

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of April 18, 2006**
3. **Review and approval of agenda, call for new or other business**
4. **Miscellaneous business including delegations**
 - A **Residents of the Murdock Park area concerning disposal of park property**
 - B **Dale Richards**
5. **Business from the Minutes**
 - A Commission in Committee Report
 - B Pressure Washer Fire Brigade
 - C Roof Repairs 69 Pictou Road
6. **Review of Correspondence**
7. **Reports of commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer**
8. **The Accounts**
9. **New Business**
 - A Cancellation of July Commission in Committee and Regular Monthly Meetings
 - B Provincial Election June 13, 2006
 - C Annual Meeting
 - D Boundary Changes
 - E Hockeyville
10. **In Camera – Audit Meeting**
11. **Adjournment**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill was held on May 16, 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, Commissioner Blair, Commissioner McKenna and Commissioner McLean.

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

In attendance: Mr McKenzie, Mr & Mrs Shaw, Mrs Thompson, Mr & Mrs Harris.

Review and Approval of minutes of April 18, 2006.

On motion of McLean and seconded by Blair that the minutes of April 18, 2006 be approved.

Motion carried.

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

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the agenda be approved with the following additions; boundary changes and hockeyville.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

- Residents of the Murdock Park area concerning disposal of park property

Mr & Mrs Shaw made a presentation to the commission. They are interested in purchasing the property but would like additional information relating to cost and the process. Mrs Thompson made a presentation to the commission she was not in favor of the disposal of the park property and inquired about the owner of the chain link fence. Mr Harris was in favor of the disposal of the park property.

The Chair thanked the residents for their comments and recommendations. The disposal of the park property will be placed on the commission agenda.

- Dale Richards

Mr. Richards was not in attendance, the commission agreed to continue with the agenda.

Business from the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

The Deputy Chair requested that the Clerk and Treasurer read the commission in committee report.

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

On motion of Burke and seconded by Blair 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.

Mr. Richard arrived to the commission meeting. The Commission agreed to let Mr. Richard make his presentation to the commission.

Mr. Richard indicated that he will be making a presentation at the June 20th meeting to the commission regarding the purchase of green space at Osprey from the Village adjacent to his lot. He inquired why the Village has recently sold two other green belts in Saywood. The commission outlined that the green spaces were walkways that could not be used for Recreation purposes and that the current green space at Osprey is being looked at for trail development.

Approval of signing of office building construction contract

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna ad previously agreed 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.

Parks and Recreation – quotes for installation of playground equipment

On motion of Burke and seconded by McLean that 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

On motion of Burke and seconded by Blair that the 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

On motion of Burke and seconded by McLean 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 0.3885 cents per km.

Motion carried.

- Transfer of funds from reserve accounts to operating fund

On motion of Burke and seconded by Blair 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.

Pressure Washer for Fire Brigade

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill purchase a pressure washer from Atlantic Chemex for a total of \$1,406.25 plus HST for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Motion carried.

Roof Repairs 69 Pictou Road

The Clerk reported that Tremco Limited has performed a Thermocore Infra Red Analysis of the Village Hall roof over the weekend. They will be submitting a report outlining areas where the insulation is wet. Once the report is received we will obtain quotes from local roofing businesses to replace the wet sections.

The commission agreed that roof repairs should be discussed at their budget meetings and annual maintenance should be scheduled.

Review of Correspondence

The commission reviewed the draft letter to the Honourable Angus MacIssac regarding the recommendation from the water pre-design study on acquisition of property for the water tower. The Clerk was instructed to make a few amendments then mail the correspondence.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported that the overhead crosswalk on Jennifer Drive/Pictou Road will be installed before June 1st. She also reported that the crosswalks that the Village is responsible for has been painted on May 14th. The Village of Bible Hill has received a petition signed by residents requesting a crosswalk in the area of MacIntosh Avenue and St. David's Avenue. The Village is also starting a sidewalk repair list; repairs will be carried out in the near future.

- Deputy Chair Burke

Deputy Chair Burke reported that "Hike the Hill" event is taking place June 3rd from 2-4pm, all participants will be given a map outlining our hike and a free BBQ at the Rec Park. The June edition of Action on the Hill will be delivered June 22nd. Deputy Chair Burke also outlined that a presentation was made to the P&R Committee regarding the green space at Osprey. The committee recommends to the Village that we maintain ownership of the green space due to its location as an access point to the flood plane.

- Commissioner Blair

Commissioner Blair had nothing to report on Environmental. She reported that the next meeting for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages is June 19th. Commissioner Blair, along with Commissioner McLean and the Clerk attended the last Communities in Bloom meeting.

- Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reported that the Bible Hill Fire Brigade responded to 12 emergency calls. Two new members were introduced and begin their 6 months probation. The Bible Hill Fire Brigade also hosted the Maritime Firefighters Bowling Tournament in May, remarks were very positive.

Commissioner McKenna also reported that the Child ID Clinic hosted by the Safety Advisory Committee and the RCMP will be taking place on May 27th and that a Babysitters Course took place on May 13th.

- Chair Hilliard

Chair Hilliard outlined what events he attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill during the months of April and May.

- Clerk and Treasurer

The Clerk outlined upcoming events for the Village Commission, Open House for Colchester East Hants Health Authority on May 18, Hike the Hill on June 3, 2-4pm, Canada Day on July 1st and Staff BBQ on June 2nd. The Clerk also reported that the next Communities in Bloom meeting is June 14th at 3pm on the Salmon River Bridge to look at the two entrances and come up with concept for beautification. Commissioner Blair will attend the meeting. He also outlined that any Communities in Blooms cards circulated to Bible Hill residents by Commissioners or Garden Club members list be submitted to him for judging.

The commission reviewed a quote submitted by CORCAN on tables for the commission chamber. The Clerk was instructed to obtain laminate samples for the tables and obtain additional quotes on chairs for the chamber meeting room. The Clerk will arrange for a meeting to view the samples for the flooring, curtains, counter top and tables.

Fraser MacQuarrie & Ken MacDonald from Grant Thornton arrived for the audit meeting.

The Accounts

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the accounts be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

In Camera – Audit Meeting

On motion of Blair that the Village of Bible Hill enter into the in camera session.

Motion carried.

The Commission entered into an in camera session at 8:25pm.

On motion of McLean and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill exit the in camera session and continue with the regular monthly meeting.

Motion carried.

New Business

- Cancellation of July Commission in Committee and Regular Monthly Meeting

A discussion was held.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the Commission in Committee meeting of July 11th and August 8th be cancelled and the meeting of July 18 and August 15th proceed as scheduled.

Motion carried.

- Provincial Election June 13, 2006

Commissioner Blair declared a conflict of interest and was seated in the audience.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by McLean that the Commission in Committee meeting of June 13th be changed to June 14th.

Motion carried.

- Audit Report

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill accept the audit report presented by Grant Thornton at the commission meeting.

Motion carried.

- Annual Meeting

The Village Annual Meeting is June 5th at 8pm, Village Hall. The Clerk will prepare a draft agenda for the annual meeting and circulate to the commission. Deputy Chair Burke reported that he will be unable to attend the annual meeting.

- Boundary Changes

The County of Colchester has been submitted two proposals relating to district boundaries, 10 district or 11 district council members. The commission agreed to send a letter of support to the County for either the 10 or 11 district options.

- Hockeyville

Commissioner McKenna gave some background on the Hockeyville in Salmon River. A discussion was held regarding our support.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill support Hockeyville by sending a letter of support and to purchase a banner to be displayed on the village hall sign.

Motion carried.

- Adjournment

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

A. Ogden
Recording Secretary

Richard Hilliard
Chair