

The Chair calls the meeting to order

Review and Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2006.

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

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Business Arising out of Minutes

Report Commission Committee Meeting February 14, 2006

Direct Deposit Payroll

Review of Correspondence

Nova Scotia Teachers Bowling Tournament – funding request

Gardiner Properties – Expansion of Water System

Cathleen O'Grady, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations – by-law approval

Transition House – requesting opportunity to make a presentation

Bible Hill Kinette Club – Special Rate Request

Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

The Accounts

New Business

Village Insurance Coverage: Increase in coverage of two fire vehicles 1997 & 2003
Pumper tankers to \$400,000, additional premium \$935.

Adjournment

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chair Rick Hilliard, Deputy Chair Burke, and Commissioner McKenna.

Regrets: Commissioner Blair and Commissioner McLean.

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

In attendance: Jason Malloy representing the local media.

Review and Approval of minutes of February 21, 2006.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Burke that the minutes of February 21st, 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 Burke that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Business Arising out of Minutes

- Report Commission Committee Meeting February 14, 2006

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the 2006-2007 residential tax rate be set at 0.65 cents per hundred, and that the commercial tax rate be set at 0.70 cents per hundred.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the 2006-2007 sewer rate (included in the residential tax rate and the commercial tax rate) be set at 0.17 cents per hundred.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the 2006-2007 draft budget be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

	Financial Statements	Making Computer Backups	Storing Computer Backups in bank vault	Password Storage	Access to Village Vault
Any 1 Commissioner					
Any 2 Commissioners					
Commissioners by Motion					
Clerk & Treasurer					
Finance Officer					
Recreation Director					
Secretary					
Maintenance Forman					
Maintenance Worker					
Solicitor					
Fire Chief					

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the procedure for the completion of the crosswalk project on Pictou Road be amended to allow for the use of invitational bids for the construction of the sidewalk component.

Motion carried.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Burke that the Truro Tulip Festival funding request be deferred until the commission meeting in April.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Emergency Measures Organization and the Village of Bible Hill concerning the use of 69 Pictou Road as an Emergency Comfort Centre be signed.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the application be made to Colchester's Municipal Funding Policy for Community Trails for the extension of the Innovation Drive Trail east to meet with the Valley Trail.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the application be made to the Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for the replacement of the sanitary sewage line on Main Street.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the Clerk and Treasurer be granted 5 weeks vacation from June 12 to July 14, the Clerk and Treasurer be granted 2 weeks unpaid leave from July 17 to July 28, the Secretary be requested to work full time from June 12 to July 31, the Secretary be granted time in lieu leave from August 1 to August 31, the Finance Officer be granted 2 weeks vacation September 1 to September 15, the Finance Officer be granted 17 weeks maternity leave September 18 to January 12, 2007, the Finance Officer be granted 35 weeks parental leave January 15 to September 14, 2007 and that staffing of a term position of Finance Officer be posted with HRDC July 3 to July 21, the time period of employment extends from August 21, 2006 to September 21, 2007 with the rate of pay set at Level 1 Finance Officer.

Motion carried.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade that a one time grant be made in the amount of \$200 to assist with the Spring Banquet.

Motion carried.

- Direct Deposit Payroll

The Clerk reviewed the direct deposit payroll expense.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the Village of Bible Hill adopt the direct deposit payroll expense for a yearly fee of \$783.60 with a one time set up fee of \$100.00 and software expense of \$149.00.

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

- Nova Scotia Teachers Bowling Tournament- funding request

The commission reviewed the funding request letter from the NS Teachers Bowling Tournament. The commission agreed to send a letter outlining that the Village will not be able to support this event and outline that the County of Colchester has funds set aside in their budget to be allocated to group funding requests.

- Gardiner Properties- Expansion of Water System

The commission agreed to send a letter to Ms. Gardiner outlining the process the Village has followed for the expansion of the Water System. The commission also agreed to send a letter to County of Colchester requesting a meeting to discuss Phase 3 & 4 of the water system and the use of funds for the Federal Fuel Tax or the County Infrastructure Fund.

- Cathleen O'Grady, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations- by-law approval

The Clerk reviewed the letter by Service Nova Scotia outlining that the by-laws adopted at the February 21st, 2006 meeting have been approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia.

- Transition House- requesting opportunity to make a presentation

The commission agreed to have the Clerk set up a meeting with Third Place Transition House for a presentation.

- Bible Hill Kinette Club- Special Rate Request

The commission agreed to approve the Special Rate Request from the Kinette Club of Bible Hill for use of the hall on March 26th, 2006.

Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

- Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reviewed the Fire Chief's Report. Spring training will begin March 14th for ten weeks and 6 members will be attending the first-aid course at Cobequid Fire Station April 8 & 9th. He also reported that the Spring Banquet is April 22nd.

Commissioner McKenna reviewed the Safety Advisory Committee report. They will be having the Child ID Clinic on May 27 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. They also discussed bullying, the Chair of the Committee will be attending the second "Bullying" meeting of the County on March 8th.

- Commissioner Burke

Commissioner Burke reported that the P&R Committee now has a full committee with S. MacGillvray as the new member. He also outlined that the netting for Field #3 is underway and will be discussed in the New Year. The P&R Committee agreed to have "Come Home to Colchester" as the theme for the Canada Day Parade. The Recreation Director has two new events; Mother's Day Family Dance and June is Recreation Month on June 3rd.

- Clerk and Treasurer

The Clerk reviewed the letter written to Thompson Engineering regarding financial arrangements of engineering fees for our new office building.

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the Village of Bible Hill approve the letter to Thompson Engineering regarding financial arrangements of engineering fees for the new office building be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

The Clerk outlined that the Recreation Director would like to invite all nominated volunteers to our awards banquet. The Commission agreed to invite all nominated volunteers.

The Clerk outlined that the P&R Committee would like to have "Come Home to Colchester" as the Canada Day parade theme this year. The Commission agreed to keep this theme.

The Clerk outlined that Shirley Hollingsworth has recently retired from the Village with over 20 years of employment. The Commission agreed to make a presentation and a gift to Shirley at the Volunteer Banquet in April.

- Chair Hilliard

Chair Hilliard outlined what events he attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill. He will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on March 31st, The Truro Harness Horse Owners Association award ceremony on April 1st and a Bible reading on April 2nd on behalf of the Village.

The Accounts

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the accounts be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

New Business

- Village Insurance Coverage: Increase in coverage of two fire vehicles 1997 & 2003 Pumper tankers to \$400,000, additional premiums \$935.

On motion of Mckenna and seconded by Burke that the Village increase coverage of two fire vehicles 1997 & 2003 Pumper tankers to \$400,000 for an additional premium fee of \$935.

Motion carried.

Commissioner McKenna reported that he will be unable to attend the committee meeting of April 11th.

- Adjournment

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

A. Ogden
Recording Secretary

Richard Hilliard
Chair