

The Chair calls the meeting to order

Review and Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2006.

Review and Approval of the Agenda, Call for New or Other Business

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Grant Thornton – 2006 Audit Requirements

Business Arising out of Minutes

Report Commission Committee Meeting February 14, 2006

Affirmative Action Agreement

Railway Noise Complaint

Review of Correspondence

Municipality of the County of Colchester re: capital budget

Draft correspondence to the Municipality of the County of Colchester re: capital budget,
fuel tax and trails funding

Thank you letter Public Health Services

Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

The Accounts

New Business

Fire Brigade Purchases

Review of assessment figures for the 2006 / 2007 fiscal year

Adjournment

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill was held on February 21, 2006 at 7:00pm; in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road.

The Deputy Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Deputy Chair Burke, Commissioner Blair, Commissioner McKenna and Commissioner McLean.

Regrets: Chair Richard Hilliard

Staff: Mr. Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer; Ms. Miller, Solicitor and Mrs. Ogden, Recording Secretary.

In attendance: Fraser MacQuarrie from Grant Thornton and Bill Cook.

Review and Approval of minutes of January 17, 2006.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by McLean that the minutes of January 17th, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

Review and approval of agenda, call for new or other business

On motion of McKenna and seconded by McLean that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

- Grant Thornton- 2006 Audit Requirements

Mr. MacQuarrie reviewed changes in audit process that will impact the Village of Bible Hill. He outlined the Village Commissioners role in the audit process and his role as auditor. He also discussed the planning memo sent to the Village and reviewed the letters/documentation required to complete the audit.

Business arising out of minutes

- Report Commission Committee Meeting February 14, 2006

Deputy Chair Burke appointed Commissioner Blair to present the report of the commission committee meeting.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that Glow Promotions be engaged to supply 3 large inflatable entertainment products for Canada Day 2006 at a cost of \$2,135.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McKenna that Mr. MacGillivray be appointed to the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee for a term ending April 1, 2008.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the Clerk be authorized to enter into negotiations with NSTPW regarding the Village taking responsibility for the maintenance of 17 pedestrian crosswalks in Bible Hill.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that Terry Weatherbee be engaged to complete the stream bank stabilization along the walking trail at Farnham Brook for the amount of \$4,220.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McKenna that the draft by-law amendments be sent to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for approval.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the Village put the following procedures in place for the sale of Murdock Park property:

Place notice in the newspaper informing Village residents of our intentions

Determine property value from a usage, or potential usage standpoint

Determine market value of the property

Determine if rezoning of property is required

Approach adjacent landowners to determine interest in purchasing portion/share of property at market value. The cost of final purchase will include cost of appraisal, cost of land market value and cost of legal fees.

The land will only be sold to the abutting property owners for consolidations with their existing lots. If no one wishes to purchase the land, then the Village will keep the property. If all abutting landowners want the property, it will be shared between them.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the following procedure be followed to complete the overhead crosswalk project at Jennifer Drive and Pictou Rd:

Don Groves be engaged to install the concrete bases for the signs

Sornsen Electric be engaged to install the posts and signs

That the concrete sidewalk and storm drainage work be publicly tendered

Horner and Associates be retained as project engineers

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McKenna that three HT750 radio's be purchased from Nova Communications in the amount of \$2,142.75 for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Motion carried.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the contract for the supply and installation of 360 feet of fence at 69 Pictou Road be awarded to MacDonald Fencing in the amount of \$3,450.

Motion carried.

Affirmative Action Agreement

At the commission committee meeting a copy of the Truro Affirmative Action Agreement was distributed. The Province of Nova Scotia has asked the Village to sign/renew an Affirmative Action Agreement.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that commission in committee review the Affirmative Action Agreement and make a recommendation to the next commission meeting.

Motion carried.

The Clerk will add this to the next commission in committee agenda.

Railway Noise Complaint

The Clerk researched the Railway Safety Act. This act allows a Municipality to pass by-law banning railway whistles. The Clerk will look into whether the Village has the authority to pass this by-law.

Review of Correspondence

Municipality of the County of Colchester re: capital budget, fuel tax and trails funding

Changes were made to the capital budget, fuel tax and trails funding letter. A cover letter will be sent to Councillors Mingo and Taylor.

Thank you letter Public Services

The commission reviewed the thank you letter sent from Public Health Services regarding free use of the Village Hall in 2005 for immunization clinics.

Report of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported on various events she attended in January & February. She also outlined that there is outstanding correspondence from the Village to NSTPW from 2003 concerning catch basins on Meadowland & Hillcrest Avenue. The Village has also sent correspondence in November for the intersection of Maple Blvd & Scenic Drive, request for a "school bus stop" sign on College Road at Guest Drive and a request for a "no exit" sign on Lloyd Court.

Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reported that the Fire Brigade responded to ten emergency calls during the period of January 12 to February 8th. The Bible Hill Fire Department has been asked to host the Fire Officer's Meeting in October this year. He also reported that this year is the 60th Anniversary for the Brigade; they will be ordering hats for their anniversary. The brigade has also changed the by-law to state that a person no longer has to live in the Village for 1 year before joining.

Commissioner Blair

Commissioner Blair reported that at the Village Committee meeting the commission met with CBCL to discuss the cost of sewer maintenance to Main Street, an estimated \$330,000 project. She also reported on the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. Congratulations letter were sent from the Association to MP's regarding their appointment in the Federal Election. Commissioner Blair also spoke with Bill Casey, MP regarding Federal Fuel Tax. Mr. Casey will contact the department responsible for the Federal Fuel Tax regarding if the issue will be put back on the table for discussion.

Deputy Chair Burke

Deputy Chair Burke reported that he attended the Open House in January and the Parks and Recreation Meeting in February. He reported that the P&R Committee is concerned over the lack of nomination forms received. The deadline is February 28th, 2006.

The Accounts

On motion of McKenna and seconded by McLean that the accounts be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

New Business

- Fire Brigade Purchases

Cuming's	\$2,372.95
MicMac	\$2,454.55
Cardinal	\$2,822.73

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill purchase Fire Brigade supplies from Cuming's Fire & Safety for \$2,372.95.
Motion carried.

- Review of assessment figures for the 2006/2007 fiscal year

The Clerk and Treasurer reviewed the property assessments for Bible Hill with the Commission.

The commission will review the Clerk's calculations regarding tax rates and will discuss this in further detail at the commission in committee meeting.

- Adjournment

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

A. Ogden
Recording Secretary

Tom Burke
Deputy Chair