

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
May 9, 2006

The May Commission Committee meeting was held on May 9, 2006; in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Call to order Chair Hilliard
 Deputy Chair Burke
 Commissioner Blair
 Commissioner McKenna
 Commissioner McLean

Staff: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the
Minutes of April 11,
2006** Moved by McKenna
 Seconded by Hilliard

“That the Commission in Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2006 be approved.”

Motion Carried

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

Moved by McLean
Seconded by Blair

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of speeding on Pictou Road and PAC update.”

Motion Carried

**Business arising
from the minutes**

Regulation of adult entertainment & adult shops

The Clerk and Treasurer reviewed correspondence received from Mr. Gary MacIsaac CAO, Municipality of the County of Colchester. The location of adult entertainment establishments are controlled through the Adult Entertainment Establishment Bylaw. The adult shop was a permissible land use under existing bylaws.

69 Pictou Road driveway entrance repairs

It was agreed to delay the upgrade to the driveway at 69 Pictou Road until the office building construction project is completed.

Communities in Bloom Committee - appointment of Village Representative

It was agreed to add this committee appointment to the yearly list of committee appointments made in June. Commissioner McLean gave a report on the last Community in Bloom meeting. She showed the committee the picture that will be used on the post cards to be handed out by the Garden Club and the Commission to homeowners and business owners with exceptional landscapes and gardens. Bible Hill's cost for the cards will be below \$75. As well promotional seed packets will be distributed by the Community in Bloom committee.

Recommendation from Water Pre Design Study - acquisition of property for water tower

Moved by Blair
Seconded by Hilliard

"That Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill start the process to acquire the property at Plumdale Farm, off College Road, for the future site for a water tower for the Village of Bible Hill.

Motion Carried

It was agreed that correspondence would be sent by the Chair to the Minister responsible for NSTPW. This correspondence will be copied to Jamie Muir, MLA Truro Bible Hill.

Approval of signing of office building construction contract

Moved by Blair
Seconded by McKenna

"That Commission in Committee recommends that approval be given for the signing of the construction contract for the new office building in the amount of \$383,500 plus hst"

Motion Carried

Action on the Hill & Annual Reports

The article by the Chair on grant programs for the upcoming Action on the Hill was reviewed. Commissioner reports for the annual meeting received to date were circulated. If there is space in the upcoming Action of the Hill the Commissioner reports will be used in the publication.

Bible Hill Recreation Park

Earlier in the evening the Commission along with the Parks and Recreation Director had viewed the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The purpose of the visit was to assess the amount of settlement (the park is a former landfill site) at the site and the effect that the settlement has on structures and fields. As well the

Commission viewed the location of the proposed netting for the Senior Ball Field. The Village Commission recommends that adult baseball at the Bible Hill Recreation Park be phased out and that the only baseball teams to play on the Senior Ball Field would be teams in the Midget League or below. The reason for this recommendation is that given the calibre of baseball being played in the adult leagues the ball park is just too small. There has been ongoing problem of baseballs being hit out of the park and onto neighbouring properties. The Commission can not justify a \$20,000 expenditure for netting for such a limited of users of the facility. The opinion of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be sought before a final decision will be made.

Proposed disposal of Murdock Park

Correspondence from residents concerning the disposal of Murdock Park was reviewed.

Correspondence

Dwane Mellish - thank you letter for volunteer awards

Presented as a information item

Ruth Weatherby - request for crosswalk on Pictou Road

It was agreed to write to NSTPW requesting a crosswalk on Pictou Road between MacIntosh and Bigney Avenues. This letter will be copied to Mrs. Weatherby and Jamie Muir, MLA Truro Bible Hill.

Honourable Jamie Muir, MLA - letter of support Bible Hill infrastructure application

Presented as a information item

Phillip Hicks, President NSAC - highway signage

Correspondence from Dr. Hicks regarding a proposal for a three way cost sharing (NSAC, Truro and Bible Hill) to place 4 large highway signs promoting the municipalities and the NSAC. The cost would be approximately \$36,000. It was agreed that the Chair would contact the Mayor of Truro to discuss the issue.

Marie McCully Collier - shredding event

It was agreed that a letter would be written to Ms McCully Collier stating that after review of her suggestion for a "community shredding event" it was felt that this was not a service that the Village of Bible Hill was prepared to extend to its residents.

New Business

Bible Hill Fire Brigade - request to purchase industrial pressure washer

This item was tabled; Commissioner McKenna will get further information from the brigade.

Parks and Recreation - quotes for installation of playground equipment

Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by McLean

“That Commission in Committee recommends that a contract for the installation of playground equipment be awarded to Eastern Fence Erectors Ltd. in the amount of \$2,350 plus hst”

Motion Carried

Village Office -telephone system for new building

Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by McKenna

“That Commission in Committee recommends that a contract for the supply and installation of a telephone system be awarded to Aliant in the amount of \$4,800 plus hst”

Motion Carried

Changes to provincial mileage and meal allowance rates

Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean

“That Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill’s mileage and meal allowance rates be amended to match the Province of Nova Scotia rates; breakfast \$6, lunch \$12, dinner \$20 and mileage at .3885 cents per km”

Motion Carried

Transfer of Green Space - Danna MacCoul to the Village of Bible Hill

The Village of Bible Hill has received a green space donation from the subdivision developed by Danna MacCoul. The property is 36,915 sq ft and abuts existing Village of Bible Hill green space.

Schedule for audit committee meeting

It was agreed to hold the in camera audit meeting at 8:30pm on the 16th of May.

Transfer of funds from reserve accounts to operating fund

Moved by Blair
Seconded by Hilliard

“That Commission in Committee recommends that \$150,000 be transferred from the Operating Reserve to the Operating Fund and that \$250,000 be transferred

from the Capital Reserve to the Operating Fund.”

Motion Carried

Speeding on Pictou Road

It was agreed that correspondence would be sent to the Colchester County Detachment of the RCMP requesting increased police presence on Pictou Road to curb speeding.

PAC Update

Commissioner McKenna report on recent activities of the County of Colchester’s Planning Advisory Committee (Commissioner McKenna is an appointee to the committee). 2007 will be the beginning of the plan review for the Central Colchester MPS and Land Use Bylaw.

In Camera Session - Personnel Issues

Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Blair

“That Commission in Committee move into an in camera session.”

Motion Carried

Commission in Committee moved into the in camera session at 9:15pm.

Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by McKenna

“That Commission in Committee move out of the in camera session.”

Motion Carried

Commission in Committee moved out of the in camera session at 9:25pm.

Moved by McLean
Seconded by McKenna

“That Commission in Committee meeting be adjourned.”

Motion Carried

Commission in Committee meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman

