08
Remaining	\$86.66
From that to be deducted	\$30.00 for voucher received this evening

Mr. Buckley still has a voucher for the purchase of paper - \$55.74
Mr. Lee also suggested that the Earth Spirit membership should be renewed - \$50.00
Mr. Szudzik will forward the vouchers to Bookkeeper Kathy Selby for payment.

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Lee reported that discussions this evening included:

- Tom Deering – Deputy Planning Commissioner for Erie County – he spoke on
 - Map presentation showing
 - City and suburbs developed areas
 - Adjoining suburbs that are being developed
 - Agricultural areas
- Global Warming
 - Bio-diversity

- Farmland Protection Plan
 - Will be presented to the Legislature
- Recycling Coordinator
 - To be appointed soon

Mr. Lee asked if Boston has a 'Right to Farm Law.'

The consensus was that we do not. There are no signs in Town stating that we do.

Mr. Lee said that we should if we don't. He added that he doesn't feel that there is any conflict between the farmers and other residents; not like what may have been in the past when there were many large farms in Town.

He suggested that the Town Board look into getting this Law.

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Mr. Vara not in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Buckley distributed a preliminary summary report from September 22, 2012 and reported:

- 70 – 90 in attendance
 - Down from last year
 - Inclement weather may have been a deterrent
- Forms of advertising were posted
- Lots of public information pamphlets were available to pick-up
- Added to this year's events were the 4-H Flopper Hoppers

Proposed vendors for next year

- Southtowns Walleye Association
 - Not available this year
- Birds of Prey
- 4-H Alpacas

Recommendations for next year

- Budgeting for advertising
- \$500.00 for Hawk Creek
 - Try to make arrangements to have them all set-up before starting time so that the two 45-minutes presentations can be done
- Contact local Boy Scout Troop to sell hot dogs as a fundraiser
 - Concession stand in the park is too far away from this event
- Better signage at the Lion's Shelter – some type of banner
- Sides for the Lion's Shelter to keep out wind and weather

Mr. Monin suggested that next year we check on activities for National Fishing / Hunting Day. He thought that there was some activity of this sort planned in Colden

Mr. Buckley said he thought that there was fishing event, that's why Walleye Association wasn't available. He thought the event was further away than Colden.

This will be checked into next year; also as a possible presenter.

Scenic By-Way Sign

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- The draft of the text and picture has been submitted to the By-Way Committee
- Waiting to hear from them if any changes are needed
- It's up to the Committee now

Fishing Derby – 2013

- Set target date for May 11, 2013
 - Check Town calendar for other Town and local Community events
- Prizes are pretty much gone
 - Prizes need to be more age and gender appropriate
 - Do have sharpening stones
- Prior purchasing won't be done due to depleted budget
- Prospective donations
 - Town Board
 - Local Businesses
 - Advertising posters

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Szudzik reported that he has submitted the 2013 budget to Bookkeeper Selby.

Mr. Buckley asked if there were any further business for this evening.

Being none Mr. Szudzik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Monin and carried.

Mr. Monin reminded everyone that the next meeting is November 20, 2012 at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees