

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

ALSO Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees
PRESENT:

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Keding asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on October 21, 2014. Being none Mr. Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Szudzik and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported the following:

- CAC letter dated October 29, 2014 to the Town Board requesting a change to the membership number for quorum; and advising of change of meeting night to the second Wednesday of the month effective January 14, 2015
- Town Board letter dated November 6, 2014 advising the CAC that their request regarding reduction of membership number was referred to Town Attorney Kobiolka for his review and recommendation
- Received November / December Arbor Day pamphlet – original in Town Hall lobby
- Received December ‘Conservationist’ and sent to Boston Free Library
- Received January / February Arbor Day pamphlet – copies in folders, original in T. H. lobby
- NYS Dept. of Public Service – advising of Public Statement hearing for energy consumers; information in members folders

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- Distributed printout of 2015 budget
- NYSACC dues were paid for 2014; and a second payment was sent, that payment will be applied to the 2015 dues
- Arbor Day dues are paid for 2015
- Budget was increased from \$3,280.00 in 2014 to \$3,530.00 in 2015 with a surplus of \$947.47 from the 2014 budget

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Keding reported:

- Looking to change their meetings to Wednesday nights
- Watershed Survey / assessment
 - Boston did not complete or return the survey

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Councilman Vara not in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Drive

- In talking with residents some of their comments were:
 - Just part of Town government
 - Don't want to get involved with current politics
- Need to get residents involved / educated:
 - It's about supporting your community
 - If you like to hunt, fish, hike, conservation, if you're into green power, ways to recycle – that's what we're about
 - Would like to get back to doing more with the school children
 - Send information to groups like Southtowns Walleye, and other organizations to announce at their meetings anyone living in Boston and is interested - CAC is looking for membership
- **Poster**
 - Design and post around Town
 - Mr. Keding will work on poster verbiage
 - Mrs. Stuart will work on design
- Use interview process before making recommendation to Town Board of appointments
 - Use that process to educate interested parties what it is that the CAC does and what the CAC would like to do in the future

Quorum and Membership number Reduction

- To be addressed at the January 21, 2015 Town Board meeting
- CAC letter will be sent requesting an update

NEW BUSINESS

Watershed Survey

- Secretary Faulring forwarded survey to Mr. Keding in October, with the request that the survey be completed and returned by the end of December
 - November meeting cancelled due to weather
 - No December meeting scheduled – holiday break
- Copies of previous survey distributed to members for their review
- Discussion followed regarding:
 - Walking the creeks, streams
 - Septic systems
 - Some information will have to be obtained from the Building Department
- Will complete as group and submit so that the Town is represented in the 2015 assessment
- Forwarded to Mr. Keding

CAC Meeting night and time - questions

1. Secretary Faulring asked if, after an increase in number of members or reduction of membership numbers if the meeting night will continue to be on Wednesday night. She is not always in the office on Wednesdays and if she is usually leaves at 5:00 PM instead of coming in after the Town Hall is closed.
 - a. After discussion it was decided to continue meeting on Wednesdays
2. Mrs. Stuart asked about making the starting time a bit earlier
 - a. After discussion it was decided to start at 7:00 PM
 - b. Mr. Keding made a motion to change meeting time to 7:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried
3. Cancellations (if number is not reduced or new members are not recruited)
 - a. Following discussion – members will call or e-mail Mr. Keding and he in turn will call Secretary Faulring to let her know that the meeting is cancelled due lack of quorum
4. February 11, 2015 meeting
 - a. Mr. Keding has a conflict
 - b. Mr. Johnson may have a conflict
 - c. February meeting is one that could be cancelled – Fishing Derby is the next activity and all felt that this project has been ‘fine-tuned’ enough to run smoothly; next meeting get poster designed so that it can be distributed in Town; fish need to be ordered early in April
 - d. Mr. Keding made a motion to cancel the February 11, 2015 CAC meeting, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried

Mr. Keding: We will start working on Environmental Awareness Day much earlier this year; last year it seemed that we were kind rushed. We need to contact presenters much earlier so that those who decline our invitation can be substituted with some other group or person.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business Mr. Keding made a motion to adjourn (8:23 PM), seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees